

The Villager

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Diary

Regular events:

Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing

Weds 7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

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Weight Watchers 6.30-7.30pm Tuesdays

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Citizens Advice Bureau Teme Valley

Evening Telephone Service

Tuesdays 4.30-8pm 01584 810860

Short mat Bowling Tuesdays 2.30pm Martley Memorial Hall

For Church services, please see Church News

Mon 4 **Martley Parish Council Meeting** 8pm Memorial Hall

Sat 9 **Country Fair** Blue Shot Meadow Clifton-on-Teme starting at 10.30 a.m.

Sun 10 **Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce** 11am The Talbot, Knightwick
Martley Ramblers to Alfrick Meet 2pm Church car park

Wed 13 **Martley WI: Summer Outing to Tenbury**

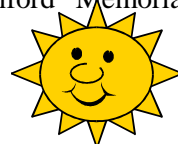
Sat 16 **MARTLEY ANNUAL SHOW AND FETE** 2-4pm, playing Fields

Mon 18 **Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm Wichenford Memorial Hall

Wed 20 **Citizens Advice Bureau:** 12-1pm Great Witley Surgery and 1.30-2.30pm Knightwick Surgery - by appointment. Tel. 01584 810860

Martley Memorial Hall User's Social 7.30pm

Thu 21 **Meeting of The Wine Club** 8pm Wichenford Memorial Hall



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

Martley Parish Council

An ordinary meeting of the Martley Parish Council was held on Monday 2 June 2003 at the Memorial Hall

MATTERS ARISING

Barrier on Footpath 88. The Clerk spoke to Mr P Betts, Worcester County Council Footpath Access Officer, suggesting that the barriers be moved further apart to enable wheelchair and other users to negotiate the barrier more easily, whilst still deterring speeding cyclists. This was adopted and the Clerk will arrange for the work to be undertaken.

Sites for affordable housing. Mr Draper said that two possible sites for 10 dwellings were being looked at. He hoped to be able to devote more time to this soon but welcomed any proposals. It was agreed that ideally housing should be situated centrally in the village and additional parking is required. He would continue discussions with Mr A Saunders, the Rural Housing Enabler.

County Council Periodic Electoral Review. The Chairman prepared a submission in response to the draft proposals, which disagreed with Martley joining Alfrick and Leigh, arguing that it should remain in the Hallow Ward for geographic and

social reasons. Further comments on this draft can be made in December.

REPORTS

Mr A Davies was absent so there was no County Council report. Mrs B Williams (DC) said she was interested in the MHDC Housing Policy and would assist with finding suitable sites for affordable houses in Martley.

PLANNING

Application for comments: Sand Cottage, Jury Lane, Martley - 2 storey side extension. No objections. Planning application approved by MHDC: Hill Top Farm, Horsham, Martley - demolition of existing rear extensions and construction of new extension (Listed Building).

FINANCE

a) 6 cheques totalling £738.37 were signed. The Parish Council will get an invoice for £43.05p for the uncontested Parish Council Election of 1 May 2003.

b) Appointment of Internal Auditor. The Clerk explained that last year's Internal Auditor was not prepared to audit the 2002/03 accounts, to be completed by 7 July, so that Councillors can complete the Audit form to be with the External Auditor by 4 August.

The Clerk contacted three possible Auditors, but only Mr Selkirk was interested and quoted £75.00 + VAT. Mr I Selkirk was appointed.

c) Martley Web Site. It was agreed that the Parish Council should take on ownership of its Web Site rather than appear on the Martley Web Site. The Chairman will discuss details with Mr J Nicklin.

d) Library & Cyber Café. Inspection of this project will take place after the next meeting. A further grant brings the total received to £30,000.00 and some additional funds are expected.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Malvern Household Waste Site re-opened as from 2 June 2003. A 19-page Highway Services Survey was received and the Chairman will complete it by 23 June. The Clerk gave details of dates for meetings in June and training sessions for Councillors on the Code of Conduct, to be given by Mr Kevin Douglas.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr Draper and Mr Stammers reported recent incidents where police response was poor and lacking interest. It was suggested that police representatives be invited to attend Parish Council Meetings regularly. The weekly

Police surgery in the Weighbridge building should be starting again shortly. The Clerk was asked to take up the following points: an access that has appeared onto the B4197 at Ankerdine for which the Parish Council has received no planning application; resurfacing Prickley Green Lane, scheduled for May, and information is required as to when this will take place; further information required on the diesel-polluted outflow at Hillside; to request the Highways Partnership to survey the dangerous junction of B4202 with the B4197 in the centre of Martley. Mr Cropp reported that the Transport Project would run initially for 18 months rather than three years and a leaflet will be published to provide full information. It will be called Laughern Valley Transport and will have facilities for the disabled. Dr Christine Tootill has been appointed the new Parish Clerk but cannot take over until August. Mr Vyvyan-Robinson will discuss with the Chairman continued cover until that date. The next meeting is on Monday 4 August 2003. The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and those Councillors who attended the interviews for the Parish Clerk.

*C C Vyvyan-Robinson
Parish Clerk (01886 888821 623)*

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk

Martley Show and Fete

The annual show is to be held on Saturday 16 August, 2 - 4.30 pm, at its usual venue of the playing fields. We shall be entertained by the Appalachian clog dancers, and you can lift a leg too, with our local line dancers.

There will be rides and a bouncy castle for the young ones, games and refreshments, a BBQ, teas, games, a photo exhibition, boot sale, a grand draw with a short break as first prize, the usual giant tombola, all the fun of the fair M.Ced by BBC Hereford and Worcester's (and ours!!!) own Dave Bradley.

Please help to make this a success not only by coming along but also donating something for the tombola. Someone will call on you so please have something ready, large or small, all gifts are warmly appreciated.

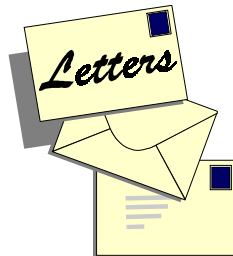
Our Postman Retires

Ken Draper, our local postman, will have seen many changes in his 37 years as a postman, with many people coming and going. The

village has grown considerably, which has meant a bigger postal round. Ken spent three years in the army doing his National Service before becoming a postman in 1966, a position he held until his retirement in July.

In his early days as a postman, the bicycle was the only means of delivering the post that often consisted of parcels. Life was made much easier when the delivery vans were introduced. Ken has been very fortunate with his health, having only taken one week off through illness in all his time as postman.

Ken's parents came to live at Barfurlong, Berrow Green, in 1940 when Ken was nearly two years old. This was his home until his marriage to Jackie Grubb, also a local girl, in 1962. We wish him and Jackie many happy years of retirement. No more getting up at 5 am, six days a week!





Martley WI

No meeting this month but plans are in hand for an evening outing on 13 August to a garden near Tenbury. Flower arrangement demo for the ladies (or men if they wish) and bowls for others who don't wish (mustn't be sexist). Further details from the Committee or President Pat Crook.

The recent garden meeting was a great success and many thanks to Joy and Reg Snow for the loan of their home and garden. Members, friends and visitors from Wichenford, Nottingham and New Zealand all joined in the fun, competitions and enjoyed the supper.

The auction raised a record sum of over £150 for funds. Best price of the evening was paid for Neil Stammers who offered himself as "Man for a Day" willing to do anything as long as it was legal. Thank you, Eileen, for lending him. Don't forget cakes, produce and preserves for the WI stall at the Horticultural Show on Saturday 16 August.

Kate King

Martley Ramblers

10 August 2pm Church car park
The recent trip to Croft Ambrey, led by Pam Southall, was a slight departure from the usual as we had an earlier start and had a picnic lunch before starting to walk. The rain cleared and the climb to the top of the fort was well worth the effort for the all-round views. The café at Croft Castle was well-placed on the way back for welcome cups of tea and ice creams. Only 2 members were left behind having a second cuppa but they eventually wound their way past the ponds and back to their car. Many thanks to Pam for a lovely walk.

This month Pam and Colin Hill will be leading around Alfrick. Will there be a break for a cup of tea? Come and find out.

Kate King

Pudford Place

An on-going story of Lane folk
Hooray, it's smooth and black and holeless and totally bliss to use. What is? The surface of Pudford Lane. It has been done at last. No more grumbles – at least for the foreseeable future. We won't think of the winter rains and glaciers! It was a great relief that the threatened two-week closure was

only four days. Congratulations to the Tarmac lorry drivers who showed they could do it in reverse, usually the whole length of the lane!

Kate King

Baby Congratulations



Margaret and Ray Rushgrove are happy to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, a granddaughter,

Mia, born to Juliet and Eddie on 20 June.

Update on the Sundial Fund

(Basil Haines Memorial)

At the end of June we have £774 in the kitty. Obviously it can't go ahead until next year as there is a faculty to apply for and grants may be available.

Anyone who remembers Basil and would like to donate to the fund, can still do so and can comment on the designs displayed in the church. We will keep the fund open for the time being, therefore any cheques (marked Sundial Fund) will be gratefully received by Martin Curren (PCC Treasurer), Prickley Green Farm, Martley, Worcester.

Martley Spurs

Obviously with no games played throughout June or July there are no results to comment on. The new season starts at the end of August with all three teams still in their old leagues with no promotions or relegations. No home games will be played on the Jewry field until the cricket season is over. Anyone wishing to play with the Spurs, or sponsor them in any way, should contact Gordon Griffiths on 01886 888602.

Congratulations to Scott Morris on becoming a father when Charlie Nicholas came into the this world on 28 May and making Lil a very, very proud great grandmother.

Beth Williams

A Great Day Out

Come along to the Country Fair to be held in Blue Shot Meadow in Clifton-on-Teme on Saturday 9 August starting at 10.30 a.m. The main event will be the British Lumberjack Sports Association with international guests. There will be competitions and exhibitions throughout the day including terrier racing, country crafts, a tug of war, kids' corner, classic motorcycles, tractors and stationary engines, stalls a grand draw and loads of things to eat and

drink.

In the evening there will be summer dancing. All this is in aid of the Teme Valley Ultrasound Scanner Appeal.

Entry costs £4/£2 and under fives and pets get in free. For further information please ring Mr N.Jones on 01886-812316 Or Mr B.Butler on 01886-812538 or 07929-014804.

Knightswick and District Trefoil Guild

Malvern Trefoil Guild invited several local Guilds to join them at a B.B.Q at the Girl Guide Head Quarters at Blackmore Camp near Hanley Swan, which is a beautiful site, set under the Malvern Hills. The camp is used by Girl Guide units throughout the county and for international camps. The hosts had gone to a lot of trouble to provide some lovely food and scrumptious puds. We all had a very happy time meeting friends from other Guilds. The August meeting will be held on Tuesday 26, venue to be decided.

Geraldine Cooper

Holliday/Morton Descendants

Hello Martley, I am descended

from Charles Holliday & Amelia Morton of Martley who had eight children that I know of - they are: Mary 1826, Emma 1829, Ellen 1830, Henry 1833, John 1836, Thomas 1838, Anne 1838, Jane 1845. (Thomas & Anne were twins). Mary married Jeremiah Maiden (my great great grandparents).

If there are any others who, like myself, are descended from Charles and Amelia and feel they would like to get in touch - please don't hesitate in dropping me an e-mail at philheeks@yahoo.co.uk.. I look forward to hearing from you.

Philip W. Heeks

Weston-super-Mare

(If you don't have email, but would like to contact Philip, please leave a short message at Martley Post Office, marked for the attention of The Editor, The Villager, and I will pass it on – Ed.)

Martley Village Memorial Hall - User's Social

On Wednesday 20 August at 7.30pm the Hall Committee invite all groups and individuals who use, or would like to use, the Hall to meet over a glass of wine to discuss the best ways for us to improve our service and to brainstorm ways to improve the Hall

itself. Most of you will know that over recent years we have resurfaced the main hall floor, completed a new exterior drainage system, have upgraded, and continue to upgrade, the hall's lighting, redecorated the foyer, and now we are completing the Library Cybernet Cafe project. We also have a grant from Lloyds TSB Foundation that is starting up kitchen improvements.

We are still looking for more voluntary help on our committee - no expertise needed - just a keen sense of wanting to help! We meet monthly at the Hall to manage the overall running and improvement programme—our Hall is an important and valuable community asset.

If you're interested please come along on Wednesday 20 August.

At Last! The Stowaways Make it Big Time

Those of you who are devotees of the noble sport of Skittling ("*Well, that should narrow it down*" -Ed.) will be amazed to learn that we officially have a Champion in our midst!

Steve Prickett (Stowaways Team Member 2002-3) has won The Geoff Edge Trophy for the highest away average in our league.

Usually you can count on a score roundabout 30 on a match, but Steve struck an amazing average of over 37 during last year's league championship matches.

Next season we are really going for promotion, so if you are interested in playing, ring 888398. Matches are played every Tuesday evening from September to April, at The Admiral Rodney or away, mainly in Worcester.

Dave Cropp

Buffers and Bells

With success ringing in their ears from last year's Severn Valley Excursion, Martley Bellringers, along with their friends from Hallow, completed an epic ringing journey along The West Somerset Railway - twenty miles of steam and diesel.

On Saturday 28 June as the first steam train of the morning whistled and prepared to set off, the bellringing team joined other passengers. The journey through the Somerset countryside to the sea we can really recommend, as well as the local chilled cider on the train....

Over the day, we rang at five Churches - Watchet, Minehead, Dunster, Crowcombe, and Bishop Lydeard - changing between trains

to give ourselves time to ring, and take refreshment.

The Churches gave us a full experience of different bells, six, eight, and ten, and a six reverse - and a wonderful selection of mostly Medieval architecture including the pews at Crowcombe (16th.century "Green Man" images) and the Tower at Dunster (which flexed as we rang the bells). After a celebration meal at an Inn north of Taunton we all headed home already planning next year's "event"

Dave Cropp

Cybercafe and Library

As you can see the Cybercafe and Library Project is coming along at the Village Hall. By the time you read this we expect most of the building work to have been completed.

Already by July the interior structure has been created, as well as a new exterior ramp, and a new window. Internally we now have a new computer room, toilet, library entrance, and refurnished library committee room - this is the ONLY major project of this kind in the whole of the County, and we think there are only one or two others nationally (East Anglia/Suffolk). Shortly we shall need your

commitment to use it. You will be able to take out books in the normal county fashion, call up any book from county stock, return books that you may have taken from other county libraries, as well as taking a tea or coffee as you browse the books or the internet.

Parish Link

We now have a new evening bus service from Martley to Worcester. This is designed to help us access Worcester without the chore of driving in and parking in the evening.

As you will have seen from the flyers, there are four runs to Worcester, and three runs back in, on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Until the end of August the service is FREE! After that there is a small charge of 50p a trip pre-booked – you will be able to buy books of 10 tickets to use any time, or £1 on the journey.

If we use the service then it is possible we may be able to extend it in different ways, possibly a service to and from Malvern to match the theatre and concerts there, and also run a "night-owl" service back to Martley from Worcester at 2.30am for those whose parents find the cost of taxis or the collecting a real pain!

This is the first scheme of its kind in the county, and has been supported by the Countryside Agency, Worcestershire County Council, and the parishes of Martley, Wichenford, Grimley, Hallow, Broadheath, and Rushwick. But like everything, if you don't use it, we lose it!!

Dave Cropp

Martley Belltower

Our apologies that we could not offer a summer opening in June this year - many commitments took Bellringers away that day.

However we hope to offer a date in August - we shall post this soon in the local shops, and on notice boards. The view from the top gives you a real perspective of the whole of Martley, and is well worth the "time to climb".

Bellringers

Allotments

Four people have asked about the possibility of creating an allotment area for the village, especially as many of the central homes do not have sufficient garden space to grow vegetables.

There would be a letting charge and arrangement (about £1 a week seems to be the national average).

We need to know whether there is

sufficient interest and demand to consider this as a viable project. If you think you might be interested please let any Parish Councillor know, or ring me direct on 888398.

Dave Cropp

Martley Weight Watchers

Every Tuesday about fifty people attend the Martley Weight Watchers meeting at the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm. They are all different shapes, sizes, ages and sex but they all have one thing in common. They want to achieve weight loss and they are taking ACTION. This is probably the most important aspect of losing weight. When a new member joins Weight Watchers I discuss with them their first goal. No matter how much they have to lose I suggest that they only concentrate on losing the first seven pounds. Once this has been achieved we can then concentrate on the next goal. Finally I encourage them to think about what they really want to achieve and to think about what they want in detail and visualise their goal. The more vivid this picture is and the more times it is brought to mind the more likely the member is to achieve it. Members leave the class knowing what they want to achieve, why they want to

achieve it and what action they are going to take that week as a step towards their objective.

Come and join us at our friendly class. Remember—the most important thing is to take action.

*Jennie Barnes, Weight Watchers
Leader and Life Coach*

Martley Millennium Green

Summer continues, the vegetation is growing higher and we have had a particularly good display of ox-eye daisies. There has been a determined effort to get on top of the perennial thistles, but it will take more than one season to control them properly. Early residents on the round pond were a pair of Canada geese who hatched three goslings, which unfortunately seem to have been taken by predators, and the geese moved on elsewhere, their place being taken by a pair of ducks. Also seen in the pond in June was a large shoal of black carp sunning themselves, and moorhens ferreting about in the water plants for food.

Ian Pennell

Chantry Chat

Congratulations to everyone involved in the planning and preparation for the Chantry's 40th Anniversary Ball. It was a

delightful event. Two hundred and fifty guests were welcomed with champagne and a few words from the head, Ms Browne. The hall and gym were beautifully decorated in ruby and white. There were candles, flowers and sparkling confetti, curling ribbon and balloons floating up to the ceiling. There was a display of nostalgic photos - a talking point for many ex pupils. Fresh flower arrangements graced the entrance door and the archway outside. It was nice to see so many ladies in beautiful dresses and gentlemen in tuxedos and it added to the feeling that this was a special occasion. It was good to see Mr Clayton there as well. It's hard to believe that it is three years since he retired. We enjoyed a supper of pig roast and salads followed by desserts (and I hope that I managed to dance away most of the calories). The jazz band played in the hall and there was an extremely lively disco in the gym. It was a great night: good company, good music and good fun. I can't wait for the Golden Anniversary Ball!

L. Sivill

Martley & District Horticultural Society

Instead of meeting in the village

hall last month, members went to "the Garden at the Bannut" at Bringsty. They were welcomed by owners Daphne and Maurice Everett, who for many years supplied the trade with some 25,000 heather plants a year. Having given up producing such a vast quantity of plants, they now concentrate on the garden that contains many interesting trees and shrubs with some outstanding features. The garden is open three days a week and well worth a visit. Members also enjoyed a Sunday afternoon coach trip to Castle Bromwich Hall, near Birmingham, where they were able to explore this 10-acre garden, including the newly restored maze and walled garden.

Not long now before the twenty-seventh annual Show on Saturday 16 August 2pm at the Village Hall and Playing Field. Schedules can be obtained from the Post Office, Central Stores or from a Committee member. If you have never entered before, do 'Have a go'!

Martley Royal British Legion

The June meeting was well attended and business discussed. Maureen Kings provided the

monthly Service Committee report on those who are more or less housebound and others temporarily on the 'sick list'. The next meetings are 4 August and 1 September, 8 pm at The Talbot Hotel, Knightwick where we always receive a warm welcome.

Forty members and guests enjoyed a fun evening of skittles at the Admiral Rodney on 4 June and welcomed some former Martley members. We enjoyed a splendid 'Rodney' buffet supper. Grateful thanks to those who gave raffle prizes and bought so generously and, although this was not a fund-raising exercise, our treasurer was pleased with the splendid result from the raffle! Thanks to Social Secretary, Thelma Taber, and Maureen Kings for organising the evening, and to members and guests who supported the occasion. The winners were Arthur Kings and Sue Ganderton. The 'killer' was won by Bert Fortey.

If you are interested in the work of the Royal British Legion, even if you are not ex-service, please ring me or speak to any member known to you.

Joyce Tyler, Hon Secretary
01886 821551



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Wichenford Ladies Fellowship



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

**Phone your Wichenford news to Janet or
Sheila or leave articles at Martley Post
Office or 1 Oxford View Wichenford**

The June meeting was held at Keepers Cottage, Ockridge, but unfortunately the cherries weren't quite ripe enough to enjoy. Isn't that always the way. During the business part of the meeting an update on future meetings was given. Churchwarden Mrs Pam Webb, explained that the PCC plan to have an audio system installed in St Lawrence's Church. It was agreed to forward arrangements for a fund-raising Whist Drive for Church funds in the autumn. Mrs Elsie Whitehead had made her super selection of cakes and savouries, which was a sell-out and raised £55.50. Mrs Whitehead generously expressed a wish that this money be donated towards funds for the audio system in the church. This was accepted with appreciation. Mrs Elsie Whitehead led the prayers for the meeting. Members then strolled round Keepers Cottage garden and

viewed 'Norm's Shed' clearance project – slow at the mo! Refreshments were enjoyed outside in the sunshine, overlooking the apple orchards. And to round off an enjoyable afternoon members tackled a Flower Quiz, which was won jointly by Mrs G Burnett and Mrs Lucy Jones. No Fellowship meeting will be held in August. We meet again in September.

Flower Rota

3 August Mrs Whyatt
10 August Mrs Smith
17 August Mrs J Banks
24 August Mrs B Hadfield
31 August No Service
Evensong will be held in St
Laurence Church on 17 August at
6.30pm.

Public Address System at St Laurence Church

The Wichenford Church Council has opened a special fund to finance a public address system in the Church to enable those who cannot always hear the whole Service adequately, to do so. We are also using some of our younger lay members to read lessons, or assist with prayers, whose voices need amplification. By October 2004 it will become the law in public places where meetings or services are held. This will cost approximately £2,500 and cannot be met from our annual income. If anyone would like to help we would be very grateful. Make cheques payable to Wichenford Church and sent to Mr R Whyatt, Sledgemoor House, Broadwas-on-Teme, Worcester WR6 5NR or handed to either Churchwardens.

Mrs Pam Webb, Mrs Carma Wetherall, Churchwardens

Right to your door ...

Our grateful thanks to Mrs Gwen Burnett for so kindly delivering our magazines for many years. We welcome Mr Roger Ashmore who has taken over from Mrs Burnett and also Mrs Marion Jinks who has joined our team delivering

magazines. We extend our thanks to them both.

Well Done!

Well done to Joanne Smith of Wichenford for running the Tesco's Race for Life on 15 June, raising over £140 for Cancer Research and completing the course in under 50 minutes.

Leslie, Cameron, Tregan and all the family

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

In September, in conjunction with National Heritage Week, our own Heritage Society is holding an Exhibition of "Life in Wichenford in the Past". To do this they need old photographs, newspaper cuttings, posters etc, plus anything of interest from tools to toys, clothes and household items. So dig out your keepsakes and scour the attics and loan them to us. The Church will also be open for this weekend on the 13 and 14 September. Please let Mary Hyland (Tel: 01886-888431) know if you have anything of interest. Thank you.

Progress update

Identification of 'finds' - the 'finds' are now with Victoria Bryant, Director of the Ceramics

Department of the Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service and we can confidently expect a report on the finds before the end of July.

Nigel Nayling - we hoped for a second visit from Nigel at Easter but this did not work out. We are still waiting for the results of the initial study and do not yet have a report.

John Day (County Botanist) has continued to work with the Group. We have spent another day looking at the parish boundary and continue to work on the section from Castle Hill to Ockeridge. The long oval pits continue to provoke interest and as yet defy explanation – they may predate Saxon settlement. Work on recording the veteran trees in the parish is progressing.

Field walk. On Sunday 15 June, we undertook another walk in the field at Castle Hill where the flint arrow head was found last year. We found no more flints but did collect a significant number of pieces of floor tile which have already been identified as medieval. The walk yielded significant quantities broken china clay pipes.

Group outing

The coach outing to Avebury on Sat 31 May was a resounding success. In the end 46 people came on the outing which was led by

Helen Bleakman, the principal lecturer at the evening classes held in the Autumn of 2002.

Exhibition

We are planning to hold an exhibition to coincide with the Church Heritage weekend in September. The exhibition will be held in the Memorial Hall and material is already being collected. It will include copies of the digitized maps.

We have been given a copy of the digitized tithe map of the parish of Wichford, work which was carried out by Neil Lockett of the Archaeological Service. Two further maps have been discovered: one is a map of Woodhall Farm dating from the turn of the 18th C and the other is an 18th C map of the Wichford Estate. Both have been digitized by Neil Lockett and the Group has copies of the digitized maps. We have not yet made progress with the tithe map project but understand that the Worcester Records Office is developing a new procedure for making copies of very large, old documents. The tithe map for Kenswick has been found attached to the map of Hallow. The map and awards for Kenswick have now been digitized by Neil Lockett.

We hope to carry out the geophysical survey of the 'Roman'

sites at Cockshoot on 20 August. We understand that the archaeologists have been successful in getting the geophysicists from the Channel 4's Time Team.

Evening Classes:

We have now received details of the evening classes arranged by Dr John Hunt of the Workers Education Association in Birmingham. The course will consist of nine evening lectures and a Saturday workshop. Details as follows:

The Making of the Local Landscape—a course of 10 meetings, mainly Wednesday evenings, commencing 1 October at 7.30-9.30pm Wichenford Memorial Hall, Venn Lane, Wichenford:

1 October: Introduction: Reading the Landscape (approaches and methodology) Robin Jackson and Jez Bretherton (Worcestershire Archaeological Service).

8 October: Prehistoric and Roman Landscapes. Robin Jackson.

15 October: The archaeology of woodlands. Jez Bretherton.

22 October: Domesday Book: before and after. Kevin Down (University of Birmingham).

25 October (Saturday Dayschool 10.30 - 4.00.); 10.30 - 12.30 Anglo-Saxon Charters and the

Local Landscape. John Hemingway (Archaeological Officer, Dudley); 2.00 - 4.00 Medieval Landscapes. John Hunt (University of Birmingham/WEA West Mercia District).

12 November: A Changing Landscape: Malvern Chase. Pamela Hurle (Local Historian).

19 November: The Churches of Worcestershire. Tim Bridges (Worcester Museum).

26 November: The Great Rebuilding? Professor Malcolm Wanklyn (University of Wolverhampton).

3 December: Agriculture in Worcestershire. Professor Malcolm Wanklyn.

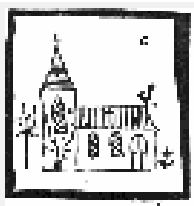
Mervyn Mitchard

Church Diary Dates

12-14 September Heritage weekend look out for special events being held in all the churches of the Benefice.

Harvest Supper will be held on **Friday 26 September** 7.30pm in Martley Memorial Hall

Harvest Service will be held on **Sunday 28 September** 6.30pm at St. Peter's Martley



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

A new Curate for the benefice!

Sunday 29 June saw 11 Deacons and seven Priests ordained in Worcester Cathedral. One of the deacons, Jennifer Whittaker, has been ordained to serve within the Benefice of Martley, Wichenford and the Lower Teme Valley. We are delighted that she is able to join us and help with the work within the parishes.

She writes of herself “Jennifer was born in Yorkshire but brought up and educated in Glasgow. She has worked as a translator for the foreign office and, after moving to Buckinghamshire, as a teacher and for a care service, both in the field and on the organisational side. She is married to Douglas and they have two children. She enjoys travel, walking, cooking and fencing. Licensed as a reader in 1993 she has been involved in Church life for many years and after training on the St. Albans ordination course is eagerly looking forward to serving her title as a non stipendiary curate in the benefice.”

Jennifer’s first Sunday with us will be 31 August, moving to Halfkey from their present home in Chesham. We welcome them both into our midst and look forward to all that she will bring to the parishes.

3 August	
Wichenford	9.30am Holy Communion
Martley	11am Family Service
Broadwas	11am Matins
Knightwick	8am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	6.30pm Evensong
10 August	
Wichenford	10.0am Family Service
Martley	11am Holy Communion
Broadwas	11am Morning Worship
Cotheridge	8am Holy Communion
17 August	
Wichenford	6.30pm Evensong
Martley	8am Holy Communion; 11am Morning Worship
Broadwas	11am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	9am Matins
Knightwick	3pm Evening Worship
24 August	
Wichenford	11am Holy Communion
Martley	9.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Songs of Praise
Broadwas	8am Holy Communion; 11am Family Service
31 August	
Broadwas	6.30pm Benefice Communion to welcome Jennifer Whittaker

In the Garden



This month we harvest some of the fruits of our labour. Lift onions gently with a fork to loosen the roots, then leave them to ripen before harvesting. Take out the tops of outdoor tomato plants after the fourth truss has formed. Sow spring cabbage seed. Shallots should be ready to harvest this month.

Deadheading flowering plants is a regular job at this time of year, but it must be done if flowers are to continue. Take geranium cuttings this month and they should be well rooted before winter. Prepared hyacinth bulbs will be available this month—plant in containers and place in the dark for about 10 weeks and they should be in bloom for Christmas. Carnation stems can be layered to form new plants. Hold stems down with a piece of wire bent to form a hook and pushed into the soil. The stem must be well-covered with soil to encourage it to root. Plant new strawberry beds from healthy runners or purchase new varieties.

Jack Bradley

In the Kitchen



Here is another wartime recipe—a cold pudding for hot weather. (With thanks to Jarrold Publishing).

Orange Mould (“Shape”)

50g/2oz cornflour

600ml/1pt milk

25g/1oz sugar

Rind and juice of ½ orange

½ orange for decoration

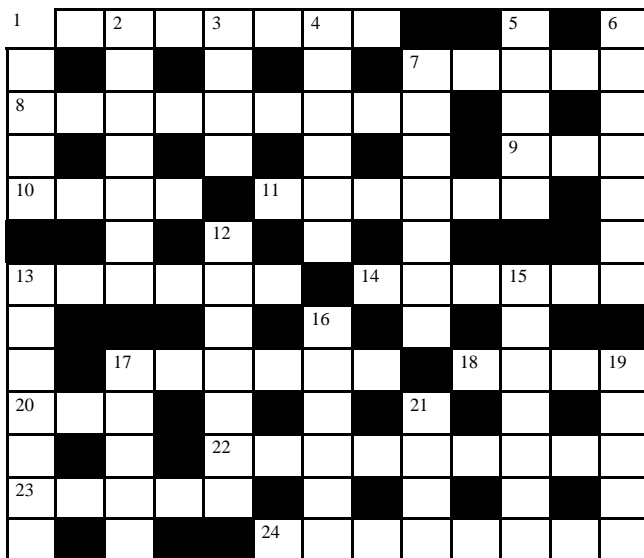
12g/½oz margarine

Serves 2

Blend the cornflour with a little milk. Boil the rest of the milk, then put it onto the blended cornflour and stir well. Add the orange rind and juice. Return the mixture to the saucepan, add the margarine and boil the mixture for five minutes, stirring all the time. Add the sugar and pour the mixture into a basin or jelly mould.

When cold and set, turn out onto a dish and decorate with the rest of the orange.

Tea-break



This crossword has the unseasonal theme of Christmas!

CLUES ACROSS:

- WHERE JESUS CAME FROM (8)
- GIRL'S NAME THAT IS SUNG (5)
- WEED (9)
- SEE 18 ACROSS
- COMPLAIN BITTERLY (4)
- MINUS (6)
- INSTALLER OF MACHINERY (6)
- JESUS'S COT (6)
- 17. SEE 18 ACROSS
- 18. (AND 9,17) PARENTS FROM 1 ACROSS (4,3,6)
- 20. A NEEDLE'S ONE IS IN THE BIBLE (3)
- 22. CHARMISTS (anagram) (9)
- 23. HEN'S SPEAK (5)
- 24.PUTS OFF (8)

CLUES DOWN:

- FOREIGN RIVER (5)
- MEMBER OF A RELIGIOUS SECT (7)
- CALLED (4)
- PART OF A FRINGE (6)

- PLEASURE (5)
- HAPPIER (7)
- PERTAINING TO PART OF A SENTENCE (7)
- FEEL ILL ON WATER (7)
- HAVING EASE IN A LANGUAGE (7)
- USE OF WORDS (7)
- SPREAD (anagram)(6)
- SON OF 18 (5)
- 19. AFFIRMATIVES (5)
- 21. CAPITAL CITY (4)

Answers to July crossword

- ACROSS: 1.ANNUAL 4.CALLS 8.TOMMY
- 9.LAPWING 10.MONTHLY 11.IDEA 12.SIR
- 14.CLAN 15.OATH 18.GAS 21.INCH
- 23.PLATEAU 25.TERMINI 26.CREPE 27.RESAT
- 28.BRANDS
- DOWN: 1.AUTUMN 2.NOMINAL 3.ANYTHING
- 4.CAPS 5.LAIRD 6.SIGNAL 7.CLOYS
- 13.ROMANCER 16.THEREIN 17.WINTER
- 19.SPRIG 20.AUGERS 22.CARDS 24.PINT

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	2 nd XI v. Rushwick	WCL tba
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	2 nd XI v. Dominees & Guild	WCL Away
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	2 nd XI v. Alveley	WCL Away
Sun 31 Aug	Stone	Friendly Home