

# 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:**

**Walking Not Working with the Path-or-Nones.** Meet 9.30am Village Hall car park to help survey the footpaths

### **Mondays**

**1st Monday in the month:**

**Martley Parish Council** 8pm Memorial Hall

### **Tuesdays**

**Short Mat Bowling** 2.30pm Martley Memorial Hall (2pm winter months)

**Wichenford Ladies' Fellowship** 2.30pm  
2nd Tuesday in the month (usually)

### **Wednesdays**

**Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing**

7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

*Enquiries:* Jeff and Thelma 01886 821772

**Martley Folk Club:** 1st Wednesday in the month at The Admiral Rodney

**Martley WI:** 2nd Wednesday in the month 7.30pm at 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

### **Other events:**

**Citizens Advice Bureau Teme Valley**

**Telephone Service:** Mon & Tue 10am—  
3pm Thu 10am— 7.30pm **Great Witley**

**& Knightwick Surgeries:** Weds 10am -  
4pm - by appt. 01584 810860

See Church Words for details of services

See articles inside for details of special events AND changes of times or dates of regular events

See the Diary page on  
[www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk) for a complete listing of all forthcoming events (that the Diary page Editor knows about)

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# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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## *What about August?*



August was named by the Romans in honour of Emperor Augustus Caesar. The Anglo-Saxons called it Weod monath, which means weed month, because it is the month when weeds and other plants grow most rapidly.

August is the busiest time for tourism, falling as it does in the main school holiday. The summer holiday usually last for six weeks for most schools.

## *Lammas Day*

August 1 is Lammas Day, and was Thanksgiving time (Harvest time) in England. The name comes from an Anglo-Saxon word Hlafmaesse, which

means Loaf Mass. The festival of Lammas marks the start of the harvest when people go to church to give thanks for the first corn to be cut. The celebration predates the Christian harvest festival.

Lammas Day also used to be a time for foretelling marriages and trying out partners. Two young people would agree to a trial marriage lasting the period of the fair (11 days) to see if they were suited for wedlock.

## *Weather lore*

“Dry August and warm doth harvest no harm.”

“If the first week of August be warm, the winter will be white and long.”

## *Martley Spurs*

With no fixtures, of course, in June or July the Spurs are getting fit and ready for the Worcester five-a-side tournament in August. They have won that trophy before, let's hope they can manage it again.

The new season will begin at the end of August with just one Division in the Saturday Worcester League due to a

lack of local teams enrolling in what has become a very expensive game, or moving to less demanding leagues.

*Beth Williams*

### ***Congratulations***

Congratulations are due to all our local charity money raisers. Many kind Martley folk have walked, run or cycled dozens of miles to raise money for the local hospices, Cancer Research and the Heart Foundation. Well done to all of you who know who I am congratulating.

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

A very pleasant June evening was spent by members visiting the garden of Margaret Jackson, and the garden of Pam Minchin, who are joint secretaries of the Society. Both gardens were different and very well maintained with many species of interesting plants. A cup of tea and light refreshments served later in Pam's garden was much enjoyed. Barbara Kirby, chairman of the Society, thanked the hostesses for a lovely evening.

There is still time to collect a schedule for the Society's Annual Show on Saturday 19 August at 2pm from Martley Post Office, Central Stores or a Committee member. At the meeting on Thursday 28 September at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall, there is a change of speaker from the 2006 programme. It will now be Duncan Coombs, his

subject "The Shaded Garden". New members most welcome.

*Nellie Bradley*

### ***Welcome***

Welcome to Orla Rose Burton. A lovely daughter born to Mary & Kevin, and a baby sister for Conor. Orla Rose arrived on Sunday 25 June.

### ***Pudford Lane***

Congratulations to Simon Jeffries on gaining his 2.1 degree from Cardiff University and here's wishing him well for his coming work in New Zealand. Congratulations also to Alex Rogers on his 21st birthday and, if there is anyone I have missed out, please forgive me.

We have recently been visited by a BBC TV film cameraman and a programme producer for programmes expected to go out in Autumn 2007. These will cover various aspects of the Midlands countryside.

More filming is promised for early August when we hay cut. We suggested that we could appear in smocks, straw hats and carrying scythes, billhooks and flagons of cider. The cameraman thought it a marvellous idea, but the producer was not amused.

It appears Alan Titchmarsh will be fronting the programmes so our promised 5-10 minute slot could be in illustrious company. Watch this space.

*Kate King*

## ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to Wendy Smith (Perkins) who completed the 'Race for Life' and raised a staggering £645. Wendy wishes to thank everyone for their support and generosity.

## ***Fire and emergency volunteers needed***

The Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire Red Cross is launching a new fire and emergency support service. The service will support the emergency services by responding to the needs of a family who have had to evacuate their home as a result of fire, flooding or other disasters.

We are looking for volunteers to provide this service. Volunteers must be over 18 years old and should live within 30 minutes of Worcester City Centre. Full training will be provided for free and expenses will be paid.

Can you give one or two days per month?

Contact: Peter Gray, 01905 351 212. Email: peter-gray@redcross.org.uk.

## ***Martley ramblers***

### **Sunday 13 August 10.30am**

The walk this month, another morning one to avoid the heat, will be Kyre Park led by Kate and Harry King. Cars leave the church car park at 10.30am. Recent walks have been very enjoyable, but then they always are, and reflect the planning put in by the lead-

ers. Jenny Underhill led around Cleobury Mortimer, following the river Rea and through Morley Woods. The evening walk around Ravenshill Nature Reserve was led by Alex Walker. Although the evening was overcast when we started, the sun came out and it became a beautiful evening. The sunshine slanting through the trees would have made some striking photos, but no one had a camera. It was quite eerie in places with the remains of deserted limekilns and evidence of the long-abandoned railway. Views of both Herefordshire and Malvern were superb. Many thanks to both leaders.

*Kate King*

## ***Martley WI***

There is no formal meeting this month, but please support our efforts at the Horticultural Show on Saturday 19 August. Our cake and produce stall is always popular and also the bric-a-brac. There will be a WI promotional stall manned by County Representatives.

It was a shame that the proposed Fish and Chip Supper on the Severn Valley railway was cancelled due to problems at their end, but alternative arrangements for a skittle evening at The Admiral Rodney proved popular.

Joy and Reg Snow welcomed us to their home for our garden meeting on a lovely summer evening. Good company, good food and drink and entertainment were all present. Mike Kipping acted as auctioneer and with the

help of his assistants and the bids from those present raised over £100 for funds. We were back indoors at Heaton House for the July meeting. Do join us for happy, sociable and interesting evenings every second Wednesday in each month (except August of course).

*Kate King*

### **To remove unpleasant odours from your fridge**

To keep your fridge smelling fresh, cut a lemon in half, scoop out the flesh, and fill with salt. Put the lemon in the back of your fridge – the salt will absorb any unpleasant odours and the lemon will ensure that it smells fresh.

*Katy, NFWI staff member*



***Pre-School Snippets***

Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about wild animals. They have been enjoying making emu hand puppets and tiger masks as well as listening to stories such as 'Walking through the Jungle.' Speaking of jungles... a big thank you to Stuart Corbett and Robert Taylor for helping out in the garden.

A great day was had by all on our trip on the Severn Valley Railway. The children travelled to Halt Country Park for an exploration of the woods. Photos will be on the website soon. [www.martleypreschool.co.uk](http://www.martleypreschool.co.uk)

A party with a bouncy castle on July 20th gave Joshua Hawkins, Myles

Chilvers, Jade Taylor, Isabella Hall, Harry Masters, Jack Watson and Jack Hodges a fun-filled send off as they head for the BIG school next term. We all wish them the very best of luck.

As mentioned last month, Chris Woodburn has retired. We bid her a sad farewell but welcome Lucy Albutt. Lucy has joined the team as an assistant in the Pre-School and Out-Of-School Clubs.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the sponsored walk to the top of Berrow Hill on July 2nd. It was a rare opportunity to take in the spectacular views the Hill offers. It was great to see so many families enjoying the day together.

Our second annual Five-a-Side football tournament will take place Sunday 17th September on the playing fields at the Memorial Hall. Teams wishing to register or anyone with enquiries should contact Laverne Banner on 01886 888640. This was a hugely popular event last year, so hurry as places will be limited.

## *Bee News*



Saturday 17 June was a hot day especially in a Bee Suit! However, the Apiary Visit at Prickley Top was very well attended by 10 members. We were also joined by a couple of interested newcomers, who having recently had a swarm collected from their garden and were eager to learn more about beekeeping.

As well as looking at the three hives in the apiary and exchanging lots of advice and ideas, Richard Jackman, our Chairman, also introduced us to grafting newly laid eggs into Queen Cells for the production of new Queens.

The eagle eyes of the youngest amongst us - Alex 10 - were very helpful in identifying and extracting these tiny specs. At least one of the new Queens has been successfully introduced to a hive already.

August will see most beekeepers very busy starting to extract honey as the nectar flow begins to diminish, so we have no scheduled activities for the month.

However, everyone will be preparing for the Annual Honey Tasting in Sep-

tember - more on that next time.

*Sue Braithwaite 01886 812808*

## *Martley's Past*

(Girls' School) Harriet Shaw, having started teaching in Martley on 9 January 1871, made her final entry on 19 August 1872, when she wrote, "Received two visits from the Rev Wetherfield and two from Mrs Hastings. The Rev H J Hastings distributed prizes to the children on Friday and they broke up for one month's holiday." She had previously written on 7 August, a "Summary of the inspector's report on the Martley Girls School."

"The School is in a very fair state of efficiency. The girls read and write well and are unusually proficient in needlework, but they are inaccurate in Spelling and Arithmetic in the higher standards. My Lords will look for improvement in these subjects next year." Signed - A Cooper. Rev Hastings added, "Miss Shaw will receive her certificate shortly."

On 23 September 1872, Eliza Grant commenced her duties as Mistress of this School.

Footnote. In 1979 a lady turned up at the Primary School carrying a needlework basket she had just bought at an antique shop in Bewdley. It bore a mother-of-pearl plaque stating - "Diocesan training college at Derby, Harriet Shaw, 11 October 1870." It was one of four second prizes. Read the full story of Harriet's leaving next month!

*Alan Boon*



## ***Worcestershire Way in a Day's Challenge***

For the third year, St Richard's Hospice laid down the challenge to walk the

whole of the Worcestershire Way in a day—and raise funds for its excellent work. The walk was 31.5 miles through surely some of the loveliest countryside in England.

So it was that on the lovely summer morning of 9th June, promptly at 6am, nine of us from Martley and Wichendonford and about 170 others, set out to walk from Bewdley's main car park to Malvern High Street via many, many hills with no bus stops.

Carrying enough provisions for a week of desert campaigning and a frozen banana that later reminded me it was in my front mounted bum bag by leaking a smelly squelchy soup down my shorts, we enthusiastically set off in a giant gaggle.

Cool at first, grass heavy with dew, we feared the heat that would come later, so were well protected with lashings of sun cream and for myself, a white England world cup stetson from the pound shop, to top me off.

From Bewdley's riverside, we streamed through Ribbesford, Little Lakes Golf Course and Heightington and the depths of Joan's Hole. We

trekked up and over the Abberley Hills, past Abberley school, slogged up Walsgrove, then more easily over Rodge Hill and at last The Admiral Rodney, just over half way. There, Ken and Gill provided an excellent and long anticipated light lunch which exactly met the needs of the day. Thanks, again Ken and Gill!

Though we had started from Bewdley in a big pack, by lunchtime the line stretched for many miles; indeed, the first arrival was 1030ish, the last at about 5pm (when they decided to call it a day). Your local heroes arrived about 11, and after half an hour set off for Easinghope and beyond that Nipple Coppice and Ankerdine. Swiftly limping past the siren call of the Talbot's bars, we soldiered on along the Alfrick road and up on to the Suckley Hills. It was by now half past midday and actually it was not too hot—plenty of trees and a welcome cooling breeze helping to moderate the temperature.

Although we were totally focussed on the job in hand, we were not too tired or preoccupied to reflect on the stunning beauty of our surroundings and the infinite changes in views and scenes as we moved South. The WW is a glorious path and traversing it in one day added a dimension to the experience.

Next, to Crew's Hill and the endless stretches (for me) to Longley Green, where we almost drank dry the little, welcoming post office cum shop. The road/field route beyond Longley Green is a real trial, a mile uphill just when you don't want it, for some this

was the worst of the whole day. Struggling down hill and consuming packets of anti-inflammatories, for by now my knees had packed in, we crossed the broad flatlands of the flood plains of the Severn and Teme, to the New Inn on the A4103 Hereford Road. Through orchards and arable grounds to Cowleigh Park Farm (the end of the WW for some years). A quick breather, for now the end was nearly in sight, only the large matter of North Hill to conquer. To help us on our way, a drink and a hat soak from one of Malvern's gushing springs. The drag up hundreds of steps on to North Hill was accomplished with no deaths, along Lady de somebody's drive and down a long agonizing hill to St Anne's well and the end of the way, urged on by a banner that proclaimed that 'your celebratory drink awaits you'. Indeed it was, but unfortunately we had to pay for it, oh well.

First finishers at The Red Lion, 3.45pm, and we were not far behind. Boy was the ale good!

Thanks to all the organisers, and thanks to my training companions—that was the surprising and perhaps best part of the enterprise, six weeks training, making new friends, exploring wide sweeps around Martley. Thanks to those who put out refreshments on the day, and yes, even digestive biscuits at one point.

### **See you at the physio**

How much did the local gang raise—around £5,500 at last count—thank you

on behalf of St Richard's to all who gave so generously.

For the record we were Mike Install, Richard McHugh, John Harrison, Martin Thomas, David Tomlin, Tony Lewington, Rosemary Williams, Tom Pearsall and John Nicklin



### ***Pensax Thrift Shop***

Thrift Shop will be holding a Coffee Morning during trading on the 27th September, in aid of McMillan Cancer Research

(joining in on the "Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning"). There will be a raffle, cake stall and a Bring and Buy stall.

### ***Thank you***

May I on behalf of Pensax Thrift Shop thank everyone, through your magazine, who contributed in any way, towards the fund raising in aid of the County Air Ambulance held at the village hall on Wednesday the 12th July. It was a great day (including the weather) and more than £1,300 was raised - to date. Nerys Didlick.

### ***Letter from Indonesia***

Indonesia has had more than its fair share of problems over the last year or so. I am sure everyone knows about



the tragic events that happened in Aceh and, of course, in many other parts of Asia. The latest events surround Yogyakarta where a huge number of people have been killed and far larger number injured when the Earthquake struck on a Saturday morning.

The local Government was quick to respond largely due to the build up of aid for the possible eruption of Mount Merapi. Mount Merapi is very close to Yogja, maybe only 20 kilometers.

The volcano has been spewing out steam and gas for several weeks now and scientists have been predicting a major eruption soon. It has been observed that since the earthquake, the volcano activity has increased, but no one knows for sure if and when there will be a major eruption.

### **Earthquake**

When the earthquake struck it was a suburb of Yogja that got the most damage and although aid was rapidly organised because the main runway at Yogja was damaged by the quake and aircraft could not land. Planes carrying food and medicine had to land at nearby Solo and then relief supplies trucked to Yogja.

The problems arose in getting the aid to the outer fringes of the disaster area. It was only five days later that people on the fringe areas could get vital supplies of medicine food and water. Let us hope all those who got injured have adequate treatment at one of the emergency field hospitals that were set up. Jakarta is a sprawling city with an esti-



*Mount Merapi*

ated population of 12 million. Over the past 2 to 3 years the motorcycle population has increased dramatically. No one is sure how many motorcycles are on the roads, but one hears of 35,000 new motorcycles hitting the streets every month.

Most expats have a driver. I used to but gave up on it due to the driver reliability. If you get a good one then fine. I now drive myself and don't find it that demanding, one just has to watch out for the motorcyclists as they weave in and out and in front of you.

I leave home for the office around 0530 Monday to Friday, the main reason for the early start is to beat the traffic. At 0530 I can get to work in about 20 mins. If I left at 0630 it takes over one hour. The distance is about 10 kilometers. I leave work around 15.30 again to beat the main traffic.

Sometimes I have to go to our operating location in Jambi, which is in Sumatra. The oil production facility is located some 4 hours drive west of Jambi city going in the general direction of Bukittinggi, which is on the Indian ocean side of Sumatra.

### **Power station**

I am responsible for all the Electrical and Instrument Engineering in the Company and recently installed and commissioned a power station for our oil production facility. The location is in deep jungle and we do see after rain the occasional tiger foot print. There are also some large Pythons, which can be seen at night absorbing the heat off our dirt roads.

The climate in Indonesia is hot and humid, the average daily temperature is around 35 degrees centigrade. It's the humidity that really gets to you and one never gets used to it. At night the temperature drops down to around 27 degrees. As you can imagine all offices and buildings are equipped with air conditioning, it would be impossible to work without it.

The staple diet for a lot of people is nasi goreng, which is fried rice with a fried egg and sometimes a piece of chicken. At a small Indonesian café this may cost around US\$50 cents or in the local currency 5000 Rupiah.

Most of Indonesian food is accompanied with Sambal, which is chilly paste; it is very hot but seems to be a natural companion to the food. Jakarta has a variety of International restaurants usually located in many of the International 4 to 5 star hotels.

The hotels here and generally in the Far East are a very high standard. When I last visited UK I had occasion to stay in both London and Newport in South Wales and there is no comparison. The UK rates are outrageous and

the rooms generally small and very poorly furnished. I seem to remember paying more than £100 in England for a room the size of a shoe box. US\$100 here will get you very up market accommodation.

*Mike Townsend*

### ***Martley Parish Council***

#### **Monday July 3, Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp, Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor, Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear, Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh, Cllr. Mr. N. Stammers.

In attendance: Mr. T. Pearsall (Clerk to The Parish Council),  
7 members of the public.

#### **The Democratic Period/Public Question Time**

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business, the following points were raised:

A question was asked if this Council had any information about the supply of waste bags. The Clerk read out a reply letter from the Chief Exec. MHDC. It was confirmed that the centre of the village had been supplied and that the remainder would receive them the week commencing 17th. July.

A comment was made that the churchyard looks a mess with grass cuttings everywhere. The Clerk to write to the PCC and enquire if there is a problem. A question was asked about the legality of garden fires following several

incidents in St. Peters Drive/Hollins Lane.

The Clerk explained the local bylaws and confirmed that continued and regular fires may constitute a nuisance and should be reported to MHDC environmental health dept.

Stealing is still taking place and an incident was reported where a half shaft was removed from a new lorry at The Woodyard; this was reported to the police, but neighbourhood watch has not been informed about this or several other incidents. The Clerk to write to Tenbury Police and invite them to a future meeting.

The Parish Council Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8:20 pm.

**280-06 Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. G. Coombey-Jones, J. Slough, M. Randall and M. Nott these were accepted.

**281-06 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:** The Clerk reminded everyone of the need to declare interests and to keep their list up to date.

**282-06** Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th. June. 2006: It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

**283-06 Disposal of Documents:** It was resolved to destroy all contemporaneous notes and tape recordings of meetings, which may be used to produce minutes, within 20 days of the meeting.

**284-06 Dog Fouling:**

Dog fouling on the grassed area in Nash Close is a problem. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for the erection of notices announcing the £1,000 fine for offenders.

**285-06 Waste bins, village signs & Seat:** It was resolved that The Clerk arrange for the purchase and erection of the seat near to The Old Weighbridge. The Chairman and The Clerk to apply for grants for the other items.

**286-06 District Councillor's Report:** District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams said that she had tabled a question with MHDC asking for confirmation that MHDC is cooperating fully with the first tier (Parish Councils). The reply confirmed their intentions.

D. Cllr Williams reported that she had attended the relaunch of Sport Martley this day.

D. Cllr. Williams reported that she has been appointed vice chair of the Northern Development Committee. She asked if MPC could include in their Parish Plan the provision of a footpath along The Hillside; the Chairman agreed to consider this. Ducton Coppice has now been removed from the conservation proposals because it is considered that the land owner has already conserved the area sympathetically.

**287-06 County Councillor's Report:** County Councillor Mr. A. Davies has tendered his apologies thus

no report was available. However, the Chairman reported that the Chantry has received a successful OFSTED report.

#### 288-06 Correspondence:

##### **Correspondence for 3rd. July 2006.**

MPC letter to Highways ref. various matters.

MPC letter to MHDC ref refuse sacks and reply

MPC letter to MHDC Planning enforcement ref. Lower Hollins Farm

Nora Parsons Day Centre: Notification of AGM 12th. July 7:30 (Cllr. D. Goodyear will attend).

WCC: Public Rights of Way information boards; response needed by 30th. June.

MPC letter to Alan Forrest ref. Laugherne Valley Travel

WCC: Notice of pre-submission public participation waste core strategy; notice of work shops 19th. June Diglis Hotel, 20th. June Mount Pleasant Malvern 21st. June Ladybird pub Bromsgrove

WCC Highway: Provision of seat Old Weighbridge, confirmation of consent and plans showing Statutory Undertaker apparatus. (7 days notice required before construction to Highways) .

NALC: "£1000 for sharing your experiences" letter and leaflet on what the council has done to help others. (Q&A and application form downloaded)

Guidance for Parish & Town Councils in Herefordshire "Presentation to Planning Sub Committees" (via WCALC

and relevant to MHD).

MHDC: Acknowledgement of MPC letter to Chris Bocock.

MHDC: Agendas Executive Committee 20th. June, Standards Committee 20th. June.

CPRE: Subs request (£26) due 30-06-06( Finance)

MHDC: Email reply to MPC request ref. caravans Lower Hollins Fm.

The University of Wales: Survey ref. Quality Parish Councils.

WCC: Reply to MPC letter ref highways matters (signs, Ankerdine etc.)

Kenswick & Wichenford PC: Road signs. (Akd 29th. June)

Copy of letter by Mr. Ian Logan ref. new school signs.

WCALC: NALC briefing on "Climate change and sustainable energy Act 2006" extra powers for Parish Councils. (Promotion of micro generation and efficiency in use of energy).

#### 289-06 Planning: applications received:

1. 06/00833/FUL 1, The Bungalows Berrow Green Road, Pitched roofing to replace flat; Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor. MPC to support

2. 06/00914/FUL, Hawks Nest Farm Barn, existing separate annex to main barn converted into ancillary dwelling; Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor; site meeting to be arranged.

3.

#### **Applications approved/refused/withdrawn:**

1. 05/01541/FUL The Tee Farm: proposed conversion of barns; r e - fused.

05/01543/LBC The Tee Farm: proposed conversion of barns (listed building) refused.

290-06

**Finance:**

There were 10 cheques totalling £1520.93 for agreement and signature

Income May 06: £350.00

Current Bank Balance Lloyds TSB 14th.June 2006 £6926.60

Actual position 5th. June 2006 £5224.42

Deposit Acc

£7308.60

It was resolved to adopt the finances.

The Clerk presented the Internal Auditor's report; it was resolved to accept this.

The Clerk and Chairman signed and completed the External Auditor's form; it was resolved to accept the Statement of Assurance in this form.

291-06 Parish Paths Warden Report:

The report was read out and is attached as addendum 1

292-06 Urgent decisions since last meeting: There was none.

293-06 Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas:

1. An agenda item is required to discuss village signs.

294-06 **Freedom of Martley:**

The public were requested to leave for this item, because individual persons would be discussed. Minutes of this part of the meeting will be unpublished, but held in the minute book under seal

295-06

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is on Monday 7th. August 2006 at 8 p.m. (Finance committee at 7:30 p.m.).

Meeting closed at 22:10 hrs.

**Addendum 1**

Parish Paths Warden's Report

I am told loads of clearance was done—I don't know, I could not be there this month, but clearance is the order of the day and we are somewhat behind this year. Thanks to the Path-or-Nones for this.

In June, 4 members of our group (along with 5 others from Martley/Wichenford) walked the length of the Worcestershire Way in a day for the benefit of St Richard's hospice. A full report has been submitted and should appear in The Villager as soon as possible.

Also in June we held the first Path-or-Nones Pathethon (say it quickly), an effort to walk all 41 miles of Martley's rights of way. We divided the parish into 16 areas, drew lots to see which went to which group and then went off over the weekend of 24th 25th June, armed with cameras and maps to check out all the routes.

We are currently compiling the evidence brought back—and are really pleased with the results, and the enthusiasm that the participants expressed for this new type of walking challenge. Watch this space for next year!



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS



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## *Flower Rota*

6 August Mrs C Jones  
13 August Mrs S Pearce  
20 August Mrs B Hadfield  
27 August Mrs C Weatherall

## *Wichenford 100 club*

June winner. Mrs Brenda Richardson. Ticket 39. £108.

## *Millennium Green tidying and inspection rota*

August: Heather Rendell.

## *Boxes*

The Church of England Children's boxes this year raised £114.57. Thanks to all the box holders.

## *Volunteers wanted*

Volunteers are needed to help with the jobs that need attention once a year in the Church. So please come along if you can on Saturday 19 August at 10am to 12.30pm.

## *Wedding Congratulations*

Heartiest congratulations to David Pugh and Lucy Brown who were married at a lovely ceremony in Bovey Tracey, Devon. We wish them every happiness in their future lives together.

## *Baby News*

Congratulations to John and Sheila Richards on the arrival of a baby granddaughter, Martha, daughter of Helen and her husband Andy, a sister for Ellie, Hannah and Tom. Special congratulations to Great Grandma, Millie Pargeter.

## *Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council*

Meeting held on Monday 26th June 2006 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

Councillor G. Britten-Long chaired the meeting. (Chairman)

Present: Councillor M. Andrews

Councillor J .Panton; Councillor J. Wells; Councillor N.Oldfield; Councillor H. Rendall: Councillor K. Randall (vice chair).

In Attendance: District Councillor B Williams, County Councillor A Davies, Police Constable A Naulls and Mrs S Sanders (Clerk to the Parish Council)

**Democratic half hour/public question time.**

The chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about parish business.

Apologies and approval of absence.

Councillor A Chilvers, (accepted)

Councillor D Stinton (accepted)

**Declaration of interest**

Councillors Britten-Long and Rendall declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, Millennium Green Donation.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2006 were accepted and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Rendall.

It was pointed out to the clerk that on page 106 were 2 items that should have been put on the agenda.

The tree guard on Kingsgreen has been removed and will be kept for future use.

The Gibbs family would like a Horse Chestnut tree to be planted in memory of their mother, on Kingsgreen. Cllr Rendall will clear a spot by the post box ready for planting in the autumn, and asked if the parish council would consider placing a plaque by the tree. The parish council agreed to discuss

this item at the next meeting.

**Progress report**

Notice Board

The clerk has received several brochures that will be passed to each councillor to look through before any decisions are made.

It was also suggested that letters should be written to the district and county council asking if they would help financially with the cost.

The clerk was asked to put this item on the next agenda.

**Planning**

The re-use of Rural Buildings Committee Report responses was read out. Meadow View.

The clerk has contacted the Highways Department with regard to the missing gully. They do not feel that any encroachment has occurred as at the time of the visit there was no fence or boundary marker in place.

The road was dug up near Meadow View to replace a gully and has not yet been re-surfaced. Clerk to inform highways.

Applications considered since the last meeting.

Alteration and extension of existing orangery to provide a garage store and changing room for proposed swimming pool. Proposed Ménage and stables.

Demolition of existing redundant cottages and the construction of one detached dwelling house.

Decisions made by MHDC

Masons Arms Public House. (childrens play area retrospective) Approved.

06/00503/ful. Colketts Farm (Domestic extension) Refused.

### **Finance**

The income/expenditure account was discussed and accepted. Proposed by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Panton.

The balance up to the 31st May 2006 stands at £10,117.49.

There were 4 cheques totaling £272.51 for agreement and signature.

The clerk was asked to work out how much the of the PP3 Payment remains.

Internal/External Audit.

The report of the internal auditor was examined, approved, and recorded as a clear certificate.

The annual return was duly completed and certified by the chairman and clerk to the council for submission to the external auditor, together with a copy of the bank reconciliation and report on the major variances between 2005/2006.

The parish council approved the payment of £75.00 to the Internal Auditor. The Consols Certificates are actually worth more on paper than in cash and it was resolved to leave them as they are.

### **Millennium Green donation**

Councillors Rendall and Britten-Long took no part in the discussion of the Millennium Green.

A resolution was put to the council

asking if they would like to give a donation under Section 137 to the Millennium Green. It was resolved that the finances of the Millennium Green should be reviewed every year before the amount is decided. It was proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Panton that this should be put on the next agenda when the final figure could be agreed.

### **Correspondence**

The amalgamation of West Midlands Police Force. The parish council will send a letter supporting West Mercia Police objecting to the amalgamation of the police force.

ODPM procedures for making, confirming, and enforcing bylaws.

### **Items for future agendas**

It was noted that the village green has not been cut and is looking untidy. This is the responsibility of Elgar Housing. The clerk has this in hand and is hoping it will be cut imminently.

Again the pavement behind the garages is very overgrown with brambles. This is also the responsibility of Elgar Housing, and every year it has to be reported. The parish council will sort it out and ask Elgar Housing to reimburse them any costs.

It was brought to the parish council's notice that at the next Martley parish council meeting they will be discussing the large amount of signs in the village. The clerk was asked to write to Martley reminding them that they



did agree that the signs for Barbers Lane and Dirty Lane could be placed and we would be obliged if they could be left.

### **Parishlink bus service.**

Councillor Panton reported that Laughern Valley Travel now ceases to exist and has been taken over by the County Council.

The midnight service has been suspended. All other services will run until September when it will be reviewed by the county. £1,700 is left from the remaining service and they would like to know what the parish councils want to happen with the money that they put in.

It was unanimously resolved that the parish council would like their share of the money returned.

The clerk was asked if she could find out any information regarding the ownership of the village pound.

### **Change September meeting**

This meeting will now be held on 11th September 2006.

### **Date and venue of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting arranged for 24th July at 7.30pm

### **PC Naulls Report.**

PC Naulls reported that a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator is still needed in Kenswick. The Parish Council agreed to ask the Kenswick parish councillor.

The total amount of reported crime in Wichenford from April 04 –Mar 06

has reduced from 37 to 24.

From April 06 to May 06 there have been 4 reported incidents in Wichenford and none in Kenswick.

In February, the West Mercia Police Authority rejected the Home Secretary's plans for the Force to voluntarily amalgamate with West Midlands, Warwickshire, and Staffordshire.

Mini-motorbikes, such as mini-motos and "go-peds" are now very popular. If you own one there are a few things you must be aware of.

Firstly, they cannot be ridden on the road unless they are licensed, taxed and insured.

Riders must be over 16yrs and wear a crash helmet. Secondly, they cannot be ridden on footpaths, cycle paths, pavements, bridleways, parks, car parks, woods or common open spaces. They can be ridden on private land providing the landowner has given permission.

## ***Firewood***

### **Cordwood**

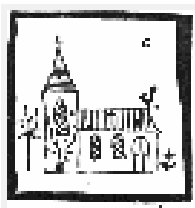
Hardwood cordwood for collection in Wichenford for £25 a cord. Local delivery by arrangement at cost.

### **Hardwood logs**

at £50 a pickup load. Local delivery by arrangement at cost.

Poplar and willow for wood burners also available.

Telephone 0777 186 7961



# Church Words

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As I mentioned a few months ago, we were trying to find out the “Top Ten” hymns/Christian songs for the Benefice. On Sunday 9th July at St Mary Magdalene Broadwas our service revealed those hymns and songs, tied in with stories about them. The list is as follows:

**How great thou art**  
**Be still for the presence of the Lord**  
**Morning has broken**  
**He who would valiant be**  
**Dear Lord and Father of mankind**  
**Great is thy faithfulness**  
**Guide me O thee great redeemer**  
**Make me a channel of your peace**  
**Take my life and let it be**  
**There is a redeemer**  
**Lord of all hopefulness**

There were 11 because these are all the songs that received more than one vote.

As I researched the hymns, it became clear to me that they were written from a deep desire for others to know how important God/Jesus was to them and to pass on these truths to others.

They were like letters that we had been given providing an insight into their love of God and commitment to Christ.

One surprise author had a Hollywood connection. Did you know that Jan Struther was the pen name of Joyce Anstruther, later Joyce Maxtone Graham and finally Joyce Placzek, as she was known, wrote Lord of all hopefulness; she also wrote the book Mrs Minniver. For all you film buffs out there it was a wartime film that won an Oscar.

The highlights for me are that we do not need to be a vicar or a monk or a nun to have a deep personal faith in God and know Jesus, but each of us in our daily lives can know him by our side – as “Lord of all hopefulness” suggests.

From that walk then comes the letters of praise that can turn into songs and hymns of all He has done for us and like the number 1 hymn we too can say “How great thou art”.

## God Bless

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## *Church diary for August*

5 Aug – 8 Oct: “Anglicanism and the Western Christian Tradition” continuity and change – Worcester Cathedral – followed by an ecumenical conference to follow a play on at the same time called “Worcester Pilgrim”

Tuesday 1 August 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Saturday 5 August 9-10.30am Benefice Prayer Group, Knightwick Chapel

Sunday 6 August 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel

9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford

11.00am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley

11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge

Monday 7 August 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

Wednesday 9 Aug 10.15 Songs of Praise at Heaton House

Sunday 13 August 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge

10.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford

11.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley

11.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Monday 14 August 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at home of George Lawrence

Tuesday 15 August 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Sunday 20 August 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley

9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge

11.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

11.00am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley

3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel

6.30pm Evensong, St Laurence, Wichenford

Monday 21 August 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter, Martley

Tuesday 23 August 4.30pm Evening Prayer at St Johns Parish Church

Wednesday 23 August 10.15 Songs of Praise at Heaton House

Thursday 24 August 12.00 Martley Mother’s Union at the home of Muriel Coombe

Sunday 27 August 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley

11.00am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

11.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford

6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley

Monday 28 August Bank Holiday

# August events

## Witley Court Event - Secret Fairies Trails for Children

Venue: Witley Court  
Phone: 01299 896636  
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/q7b2>  
Aug 1-31

## NT Event Croome Park - Flutters, Bugs & Dragons Family Trail

Venue: Croome Park  
Phone: 01905 371006  
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/pci0>  
Aug 3

## Eastnor: Big Chill -

Venue: Eastnor Castle, Ledbury  
E-Mail: [enquiries@eastnorcastle.com](mailto:enquiries@eastnorcastle.com)  
Phone: 0207 684 2020  
Website: <http://www.bigchill.net/>  
Aug 4-6

## Tenbury Countryside Show -

Venue: Tenbury Wells  
Phone: 01584 810818  
Aug 5

## Eastnor: Birds of Prey displays - with Hawkeye Falconry

Venue: Eastnor Castle, nr. Ledbury  
E-Mail: [enquiries@eastnorcastle.com](mailto:enquiries@eastnorcastle.com)  
Phone: 01531 633160  
Website: <http://www.eastnorcastle.com>  
Aug 6

## Malverns Experience Week - Special events all week - see "web site" below for programme (PDF=101Kb). Free tickets available from Malvern TIC.

Venue: Various locations around Malvern  
Phone: 01684 892289

Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/hodi>  
Aug 14-20

## Eastnor: Children's Fun Week -

Venue: Eastnor Castle, Ledbury  
E-Mail: [enquiries@eastnorcastle.com](mailto:enquiries@eastnorcastle.com)  
Phone: 01531 633160  
Website: [www.eastnorcastle.com](http://www.eastnorcastle.com)  
Aug 14-18

## Worcester CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival - 8th Annual celebration of Britain's real ale and cider heritage. Open 7-11pm Thursday & 11-11pm on Friday & Saturday

Venue: Worcester Racecourse  
E-Mail: [info@worcesterbeerfest.org.uk](mailto:info@worcesterbeerfest.org.uk)  
Phone: 01684 573018  
Website: [www.worcesterbeerfest.org.uk](http://www.worcesterbeerfest.org.uk)  
Aug 17-19

## Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb - British, Leaders & Midland Hill Championship

Venue: Shelsley Walsh  
Phone: 01886 812211  
Website: <http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/2006.htm>  
Aug 19-20

## Upton Water Festival -

Venue: Upton Upon Severn  
Phone: 01684 594378  
Website: <http://www.upton.uk.net/events/water.html>  
Aug 26-28

## Eastnor: Knight's Treasure Hunt -

Venue: Eastnor Castle, Ledbury  
E-Mail: [enquiries@eastnorcastle.com](mailto:enquiries@eastnorcastle.com)  
Phone: 01531 633160  
Website: [www.eastnorcastle.com](http://www.eastnorcastle.com)  
Aug 27-28

## Flea Fair -

Venue: Three Counties Showground  
E-Mail: [info@threecounties.co.uk](mailto:info@threecounties.co.uk)  
Phone: 01636 702326  
Aug 28

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