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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



Martley 100 Club

February draw

£40.00 to Christine Grasby with number 51. Well done Chris, this is Chris's second win as she previously won in January 2010.



New Musical hit's the West End (Of Worcester!)

Thanks to a lot of hard work and excellent coverage by the BBC Hereford and Worcester Radio and a mention on Radio 2! of our presentation of Esther in the Cathedral. This was a huge success with an almost full house. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it a success and to the cast, including new members, who had to learn extra songs and dances, even rehearsing by torchlight on one occasion! The dedication and ability shown by cast members, all from the villages in our area, was very impressive. A big thank you must also go to the Oakville singers who gave up their time to back the chorus songs which helped to give

the music the rich sound it deserved in the Cathedral. Songs by Clive John also added to the show. We have had a lot of good feedback from the performance and feel that we have put Martley well and truly on the map! Congratulations must go to Ruth for an excellent musical. Our next performance hopefully will be a children's musical with a play in the autumn and our pantomime in the new year. Anyone who wishes to audition or help in any way, please email martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk, everyone is welcome to join and join in and we do have great fun putting these performances together!



Martley WI

Wednesday 13 April 7.30pm Heaton House

Friends and relatives may be receiving charming hand-made cards after our recent session on Iris folding. Many thanks to Annette and Helen for guiding us through the intricacies and helping us to be inspired to make more

in our own time at home. Any desires for future craft lessons can be passed to Pat Crook or committee members.

The annual dinner at The Crown, Martley was a happy occasion, with some readings and recitations accompanying the coffee. Thanks go to the staff for the excellent service and enjoyable meal. This month John Turrell will be talking about Children's' Games. We all know rude versions of playground rhymes, but these may be censored. Competition is for a Wedding Photograph. One last thing, suggestions are needed for a suitable venue for our summer outing in August.

Think about it!

Kate King

Martley Ramblers

Sunday 10 April, Church car park 2pm

With the continued damp weather and mud underfoot, it has not been too enticing for a muddy slither and so the recent walk planned for Kidderminster

and Spennalls was cancelled, mainly due to the slippery conditions and non-stop rain.

This month, Carl Armstrong will be leading in the Martley area. Where you might ask? Just come and join us and find out!!

Kate King



Martley and District Horticultural Society

As our Chairman and Vice Chairman were both away, the first part of February's meeting was conducted by our joint secretaries, Pam Minchin and Margaret Jackson. Pam stressed the need for help at the Annual Show (20 August), both from 8.30am (the morning preparation jobs) and in the afternoon during the show itself. She also pointed out the pile of free gardening magazines, these are most interesting. Margaret gave two useful tips, feed your Hostas, and when visiting Garden Centres check the 'sick bay', as sometimes you'll find a decent plant which just needs some TLC. Several members had brought garden tools for our main speaker, William Scott, as his talk was 'Tool Sharpening for the Light Hearted' and he had with him various sharpening devices in order to demonstrate how to keep hand tools in good working order. Mowers, he said, are best left to the professionals. William is quite an old hand at honing and grinding, he sharpened all the school tools where his father had a teaching job. Use of oil stones, diamond stones, a small vice, steel wool (dipped in oil), sandstone and steel 'butcher's knife' sharpeners were all explained and some items passed around. "One blade, one side" was his tip and wait

until you feel a 'burr' on the edge of the blade. Best to wear goggles when using a grindstone! Shears, loppers, secateurs etc went back to their owners very much better than when they arrived at the Hall. William also showed how to sharpen screwdrivers and drill bits. Axes, spades, hoes etc mainly keep themselves right, but still need taking care of, and all tools should be cleaned, have screws oiled and be safely locked up. An excellent speaker and we all went home light-hearted!

Please take note of some of our future events: A Quiz Night will be held on the 27 April at Inkberrow (team members required) and at the 28 April meeting, we have the speaker Susan Russell and she will be discussing 'Plants for Difficult Places'. On the 21 May is the Plant Sale, plants required please.

Tina Steele

Pudford Lane Tweets

At time of writing this, (the beginning of March) no lambs are to be seen, but we hear plenty of twin births are expected. Hopefully the weather will warm up and be drier so there will be no need for hair driers to make the lambs feel wanted. Much activity on the bird front, so many blue tits are feeding that queues are arising for occupancy of the tit nesting boxes. I wonder if they have a system of points' allocation. A one-legged blue tit often seen should have priority. There have been no sightings



to date of the two very large hedgehogs nestled up in a straw bale and we hope they have survived the cold weather. They were given an extra covering of straw. Squirrels have been darting in and out of a wood pile by the barn. This is hardly a place for nesting but perhaps nuts were stored there over the winter. We humans did not get any of the prolific crop of walnuts from the three trees. Fred dog and George cat are not happy with the squirrel activity, but it is good exercise for them to chase the intruders off the bird feeders. I have warned them not to catch any, as squirrel pie/casserole is not on our menu.!

Kate King

Martley's Past

1872, **Monday 23 September** Girls' School quote, "I, Eliza Grant, commenced my duties as mistress of this school. The attendance at the opening was very thin, the hop-picking not being finished. Miss Hastings visited the school."

Monday 7 October "The children had their annual treat at the Rectory, it being the Harvest Thanksgiving. Attended the Divine Service in the morning. Attendance very large"(!) Miss Grant's last entry just said, "Miss Hastings took the practice this afternoon." The next entry, on **5 October** 1874 was made by Mr M Coleman, the Boys' School head, who wrote, "I, Michael Coleman, commenced my duties as master of this school (the girls' school. ALB) until such time as the managers can

appoint a mistress. The lower classes of boys and girls (probably infants ALB) are in the charge of Mrs Coleman and pupil-teacher.” Did Miss Grant die suddenly?

Alan Boon



Teme Valley Childrens Centre

Fundamentals from British Gymnastics Now Available in Worcester



FUNDamentals, the new ‘Movement Ideas for Early Years’ Programme developed by the British Gymnastics in conjunction with early years specialists is coming to Martley in March 2011. FUNDamentals has been designed and developed by the British Gymnastics Association in conjunction with early year’s specialists to help younger children from toddler to 5 years to acquire essential physical, social and emotional life skills. This is in a bid to get children involved in sport at younger ages and so help to combat the obesity crisis. Supported by Lord Sebastian Coe, the programme aims to provide fun activities and learning for the early years child. During the sessions, children are transported into a world where ‘Funky Cat’ leads them

in a range of physical and musical activities. At the end of each term, children receive badges, certificates and medals to recognise their efforts and encourage them to progress further as well as to evidence participation and learning. The main aim of this Fundamental scheme is for children to learn that movement and activity is fun and enjoyable. This will encourage children’s interest in all types of sport and will lead to healthier, active children, and fitter adults. Teme Valley Children’s Centre are working in conjunction with Fundamentals to provide 2 separate sessions for children and their parents in the local area to attend. The sessions will be running on Tuesday mornings at Martley Village Hall from 1st March 2011 until 24th May 2011. The session times will be 9.30am to 10.00am and 10.15am to 10.45am at a cost of £3 per child. To Book places or to find out more please contact the Children’s Centre on 01886 812982. Visit the website for more details www.earlyyearsfundamentals.co.uk and www.sports-xtra.com to book.

Remember a loved one at Easter

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of lilies in the Church at Easter, in memory of a loved one, donations can be left at Central Stores,



or you may prefer to contact, Jenny Underhill on (01886) 888306 or Catrine Ball on (01584) 881079.

Happy Belated Birthday



Happy (Belated) Birthday (11th February) to **Lyn Wheeler** from all your friends. We hope you had a super day !

Martley Village Hall News

We have great news in that we are now about to start purchasing the new heating system for the hall. Members of the committee attended a demonstration and instruction seminar held at Worcester Bosch's office and questions were eagerly answered. The Air to Air heating units will be purchased from Worcester Bosch and we are just waiting for someone to come to the hall to give us advice on the installation locations. If there are any villagers who may also be interested in purchasing air to air units perhaps you could let us know as we might be able to secure quite a good discount, its got to be worth a try! Ongoing maintenance to the hall is taking place and if anyone has any comments please ensure the committee are made aware of them. We always try our best and we welcome all feedback in relation to the Village Hall.

Jazz Night Reminder

The Easter month has arrived, and the Village Hall has a Shindig Jazz night on the 3rd April (details of this event were in last months magazine). With the Royal wedding on it's way, we've got plenty of time available if you want to celebrate! The hall is unfortunately unavailable from the 20th to the 25th, but please contact me if you want to book for Easter, a wedding (royal or otherwise!) or any other event this month

Lucy Horn

Calling Martley Young Farmers, Past and Present



I'm the President of the Martley Young Farmers, and our County, Worcestershire have set a President's Challenge. Worcestershire Federation of Young Farmers is 67 years old, and the County would like individual club's past members and advisory to help compile a history or record of their own YFC. What I'm asking through the "Villager Magazine" is this, can any of our readers help me with stories, photographs or maybe old minute books etc, or anything that would help us to build a record of our club. Also I would love to hear from any

founder members too. We need memorabilia from when the club started to present day. We need as much information for this year's county Show in May, and the history gathered will finally be presented at the 2012 annual County show. If you can help in anyway, or would like more information then please contact: Barbara Williams on (01886) 853377 or email bjblinds@btconnect.com

Martley Parish Council

Edited draft unapproved record of the meeting of Martley Parish Council held on Monday 7th February at the Memorial Hall



The Democratic Period/ Public Question Time

The Secretary of Martley Recreation Association and Governor to The Chantry High School raised a few points. One of which, providing materials for planters will be an agenda item at the next meeting. No other items were raised

Outstanding actions from previous minutes

The Clerk will contact Malvern Art products to arrange for the Freedom of Martley lettering to be done and for the delivery of the 3M speed sign. A reply from Festival Housing regarding the length of time it took to repair the lift over Christmas at Heaton House is still outstanding.

Progress Reports:

The Clerk
PC Hood was due to attend tonight's

meeting to provide an update regarding the authorisation of cycle races, a planned speed review for Ankerdine, the re-invigoration of the Youth Forum and the blocking of the lane at Sheldon House. Unfortunately, PC Hood sent his apologies, the Clerk will ask for an update from him.

An outdoor smart water pack has been given to the Recreation Association.

Confirmation has been received that the herbicide spraying was carried out by Vales who were contracted on behalf of Worcester County Council. They are hopeful that next year the spraying will be done by Malvern Hills District Council representatives which should alleviate any repeats of the same circumstances.

An update was read out with regard to YIMMS (Youth in Martley Matters) which confirmed that future events will be self-funded. The next event is likely to be in May.

The temporary map had been put in the Village but unfortunately it blew down in the wind, investigations will be taken forward towards funding possibilities for a permanent map.

Julie Annand from Festival Housing has been updated with regard to recent events at Nash Close. The Clerk will chase Highways regarding the empty grit bin on Pudford Lane opposite the entrance to Pudford Farm.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman submitted his invoice and work schedule for the work completed in January 2011. The list for this month reads; clear lay-by at Hillside (monthly), repair grips

opposite Shingledale, Hillside, clear leaves from Pudford Lane and remove low hanging branch from tree on Barbers Lane.

District and County Councillor's reports:

Quarterly Performance Report. Every three months an internal review of the performance to assess whether we are achieving our objectives and also, importantly, to flag up any potential issues. The third quarterly Performance Update has now been completed and I am pleased to report that overall, we have maintained our high level of performance and are continuing to make good progress with our four priorities. (full details available online)

County Councillor Davies reported the following:

Worcester County Council is due to announce a council tax freeze for the next financial year. Acknowledged receipt of the agreement for Martley to share the County Council vehicle activated speed sign, recently purchased by County Councillor Davies for use in his parishes.

Governors at The Chantry High School have commenced the preliminary process in consideration of academy status for the school; they have submitted an application to the Secretary of State. Consultation will take part during the process with parents, staff and the parish. The speed review covering the area of Martley has been undertaken and the proposals put forward from the review were summarised briefly by County

Councillor Davies. Councillor Goodyear, Councillor Gale and Councillor McHugh will meet with County Councillor Davies within the next week to discuss the review in more detail. An update at the next meeting.

The Clerk will record any road traffic accidents that parishioners or Councillors report from now on. In order to report an incident the date, time, and location must be given.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan:

The Clerk will circulate the response to all Councillors and any parishioners who added their comments. The list of potential development sites was reduced to 2, one site on Hollins Lane behind Hastings Close and the other referred to was Taylor's old yard.

Planning:

New

11/00098/FUL Tomkins Farm, Hope House Lane. Upgrading and alterations to the farmhouse together with conversion of the attached barn to form a granny annexe and alterations of adjacent barn to form bat roost with storage under.

11/00073/FUL Land at The Stables, Willow Road. A conversion and extension to form a live/work unit.

11/00018/HOU Quarry Cottage, Pudford Lane. Construction of porch to existing dwelling. Demolition of existing garage and construction of 3 bay garage with home office space over.

11/00022/HOU Bramblewood, Hipplecote. Construction of new

garage and hardstanding.

11/00011/FUL Hawkenest Barn, Easinghope Lane. Vary condition 10 of planning permission 05/01208/FUL to allow alternate species hedge planting.

10/01508/HOU Charcam Gables, Martley. Increase roof height to provide first floor accommodation above existing ground floor.

Pending

There are no pending applications for this period.

Refused

10/01621/LBC New House Farm, Hope House Lane – Refurbishment of former dwelling to form ancillary living accommodation.

10/01555/HOU New House Farm, Hope House Lane – Refurbishment of former dwelling to form ancillary living accommodation.

Appeal (on-going)

10/01074/HOU White Cottage, Kingswood – Erection of replacement garage and store.

10/01172/HOU White Cottage, Kingswood – Erection of extensions and swimming pool approved.

Finance:

The accounts for January were issued. There were 4 cheques totalling £910.29 agreed for payment.

The application from Nora Parsons Day Centre for financial assistance will be considered in the next financial year (2011/2012).

Payments of electricity, hire of the hall and telephone charges for the Village Hall were agreed. The Clerk is to write to the Village Hall Committee

requesting a discussion around any future financial commitments.

Payment of the invoice for the electricity for the Weighbridge was agreed.

Urgent decisions since the last meeting: No urgent decisions have been made since the last meeting.

Councillor's reports and items for future agenda:

A parking issue was raised at the entrance into the footpath by the new bungalows at Heaton House. Clerk to advise of obstruction.

The Clerk has reported that whilst Ankerdine was closed to cut down trees recently it would have been beneficial for all hedges to have also been trimmed at the same time, both privately and publicly owned. Also, the brash and branches that were left on the embankment have since caused a hazard in the road as they were moved by the strong winds.

Clerk is to report tyres in the corner of Hollins Lane and Willow Road and the tree hanging down through Newtown opposite The Orchard.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th March 2011.



Martley 'Live on Air'
The Station on the Hill

For those of you who have not heard of us, we are Martley's first all day music station. Set up as a hobby station, it has rapidly found popularity around the world, currently being listened to in 32 different countries. I am hoping that the station will develop as a community station for Martley and the surrounding area. At the moment I present one live show on Saturday at 10am, but would like budding DJs who would like to have a chance at producing their own show to get in touch. We have an extensive record library in mp3 and Vinyl. The station broadcasts 24hours a day, with music from the 50s to the present day.

Would you like to get involved?

Please email Mark on studio@longsideradio.co.uk

Go on tune in to us online at www.longsideradio.co.uk via your iPhone or Wi-Fi enabled radio. Contact us on 01886 878190. Send in your requests via text to 07400 798862 or call us on the mobile 07976 159097. You can also email the radio station direct at studio@longsideradio.co.uk



Martley Library Opening Times

Monday 2—7 pm
 Wednesday 4—6 pm
 Thursday 10am -1 pm
 Friday 2 - 4 pm
 Saturday 10am -12 noon
 01886 888396 (opening hours only)

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

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 in 2011:

12 January	21 February	23 February
16 March	6 April	27 April
18 May	8 June	29 June
20 July	10 August	31 August
21 September	12 October	2 November
23 November	14 December	

The Mobile Library will also be visiting Cob House Fisheries every 3rd Thursday 1.30-2.15pm

Any enquiries should be made to Stourport Library, Worcester Street, Stourport, Worcs DY13 8EH, tel: 01905 822722 stourportmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk

Little Witley's April film

Little Witley's April film is Invictus. Nelson Mandela, in his first term as the South African President, initiates a unique venture to unite the apartheid-torn land: He decides to enlist the national rugby team on a mission to win the 1995 Rugby World Cup. Doors open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 8pm

On your bike with St Richards Hospice

**Bikeathon- Sunday, 17th April.
2011**

Join in and set off on either a 15, 30, 45 or the New 60 mile route, starting and finishing at St Richard's Hospice. The route heads out and will take you through the beautiful south Worcestershire countryside mainly on cycle routes towards Defford, Ashton Under Hill and Pershore. For more information please get in touch with appeals@strichards.org.uk or call (01905) 763963

Care and Repair

Councillor Barbara Williams has submitted this article which she thought would be of interest as this 'project' is aimed at keeping elderly people in their own homes. It's aimed at home owners and private sector tenants especially those on low

incomes or for those who have a disability. Care & Repair Worcestershire is a Home Improvement Agency which is a not for profit organisation funded by the government and part of the Festival Housing Group. If your home is in need of repair, modernisation or adaptation, Care & Repair Worcestershire offers a stress free, low risk way to get those essential jobs done. They offer a complete service for home owners and tenants. They can offer a visit to your home to assess the work to be carried out, investigate and apply for funding either through grants or loans (depending on your circumstances), organise a contractor to carry out the work and make a final visit once the work has been carried out to make sure everything is completed successfully. Contacting Care & Repair Worcestershire could change your quality of life for the better. The service specialises in adapting your home so you are confident and independent. So if you live in Worcestershire contact them on 01684 579456 to arrange a free visit from a member of the team.

Councillor Barbara Williams





Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Church Flowers

Lent – No flowers
24 April – Easter decorations

Ladies Fellowship

The next Ladies Fellowship meeting is on Tuesday 19 April at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

A Very Sad Loss

Brenda Hadfield

We are so very sorry that Brenda has died and we send our deepest sympathy to her family. Brenda, who was born in Gibraltar, was a skilled needlewoman and some examples of her work are in Wichenford Church. Brenda loved her garden which was much admired by many. Brenda was a keen member of the Women's Institute and a long time member of Ladies Fellowship. She also enjoyed helping to run the village fete. Brenda will be sadly missed by her many friends.

Wichenford 100 club

This month's winners are, 1st prize 186 Will Pearce, 2nd prize Erica Chappell and 3rd prize D. Jinks. The lucky winners were drawn by Vicky Chaplin. Congratulations to this month's winners.

Clair

Wichenfords History

Henry & Joseph Noxon grant of leave to erect a cottage 1690.

Where Henry Noxon & Joseph Noxon of the parish of Wychenford in the County of Worcester, tailors, have petitioned for leave of the Lord of the Manor of Wychenford to erect a Cottage upon the Waste at Rosses Green, in the said Manor where was an ancient Cottage lately demolished. It is, with the consent of the Inhabitants of the said parish agreed betwixt John Prier Steward of the said Manor on the part & behalf of the Lord thereof, that the said Henry & Joseph have leave to erect the said intended Cottage on the said ground

where the said demolished Cottage stood, and to enclose the ground, which was heretofore a little Orchard & garden thereunto adjoining. And in consideration thereof they then said Henry & Joseph their Executors & Assignes and such others as shall occupy or inhabit upon the premises shall pay yearly upon the feast day of St Michael the sum of two shillings, and upon the first day of January yearly a couple of fat capons which money shall be paid yearly to the Bailiff of the said Manor for the use of the said Lord & his Successors, and the said capons delivered yearly at the Lord Bishop's Palace in Worcester to the hands of the said Lord Bishop's Cook, or other servant there then residing. In pursuance whereof the said Henry & Joseph do hereby oblige themselves their Executors & Assignes to the due performance of the said Agreement & paying the said rents in manner aforesaid in the sum of five pounds to be paid to the Lord Bishop & his successors in the case of non performance whereof the said partners have hereunto set their hands & seals the 26th day of September 1690. Sealed & signed in the presence of Jo Pedley, J Price, Edw Thrupp, Hen Noxon, Edw Noxon and Joseph Noxon. Note: this cottage still stands and forms part of Orchard Cottage

Thank You

Suzanne Stinton Heeley

Dixon and Margaret thank everyone who sent cards and letters of condolence in respect of the sudden

sad loss of Dixon's youngest daughter, Suzanne. The number of friends and family who came from near and far are too many to name individually, but we thank each and every one of them.

Dixon Stinton and Margaret Fisher

A Tribute

Suzanne Stinton Heeley

We were deeply shocked and sad to hear that Suzanne has died so suddenly at the age of only 42. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Vince, and her children, Alexander and Cassandra, in their sad loss. Our deepest sympathy also to her father, Dixon, and to Margaret, they are all in our thoughts. Suzanne was born in Worcester on 15 July 1968 to parents Dixon and Wendy. She was the youngest of four with Anita, John and Jenny as older siblings and Suzanne spent the first few months of her life living in a caravan, as her Dad began building the family cottage in Witton Hill, Wichenford. Suzanne worked in the US for a year as an au pair and combined this work with a wonderful trip from the East to West coast. On her return home Suzanne applied for a temporary job as a Postie with the Royal Mail and after a successful time she secured a senior role with the Royal mail and moved to London, living in the exclusive Covent Garden. Suzanne went on to become a talented marketing executive for Royal Mail and helped to introduce among other things, the now familiar post boxes in Supermarkets and the innovation of (continued on page 23)













BlueBell Cross Country Ride



To be held in Wichenford, (next to the church)



Raising funds for St Richards Hospice and local charities



Saturday 7th May 2011



(Also the following weekend by appointment please ring number below)



First Entries at 10.00am (last entry 1pm)



From the field next to the church, opposite Wichenford Dovecote and Court, WR6 6XY



 Approximately 11 miles pleasure ride through lovely countryside and bluebell woods
 


 Short cuts and many **optional** jumps of various heights and size and no roadwork!
 


 All riders **must** have their own insurance and valid Horse Passports
 


 Riders take part entirely at their own risk and the organizers accept no liability whatsoever for damage to persons, horses, or property whilst on the premises or taking part in the ride.
 


 Sorry but no dogs allowed
 


 Rosettes to all taking part and remember Hard Hats and adequate protection must be worn.
 


Toilets and First aid on hand



A Vet and doctor will be on call



Teas and Refreshments available



Entries to be made on the day



Adults £16, Children (under 14) £12


Enquiries: gblwichenford@aol.com

Mobile: 07767 788 273



ordinary shops selling postage stamps. Incredibly, she even found time to run three marathons split between London and New York and a fourth one in Berlin followed some years later in support of Cystic Fibrosis. Suzanne eventually moved back home and it was at this time that Suzanne met Vince and they went on to get married in December 2000. In July 2001 they were blessed with the safe arrival of Alexander James in Worcester and in February 2003, Cassandra Grace was born. Suzanne gave many things back to the community and in particular was very proud to work as a parent governor for two years at the children's school and was particularly committed to road safety outside the school. She was thrilled to be a part of the local community that made the idea of a speed warning sign outside the school become a reality. Suzanne was many things to many people and perhaps it is true that the brightest, most brilliant stars may only shine for the shortest time, but I ask that you do not grieve at her passing, but smile instead that you met her. Thank You

Dixon E Stinton

Editors note: *I received a beautiful and touching tribute to Suzanne of which I have had to edit down due to space available. I will be more than happy to forward the full tribute to you if required via email, please email me at editor@martley.org for the full tribute.*

General News and Reports Around Our Area

Red Marley Hill Climb 2011

The famous Red Marley Hill Climb has been run on Easter Monday at Great Witley since the early 1920's and apart from the war years it continued until 1971. In 2000 the West Midland section of the AJS & Matchless Owners Club revived the event but the following year it had to be cancelled due to the foot and mouth outbreak. For 2002 the club had to move to a new venue at Walsgrove Farm as the original hill was no longer available. The running of the Hill Climb has since been taken over by the Red Marley Hill Climb Club Ltd. Over the years the format of the meeting has changed and now it is open only to Classic Motorcycles built before 1971 and there is a class for rigid framed machines built pre-1950. The bikes race up the 440 yard hill four at a time with the first two progressing through to the next round until only four are left to contest the finals in each class. Around 180 riders are expected to compete this year, coming from all over the country.

Entries for this years meeting have been received from as far away as Scotland and Southern Ireland and range in age from 16 to 74 and some of the machines racing date back to the 1930's. The fastest ever climb was recorded in 2009 by Carl Pope in a time of 19.53 seconds and Carl will be going flat out to improve his time and keep hold of the "Silver Helmet" for

another year. Every Year the club have made donations to local charities and good causes and since 2000 more than £50,000 has been handed out. Martley has benefited from donations to the Care fund, Play Group and Pre-school group over the years. This year the main beneficiary will be the Help for Heroes fund and opening the proceedings and presenting the awards will be John Peters who was shot down in his Tornado aircraft during the Gulf war in Iraq. On Easter Sunday there will be a Classic motorcycle trial starting at mid-day, for which there is no admission charge, and the Hill climb on Easter Monday will again start at noon and admission is £7.00 with free entry for children under 10.

Get ready for some extra pounds in your pocket this spring!



Did you know that every year UK homes throw away £12 billion in wasted good food? the same as £50 a month for a family? We could all do with some extra pounds in our purse this year, and that's why Worcestershire County Council and Malvern Hills District Council are linking up with the 31 other local authorities in the West Midlands region to help you make the most of the food you buy and save money. Launched on 8 March the West Midland's Love Food Hate Waste

campaign will be running events such as talks and cookery workshops, offering inspiration and information across the region. The campaign will last for four months helping residents make more of the food they buy, reduce food waste sent to landfill and save money. If your local community group would like to get involved, contact us via letswasteless.com. Local authorities across the West Midlands want to help everyone in the region make the most of the food we all buy and avoid throwing it away. This will help to save the local authority money too from not having to pay money to collect or dispose of it. In fact it's not just about saving money; the greenhouse gas emissions associated with food and drink waste is the equivalent of approximately 20 million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year, which is the equivalent of 1 in 4 cars on UK roads. Research released by WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) in 2009 showed that over 8 million tonnes of food and drink is wasted in UK homes every year, that's enough to fill Wembley Stadium eight times. Just think of all that good food and money going straight in the bin. Viktoria Salisbury, Senior Waste Prevention Officer at Worcestershire County Council said "We throw food out for two main reasons: we cook or prepare too much or food goes off

In the Garden



April is a great month, the soil is warming up and spring should be here. Do keep an eye on the weather forecast though, as a cold snap and snow are not unknown in April. Keeping horticultural fleece on standby in case of cold weather is a really good idea.

Things to sow in the garden in April

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*				Beetroot				*
*				Peas				*
*				Broad Beans				*
*				Broccoli				*
*				Brussels Sprouts				*
*				Cabbage				*
*				Cauliflower				*
*				Kale				*
*				Chard				*
*				Leeks				*
*				Spinach				*
*				Beet spinach				*
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April is also the month to get those evergreen shrubs in the ground and complete the pruning of other shrubs. It is also the month where the lawn will usually start to require more frequent maintenance and a bit of TLC!



Compost Bins

Now is the perfect time to install another compost bin into your garden. With the busy gardening period now upon us, get your garden off to a flying start this year by composting all your garden and kitchen waste! Composting is easy to do, and transforms green waste into a free, valuable and nutrient rich food for your garden as well as reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Compost helps soil to retain moisture as well as preventing water logging. Ideally have two bins, so while one is maturing, you can start filling the second! While it's inadvisable to put cooked food waste into a regular compost bin without attracting vermin, you can put small amounts into a wormery along with other kitchen waste, and paper. You won't get large amounts of compost from this system, but small amounts of very rich worm casts which are a great plant food. Please visit the following website <http://www.hw.getcomposting.com/> (in conjunction with Worcestershire County Council) for details of special offers, features and tips this month.



Church Words

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As we move towards Easter, a season when we remember death and resurrection, it is appropriate to look back and to look forward at what we are doing. This is none the less the case for any organisation to which you may belong.

If you have ever been involved in an organisation, particularly voluntary, you will know 'tis the season of the AGM's (Annual General Meetings). Not to be left out, churches themselves have APCM's (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) at which reports are given of the work in the proceeding year along with a presentation of the accounts, election of church officers and a Chairman's report, usually the Vicar. Our APCM's this year are: Wichenford on Monday 4th April, 7.30pm at St Laurence's church, Lower Teme Valley on Tuesday 5th April, 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas and Martley on Monday 11th April, 7.30pm at St Peter's, to which you are most warmly welcome.

It gives me the opportunity to raise one point that I know will be of issue at this years APCM's, and that is our church finances. It may help you to know that our local churches, whilst part of the Diocese of Worcester and the Church of England, are funded locally. We do not get any diocesan or

government financial assistance and are fully reliant on the support of the church members and the local community. May I take this opportunity to thank anyone who helps us, not just financially but in any way throughout the year. I also encourage those who have an interest in seeing the church continue to minister now and in the years to come to consider some support. If you would like to know anything further about ways in which you can help or about the various options available for donations or gift aid then please don't hesitate to contact myself on 01886 888664.

And finally, may I pay tribute to all those who, over the years, have played a part in the life of the church in your area, in particular this year we remember Brian Woodburn who was Church Warden of St Peter's, Martley for almost 10 years and died last November. But there have been many like him who have been faithful servants of the church over the years and we thank God for them. May I wish you all a very happy Easter and Gods blessing be upon you.



Rev David Sherwin

SUNDAY 3 APRIL	Mothering Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Family Service, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Family Service, St Peter, Martley 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Monday 4 April	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tuesday 5 April	10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
SUNDAY 10 APRIL	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
Tuesday 12 April	10:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 13 April	10:15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
SUNDAY 17 APRIL	6.00pm Dramatic Presentation with Holy Communion at St Laurence, Wichenford.
Monday 18 April	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley 11.30am Easter Service, Nora Parsons Day Centre
Tuesday 19 April	10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Thursday 21 April –	Maundy Thursday 11.00am Chrism Service, Worcester Cathedral 7 for 7.30pm Christian Passover Meal, Cob House Fisheries
Friday 22 April –	Good Friday 9.00pm Compline St Leonard, Cotheridge
SUNDAY 24 APRIL –	Easter Day 9:00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge 10.30am Family Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 6:30pm Easter Praise, St Peter Martley
Monday 25 April	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 27 April	10am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House



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And finally ...



Hello from me

How do you follow 22 years service to the community? Well I am going to give it a jolly good try!

Firstly many thanks to our outgoing Editor Michelle for her commitment and hard work over the last two decades! Also her patience, efforts and super editorial training skills which have been greatly appreciated by me as this has enabled me to officially 'step in' and take over the Editor's role for this wonderful monthly publication. My name is Gail Dawson and I have lived in Martley for over 3 years. I'm a Lancashire Lass born and bred but after living in this beautiful village and county, I now see Worcestershire as my home. I have always wanted to be part of a community and saw the role of Editor as an opportunity to 'give something back'. Michelle has set the bar high and I hope I can maintain the excellent quality that she has delivered to you through The Villager. I am certainly looking forward to the challenge that this will bring. All my contact details are at the front of this edition and I sincerely look forward to your continued support, articles and enthusiasm for years to come!

Gail Dawson