

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 Mums and Tots: 9.30-11.30am
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 on page 27 for details of services

See articles inside 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)

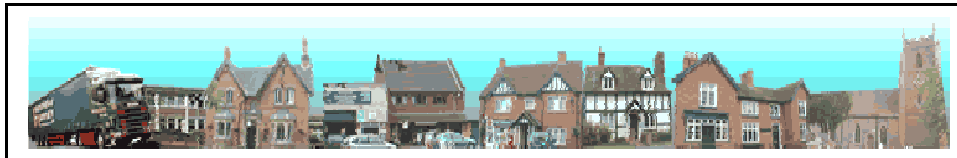
See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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



Donation to County Air Ambulance Update

We reported last month that over £800 was raised by kind friends and family of Brian Wickens and Mike Nott who gave generously to County Air Ambulance instead of giving presents. The final amount raised was a fantastic £1000. Many thanks again to all that gave.

Carole Powell

News from Martley Village Hall Committee

We held our AGM on 24 February and were saddened that Richard McHugh resigned as Chairman. The Committee wish to thank Richard for his continued hard work and support and we are pleased to say that Richard has agreed to stay on as a committee member. Richard gave the following report :

"As you know, I will not be standing for re-election at this meeting, so I would like to thank the members of the committee for

their help during the past two years in which they have shown great enthusiasm for fund raising events and also ideas for the future upkeep and use of the hall. It has also been a good year financially with good regular use by many groups, which we must try to build on if the Hall is to prosper and carry on as the centre of village life. Many improvements and development of the Hall and its facilities are planned, but this can only be achieved as and when funds are available.

"The end of the year was marked by the loss of one of our greatest supporters with the death of Beth Williams, who was always there to help whenever asked. She will be sadly missed, not only by us but also by many other village clubs and organisations. I would like to finish by saying I will help whenever I can and look forward to a successfully 2009.

Annette Smith was re-elected as Secretary and Dave Cropp re-elected as Treasurer and all current

members present agreed to stay as committee members. We will continue to run the committee until a suitable Chairman can be found, so if there are any volunteers in the village wishing to become a Chairperson or join the Committee please let us know. *Everyone welcome.*

Martley 100 Club

February winner was June Lawrence who has won £30.00. The winning pot will grow larger if we manage to secure more members - all Villagers welcome to join in. Thank you for your support.

Annette Smith
01886 821 895



MWM AGM

Martley Web Mesh is holding its AGM at 6.30pm on Friday 24 April in the Committee Room at Martley Memorial Hall. All members welcome.

MWM has just concluded a successful year of spending the grant money they received from Nexus. They have been able to update and replace some of the older pieces of equipment and buy new and exciting (so I'm told!) gadgets that transmit the broadband signal further and faster and more

reliably, so they have been able to expand the service as far as Shelsley in a northerly direction and almost as far as Newtown in a southerly direction. A lot of (volunteer) time and effort goes into research and development to provide this very useful local service. Check out the contact details on page 28 or the MWM advert at the back of The Villager if you want to find out more about how to get a local, reliable and competitively-priced broadband Internet service.

MH

Martley and District Horticultural Society

Vice Chairman, Dave Cropp, welcomed members and our speaker Elaine Horton to the February meeting (chairman Mike Dunnett being in Gambia). Dave told of his success in growing plants from the seeds of Tesco's red peppers, and advised members to "try this before you spend money on seed packets!"

Elaine's talk was 'Day Lilies and what to plant with them'. She lives near Tewkesbury and has been growing these lovely perennials for many years and has several favourites. Most don't need any maintenance but will benefit from a feed. They usually bloom from May until early-Autumn frosts.

Modern varieties do like sun. They all need plenty of water, most soils are OK – hers do well in clay. They can be propagated just after flowering. Elaine's slides showed a wide range of colour: nearly white, cream, yellows, brownish-pink and orange, reds (some really deep). They can be bought from Garden Centres, obtained from friends and grown from seed.



Day lily

Pests were mentioned – slugs, rabbits and even deer. Elaine named the many varieties shown and pointed out Hostas, Aquilegias, Geums, Golden Rod, Yellow Hot Poker, Aliums, grasses (variegated especially) and Sea Holly (to mention but a few!) growing in close proximity. Questions and answers at the end – it was a most absorbing talk, and we shall appreciate this elegant plant much more thanks to Elaine.

April's meeting has Frank Hardy speaking on 'Creating a Focal Point'.

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Martley WI

8 April Heaton House 7.30pm

The idea of offering the speaker the first slot of the evening seems to be appreciated, especially if they have had to travel a distance in inclement weather.

This month the speaker is Shirley Noble, telling tales about the Life and Loves of Bertie, Edward VII. Weren't there some juicy tales about him and Lily Langtry, known as the Jersey Lily? Do come and hear about Edwardian highlife (and downlife). The competition is for an arrangement of spring flowers in an eggcup.

Arrangements have to be discussed for the Garden meeting in June, the annual outing in August and the October Group meeting which we shall be hosting. Bright ideas needed please.

Friends - Waiting to be Reunited

I lived at The Noak in the 1960's.....in fact, my parents owned it for much of the 60's (Derek and Claire Herbert). I am interested in tracking down Richard Bray, who I notice got a mention in a February 2008 issue

of your magazine. His parents ran the next-door farm, and I was particularly friendly with Richard. Richard would know me as Adrian Herbert. If you have any information, contact me at mh@dmstech.co.uk or 01794 525441. Thanks.

Mark Heritage

Martley Ramblers

5 April 2pm Church car park

Cleobury or Bayton, Jenny Underhill

It was disappointing that the walk in the Wyre Forest, planned by Pam Bowers, had to be cancelled due to the weather. However, when the snow started in earnest at 4pm, we were glad not to have to brave the elements to get home. Hopefully we can do that walk another time.

This month Jenny Underhill will be taking us to the Cleobury/Bayton area. PLEASE NOTE – This is the first Sunday to avoid clashing with Easter Sunday. The annual dinner, held at The Crown, Martley, was greatly enjoyed. Many thanks to Caroline Cassell, Scott Fuszard and all the staff for a lovely meal, attentive service and for making it



such a pleasant, relaxing occasion. Chris Smith won the quiz. Enjoy the wine, Chris. It was such a shame that Pam Bowers was unwell and unable to attend after making all the arrangements for us. Thank you, Pam, for all your time and trouble.

Kate King



Teme Valley Views from the Teme Valley Children's Centre

'Leaps and Bounds' has been an extremely popular activity that has been provided by the Children's Centre for the past few years. The programme was designed to give children the opportunity to explore physical activity and develop children's skills and confidence using a system of praise, recognition and reward.

In order to meet the needs in the Teme Valley, the standard Leaps and Bounds classes, which are suitable for children aged 2–4 years of age, are provided together with tailored sessions for younger children – now known as 'Little Bounders' classes. We are delighted that the provision is now being extended – following a request from a number of parents – to provide a similar class for crawling babies – this will be

called 'Baby Bounders'. The warm-up session will include rhymes and songs before parents are shown how they can introduce their children to physical activities such as forward, backward and side rolls. The layout, equipment, rhymes and songs will change each fortnight to give the babies new challenges, and it is hoped to provide a class that will lead them confidently into the Little Bounders session.

Each session costs £2.50 which includes a subsidy by the TVCC. If you are interested in any of the Leaps and Bounds classes then please contact Sam Billingham at Teme Valley Children's Centre (sam.billingham@temevalley-cc.org.uk or 01886 812982) or ask for more details at the Coffee Haven which meets every Thursday 10am – 1pm in Clifton-upon-Teme Village Hall. More information about this or any other TVCC activity can be found on our website www.temevalley-cc.org.uk or in our monthly newsletter.

Pudford Lane

The on-going story of Lane folk

Some concern has been felt about the apathy re taking up the offer of Smartwater and the lack of Neighbourhood Watch activity. There is ongoing criminal activity in the village. A truck loaded with

a shed and power tools was stolen from the Lane.

Now cowslips and primroses are being dug up from our verges. Are they being sold at car boot sales in these days of the credit crunch? Do not laugh. It is a criminal offence and if anyone feels like filming the felons or approaching them, be careful, as the Female of the Species can be fiercer than the Male.

Just a thought. If Worcester is thinking of twinning with Gaza,



perhaps Martley could twin with Abberley, as their Neighbourhood Watch is very active. Please keep

reporting anything illegal or suspicious.

Kate King

To find out more about Smartwater, check out the Parish Council page of the Martley website (Martley.org.uk) or contact a member of the Parish Council. If you keep old copies of The Villager, it was in the issue of September 2008. Editor.

Martley Parish Council

Meeting of the Martley Parish Council Held On Monday 2 February 2009 at the Memorial Hall. No members of the public were present. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

There were no items for discussion. The Chairman opened the meeting at 20:01pm.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 January 2009:

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record, subject to correction under 04-09 item 3, 'leaks' to be substituted for 'leeks'.

Progress reports:

The Clerk. This item is to be held over to the March meeting. Pre-School This item is to be held over to the March meeting. Landowners support – Ditch clearance. The Council resolved to place a series of required actions from the Lengthsman to be completed in order to upgrade and renew the road surface drainage. Cllr.. Mrs. D. Goodyear to action this via the Clerk. Leader. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp explained that Parish Councils would be able to bid into considerable EU funding streams for improvements in the community. Cllrs are to consider priorities for action.

Laugherne Brook Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp reported that the clearance of Laugherne Brook above property Laugherne Brook Barn by himself and the Path-or-Nones had been successful and would be monitored from now on. Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones thanked the

Chairman and the Path-or-Nones for their work.

Freedom of Martley Council resolved to offer the Freedom of Martley and requested Clerk to write to the husband and wife in question to ask if they would wish to accept it.

District and County Cllr.'s report:

Due to inclement weather, the Parish Council had offered to hold over reports, and not request attendance at this Parish Council meeting.

Planning:

New. 08/01995/FUL- The Old Smithy, Hillside, Martley (Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear).

Risk Assessment:

This item is to be held over to the March meeting.

Finance:

There were seven cheques totalling £1,828.43 approved as recorded under addendum 1. Memorial Hall hire costs were agreed and approved. CILCA was approved for payment at the March meeting. Donations are to be held over to the March meeting.

Correspondence:

Correspondence will be held over to the March meeting.

Cllr.s reports and items for future agenda:

Dog-fouling on lawns outside Heaton House: Person in question

had been seen and was known; action/letter to go to resident in question. Speeding through Martley Hillside: It was reported that at school time there was evidence of cars and lorries speeding through Hillside at 4pm – both the companies and individuals had been noted as being local. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp is to contact the Police re. speed-enforcement both at Hillside and on Berrow Green Road to be actioned. Road closure at Great Witley signs at Martley. Had Parish Council been informed? And additionally the road was not gritted by Worcestershire County Council during the cold spell.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 March 2009.

Martley's Past

At school, 1889.

6 March. "Being Ash Wednesday we attended service at the Church in the morning and closed the school in the afternoon."

1 April. Report of Diocesan Inspector for 1889. "I give this school the highest praise possible when I say it is in all respects as satisfactory as I have known it for years past. In the upper division 12 papers were presented of which 8 were marked excellent and the others good. I give this as a

specimen of the work generally which was just as good in proportion in the lower divisions. I do not know a better school."

3 April. "Rector gave prizes to 6 boys who did the best papers at Scripture Examination".

9 April. "No school on account of the bad weather; heavy rain and floods".

24 May. "A severe hailstorm in the afternoon which broke the school windows and caused such a fright amongst the boys that lessons had to cease for a time. Dismissed 10 minutes before the time."

Alan Boon

Easter Lilies

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of lilies in church at Easter, in memory of a loved one, donations may be given to Jenny Underhill or Catrine Ball, or left at Central Stores, Martley.
Jenny Underhill (01886) 888306
Catrine Ball (01584) 881079





Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Flower Rota

5 April Palm Sunday – no flowers
12 April Easter decorations
19 April Easter decorations
26 April Mrs Whyatt

Wichenford Art Club

Are there any budding artists out there? Or have you always wanted to paint but didn't know where to start? Well now is your opportunity.



We are a small, friendly group that meet in Wichenford Hall each Tuesday evening. Our tutor is Robin Clifton. Want

to know more? Ring Val Mills on 01886-888473 or Robin Clifton on 01568-613958. You can also look at Robin's website at [www.](http://www.robinclynton.com)

robinclynton.com. We look forward to hearing from you or just come along on Tuesday evening and see what we do.

The Land Army and Timber Girls Remembered

Cathedral Service to celebrate work done by The Land Army and Timber Girls

The service at the cathedral was held on Tuesday 20 January. Joyce Wadley who was a Land Girl during the Second World War and Margaret Johnson attended the service. The cathedral was packed and following the service the ladies were escorted to the Guildhall where they were received by the Lord Lieutenant, Michael Brinton. After enjoying a delicious buffet supper they all enjoyed meeting old friends and sharing stories of their experiences during the war. Many people had brought old photos and memorabilia that

recalled old times. Joyce particularly valued meeting two ladies who had worked on the same farm as her near Upton-on-Severn. It was a very happy occasion and was enjoyed by everyone.

Ladies Fellowship

The next Ladies Fellowship meeting is on 21 April at 2.30pm. Venue to be arranged.

St George's Day Bake and Brew

The St George's Day Bake and Brew is on Thursday 23 April and is in aid of the Children's Society that continues to reach the 86,000 children in England who run away from home each year. Everyone is welcome at Pam Webb's home from 2.30 to 5pm for cake and tea.

Pam Webb

Violet Wilby Memorial Music Award

Applications are invited for the Violet Wilby Memorial Music Award. Applicants must be at school or college, reside in the Parish of Wichenford and be studying music in one form or another. Letters of application should be sent to Mrs C Wetherall, Abingdon Cottage, Wichenford, WR6 6XY before the closing date of 31 May 2009.

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

NOTICE - Change of date.

The April lecture of the Wichenford Local Heritage Group will now take place on Wednesday 8 April instead of the 15th. The topic is "The Washbourne Archives in Wiltshire : William Washbourne's notebook and other fascinating papers" . 7.30 start. Free to members: £6.00 to visitors.

Wichenford 100 Club

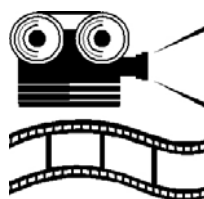
February winners No 114 C Murphy and returned subscriptions to No. 219 P & A Cox & No. 160 Jessica c/o Andrews. Drawn by Rosemary Cattanch.

How to produce a set of numbers with no connection to anyone? Ask a friend visiting from Worcester! This month's numbers only appear to have one coincidence between them - that one of them - and I'm not saying which - appears on the same page as six other winners since October. Surprising? Only when you consider the following: two pages have produced one winner; three pages have produced - two, four and seven winners respectively and only one page NO WINNERS at all! Out of 15 winners, 11 appear on just two of six pages of names. Odd?

Wichenford Chess Club

Anyone interested in forming a Chess Club to meet one evening per month throughout the year at Wichenford Village Hall please contact Mike O'Leary on 01886-888253. All skill levels from complete beginners to grand masters welcome. Great chance to practice (or learn) the best board game of all! To begin, we might just play socially and later we could consider contacting other local clubs to play matches. If support is sufficient, an initial meeting to discuss logistics will be arranged.

Cinema Club News



Little Witley Film Society got off to a resounding start recently, with a showing of "Mama Mia". By popular demand, our second film is going to be "Kinky Boots" (2005). This is a film based on a hilarious true story about Charlie Price the owner of an old-established shoe factory which is facing closure. Just as he thinks all is lost, he has a chance encounter with a Lola.... a flamboyant transvestite cabaret star who breathes life into the old business! This is a film made by the same team who made Calendar Girls. It will be showing at Little

Witley village hall on 2 May and everyone is welcome. Tickets in advance will be £5 and available from Jean Latham (01886 888122) or Bob Jose (888383) or you can come in at the door for £6 (hoping we have seats left!!) Entry fee includes a complimentary drink and snacks of ice cream, popcorn and cheese and biscuits.

We plan to have a break after this film for the summer, and then start again in September, so watch this space! You will have the option to become a member and to view all our winter films at a very advantageous rate, or to come in on the door for the ones you choose, which will cost a little more. Details of the winter programme will be advertised locally soon. Hope to see you for a very sociable evening on 2 May!

Jean Latham

I can highly recommend "Kinky Boots" - it WILL make you laugh and it has a happy ending—just! - Editor.

Wichenford Open Gardens

Date for your diary

The gardens will be open on 27 and 28 June. Lunches and teas will be available. Don't miss it!

Cob House News

Cob House Fisheries has seen this month's winter match weights

broken time and time again with the best achievement on 21 February 09 when Grant Albutt bagged a massive 143-6. Neville Groves 2nd with 99-10 and 3rd was Kev Driver with 67-3. Cob House runs open matches on a Wednesday and Saturday and everyone is welcome, but booking is essential. Please call Helen on 07889364410 to book your place but ensure that you call Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm and cut off is 7pm the night prior to the match. Opening in March is Wyatts Pool, a new 30 peg match pool with every peg specially designed for disabled anglers and suitable for wheelchair users. Over 600m of pathways and 50 platforms have been constructed throughout the fishery at Cob House since February to allow ease of access for wheelchair users, providing pleasure, teaching, match and fly fishing for trout (trout from May 09). This project has been assisted by the Environment Agency and the British Disabled Angling Association. Work will soon commence on our new teaching centre, tackle shop and café providing excellent facilities for educational visits. Wildlife pools, wildflower meadows and hatchery tours are just a few of the activities that will become available through the education centre.



The ever popular JUNIOR ANGLING CLUB on Saturdays starts again in April, early booking for this is essential as we try to accommodate as many people as we can. It is not only the juniors that can benefit from tuition; we have Game and Coarse fishing instructors to hand to help with all your angling requirements. Junior courses for Coarse fishing 2009 are 25/4 to 23/5, 6/6 to 4/7 and 19/9 to 24/10. All abilities are catered for. If you are interested please call us on 01886 888697 or email sales@cobhousefisheries.co.uk.

To catch up on the latest news, results and details of what's on at Cob House, please check out the website on www.cobhousefisheries.co.uk.

Did you know..... you can buy Cob House Ghost Carp, Sunsets and Zombie Carp for your garden pool now on Ebay!!!

**AFRICAN DRUMMING
CLASS
at The Fold, Bransford
with ANGIE HILL**

Learn to play dynamic West African rhythms on Djembe and Dununs.

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
from 11 MARCH**

7.00-8.30pm cost: £5.00

**Contact Angie Hill on
07793 211933
or email:
angiehill1350@yahoo.co.uk**

*Only a few spare
drums available, so
please bring a djembe
if you have one.*



Black Pear Credit Union

Black Pear Savings and Loans is a credit union—a co-operative that offers ethical savings and loans for people from all backgrounds. Members who save with Black Pear can apply for loans that are dramatically cheaper than those charged by doorstep lenders and often also cheaper than mainstream lenders. Councils and Housing Associations support the credit union. Call 01905 612197 or see www.blackpear.org.uk for more information. *From View From the Hills Summer 2008.*

Mobile Library

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

Taylor's of Martley 12.30–12.45

LUNCH

Heaton House 1.20–1.50

Church. 1.55–2.15

Clifton

Village Hall 2.30–3.50

The Mobile Library will be visiting these stops on Wednesdays on the dates listed below:

11 March 2009	26 August 2009
1 April 2009	16 Sept 2009
22 April 2009	7 Oct 2009
13 May 2009	28 October 2009
3 June 2009	18 Nov 2009
24 June 2009	9 Dec 2009
15 July 2009	30 Dec 2009
5 August 2009	

Any enquiries should be made to Stourport Library, Worcester Street, Stourport, Worcs DY13 8EH, tel: 01299-822866, stourportmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk



Not Simply a Number

Part 3 (final)

Further research led to a surprise: Mr R S Nash of The Noak bred a filly in 1894 and registered her as Martley Pert! It wouldn't do these days to use someone else's prefix for the same breed. Ernest A Fidoie bought a filly born in 1914 from Mr Nash and registered her as Cobhouse Countess. James Betteridge of The Kedges (elected 1910, a life member) used Kenswick as his prefix. His Kenswick Lively (1st prize at Witley Show in 1921) out of Davis-bred Kenswick Lassie, was by the popular Exton Conqueror. Admiral Britten of Wichanford Court and Kenswick Manor was elected in 1897. Thomas Lawson Walker (elected 1892) was another breeder. His grandfather came to Knightwick Manor from Burton Court, Clifton-upon-Teme, in 1842. The family bred the Knightwick and Ankerdine Herds of Hereford cattle and descendants of these still graze in the Manor Fields and at Horsham. Many Shire names are recorded, but no prefix was used. Mr Walker's relations at Tedney used that name for their farm horses. In Clifton, James J Jones at Salford Court was a breeder, so was Evan E Jones at Steppes Farm. J George Cooke at Shelsley Kings bred Shires and

Shorthorn cattle. In East Anglia another heavy breed did have Martley as a prefix. P C Vestey of Easton Park, a life patron of the Suffolk Horse Society, had a stud of Suffolk Punches at Martley Hall (now believed renamed) in the 1920's and 30's. Martley Punch (2nd prize at the County Show in 1935) and Martley La Premiere were two of his homebreds. This endangered breed goes back to Crisp's Horse of Ufford foaled in 1768. The Colony Stud at Hollesley Bay is the HQ of the Suffolk Horse Trust, and the Shire Horse Museum at

Woodbridge is well worth a visit. 'Martlee' was briefly used as a prefix by Mr F V Warren at the Stud Farm, Easton, after the Vestey era.

There were local societies and clubs affiliated to the Shire Horse Society. In 1899 the Worcestershire one was elected, H B Hiles MRCVS was secretary for a time, the office being in The Butts, Worcester. He served as a Veterinary Inspector at the London Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall in 1926. Witley and District Farmers' Club was elected in 1914, secretary H Humpherson of Martley. Ombersley,

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Composting with EMBokashi

OK - you've got the black "Dalek" compost bin, and maybe even have a wormery! What else could there possibly be to add to the composting arsenal? The most recent "must have" to come out of Japan is EMBokashi. Basically, it works by harnessing the power of specialist friendly microbes (Effective Microorganisms) that anaerobically (without oxygen) "pickle" all organic waste, which can then be safely composted. This includes cooked leftovers of vegetables, meat, fish and dairy from the kitchen, that would otherwise end up putrefying in your dustbin and then a landfill site. Apparently, the pickling process renders the finished product highly unappetising to rodents.

In addition, the EMBokashi-enriched compost seems to enhance the growth of some crops and flowers. You can use either a simple airtight plastic bucket, or a special Bokashi bucket that has a separate chamber underneath with a tap to collect the liquid (excellent diluted as a plant feed, and also great for cleaning drains!!). Thin layers of food waste are added in alternate layers with a sprinkling of



special Bokashi Bran that has been inoculated with the EM microbes, and packed down. The lid must be kept tightly sealed, as this works anaerobically. It should, after a fortnight, smell sweetly vinegary, like pickle, and be ready to use. You can add it to your compost heap to finish composting, or dig a hole and bury it directly in the garden, where it will degrade quite quickly. More information on

EMBokashi can be obtained from WigglyWigglers, and Bubblehouse Worms in Bransford.

Angie Hill

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Fernhill Heath and Distr. Agricultural Society was elected in 1903. A photograph taken in Martley in 1885 shows two horses and a loaded hay wagon, with two men on top and fourteen people alongside with rakes and pitchforks. All farms needed horses. According to acreage and other circumstances, holdings could be described as a 'ten-' or 'twenty-horse' farm. In many ways those must have been wonderful times—horses everywhere, the smithies busy, teams working the arable, haytime, harvest, and in the Spring the even footfall of a stallion coming down Church Lane. John Davis remained a member up to his death in 1947. Now, in 2009, equines are grazing once again on Hope House land.

Tina Steele

In the Garden



*April brings the soft Spring showers,
On and on, for hours and hours.
[Flanders and Swan]*

April weather is very variable, from really warm spring days to snow and frost. Sudden frost can kill new buds and shoots, or flowers on fruit, so you need to listen to the weather forecasts and keep protective covers ready.

Continue to deadhead spring-flowering bulbs and finish planting summer bulbs such as alliums and lilies. It is also worth deadheading winter bedding plants. Pansies can be kept flowering until early summer this way. April is your last chance for pruning roses, not forgetting to tie in those ramblers and climbers. Forsythia and other early-flowering shrubs can be pruned as soon as they finish flowering and you can give lavender a haircut, taking off about 2" of growth now will keep the plants more compact. April is also the last month for sowing hardy annuals for a summer display. Why not try mixing in some annual grass seed, such as Briza, with some poppies, for a meadow effect?

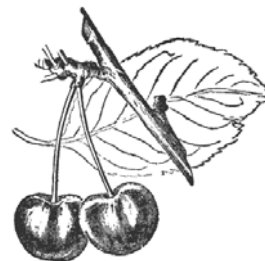
As the days lengthen you can increase the watering and feeding of your indoor plants. Seeds of courgettes, brassicas, sweetcorn and outdoor

tomatoes can all be sown indoors at the end of April, but if you only want a few it is easier to wait until May and buy young plants. Salad leaves, spring onions, beetroot, carrots, broad beans and peas can all be sown outside now and maincrop potatoes can go out in the second half of the month.

If you are looking for a garden to visit this month, one of the most beautiful in the Midlands is Batsford Arboretum. The collections of magnolias and flowering cherries there give a superb display from late March through to May.

Beautiful as the flowering cherries are, it is sad that the blossom of edible cherries is rapidly disappearing from the landscape. There are now only 750 acres of English orchards remaining, compared with 1750 acres in the '90s. Cherries can be grown more economically in warmer southern European countries, but these imports don't always have the flavour of our English ones. Cherries are now grafted onto dwarfing rootstocks which makes it possible to grow them in a small garden, it also makes it easier to net the trees to keep the birds off. So, if you are thinking of getting a cherry tree, why not try the edible option?

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Church Words

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Happy Easter to you! As the spring starts to bring forth the flowers and the greenery, and the warmth, hopefully, it also reminds us of the new life promised to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like any seed planted, he said, it is placed in the ground and brings forth a new life from the old. So too as we celebrate Good Friday and Easter Day it reminds us of his death and resurrection for us all.

In 1909 the Church of St. Peter's had its own resurrection or renewal as the reordering took place. May I take this opportunity to let you know of some ideas and plans we have to celebrate 100 years since St Peter's Martley was Re-Ordered in 1909. We are planning to hold a children's holiday club during August, as well as a flower festival held over the August Bank Holiday. We would also like to offer people the opportunity to make or sponsor a new "kneeler" for the church. There is also interest in performing a Shakespearian play in the village, as was done 100 years ago. This is yet to get off the ground!

We also hope to hold an Art in Paint/Photography event of the church and local area and its people. A date is yet

to be designated for this event, as well as a heritage event with photographs and items that cover the last 100 years. If you have any ideas for these events, or would like to help with the organisation or take part in any event, please let me know.

Even if all these ideas do not happen in 2009 we would like to pursue them into the following year, so any offers of help will be gratefully received. Let's make it a celebration to remember and a community celebration too. God Bless.

Revd David Sherwin



100 years ago

It was reported that there had been a meeting of the Grammar School Trust, I quote: *'This is a very interesting old endowment, dating from before the Reformation, when it was a Chantry; that is a provision to say services in Church for the welfare of the soul of someone (his name is not known) and also probably to instruct the lads of the village in school. The master after the reformation was still obliged to be a clergyman of the church, certainly down to 1824. After that time the endowment continued to be spent always on a school connected with the*

April Services	
Wed 1 April	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley 2.00pm Easter Eucharist, Martley Primary School, St Peter, Martley 8.00pm Lent Group, Question Time with The Vicar, Admiral Rodney
Thu 2 April	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford 9.00am Easter Eucharist B'was Primary Sch, at St Mary Magdalene
SUN 5 APRIL - Palm Sunday	11.00am Family Worship, Laylocks Garden Centre 6.30pm Benefice Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 6 April	9-10.30am Reflection and Prayers, Knightwick Chapel 11.30am Nora Parsons Day Centre, Easter Songs of Praise 9.00pm Compline, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 7 April	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.00pm Compline, St Peter, Martley
Wed 8 April	10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House 9.00pm Compline, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Thu 9 April – Maundy Thursday	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford 7.30pm Passover and the Eucharist, Broadwas Village Hall
Fri 10 April – Good Friday , All Churches Open	12 Noon Walk with the Cross 1pm-3pm Meditations around the Cross, St Peter, Martley 9pm Compline, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Sat 11 April	9.00pm Tenebre Service, Knightwick Chapel
SUN 12 APRIL – Easter Day	9.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge 10.30am Family Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Family Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 6.30pm Easter Celebration, St Peter, Martley
Tue 14 April	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
SUN 19 APRIL	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley 3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 20 April	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 21 April	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 22 April	10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House
Thu 23 April	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 26 APRIL	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Mon 27 April	9.00am, Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tue 28 April	10.00 Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 29 April	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 30 April	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford





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And finally ...

St Richard's Hospice Celebrating 25 Years of Care

We are very proud to be celebrating our silver anniversary in 2009, marking 25 years of offering excellent specialist care, comfort and compassion to our patients and their families living with cancer and other life-threatening illness.

From very small beginnings, the wonderful vision of a few to set up a hospice in south Worcestershire became a reality. We now have 140 staff and 800 fantastic volunteers who make St Richard's what it is today.

There is a host of events marking our anniversary and many ways which we hope will inspire you to continue to support us in this very special year. For more information visit www.strichards.org.uk or phone 01905 763963.

There will be a 25th Celebration Event at Worcester Cathedral on Friday, 25 September 2009 and other exciting activities are being planned to celebrate this special year in the Hospice's development. For more details visit www.strichards.org.uk or call the Fundraising Dept on 01905 763963.

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Q. What's green and
bounces around the
garden?

A. A spring onion