

# 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

**2nd 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

**Weight Watchers**

6.30 pm - 7.30 pm 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

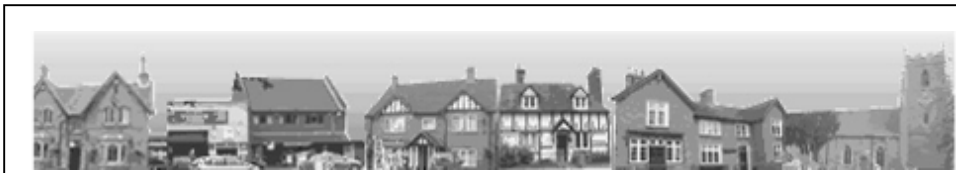
See the Diary page on

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

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

# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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## *Lammas day*

The festival of Lammas marks the beginning of the harvest, when people go to church to give thanks for the first corn to be cut. In past times they brought the freshly cut corn, or a loaf of bread, to church as an offering. There were also Lammas fairs, where couples could agree to a trial marriage. If the trial worked, they got married properly.

Lammas takes its name from the Old English "hlaf," meaning "loaf" and

"maesse," meaning feast. Lammas has often been taken to mean Lamb-mass, because on August 1, the next day, is the Feast of St. Peter's Chains, at which lambs are taken to church for blessing.

The Lammas festival was adopted by the Christian Church in 1843 and people decorated churches with sheaves and corn dollies, celebrating the old Pagan holiday, as they sang "Bringing in the Sheaves" while making offerings of corn to the Church.

An old custom that can be re-created today is the construction of the Kern-baby or corn maiden at Lammas. The maiden can be made from the husks of corn served at the Lammas Feast, then saved for use as a brideo'g at Candle-mas.

Lammas Fairs are still held annually throughout the country. At the Exeter Lammas Fair, a large, stuffed glove, decorated with flowers and ribbons, is fasted atop a pole and carried about the fairgrounds. It is then placed on the roof of the Guild Hall to signify the opening of the fair. A gift of money for gloves (to servants) was also traditional at Lammastide.

One source tells us the glove repre

## ***Martley Parish Council***

Regarding the minutes for Martley Parish Council, I have recently received many phone calls by parishioners and members of Martley PC asking why *The Villager* no longer publishes the minutes. Again, I would like to reiterate that the clerk to the parish council informed me that edited minutes would not be acceptable and that the minutes could only appear if they were printed in their entirety, unedited. Unfortunately, the

unabridged version of the minutes usually runs to five-six pages and would severely limit the space available for articles from local correspondents.

I hope this clarifies the issue.

- *The Villager* would also like to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to the magazine. We urgently need writers so please drop us a line.

*The editor*

sents a unit of measure, indicating a fair rate of exchange. Another compares it to the Egyptian "open hand," representing friendship and fortune.



## ***Library Services at Home***

Should you be unable to personally visit a branch, including Martley, or the mobile unit, due to ill health, immobility or in some way confined to your home, you can get whatever books you want delivered to your home.

This service is free and anyone interested in such a service should contact: *Sharron Jarvis at Pershore Library, tel: 01386-554559.*

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## ***Calling all young bookworms***

"Big Wild Read" is the title of this year's children's summer library event. Children aged 4-12 years of age are invited to borrow and read six books between now and 29 September. A small prize is given when each read book is returned to the library. When all six prizes have been collected, the child is awarded a certificate and is invited to see the "Animal Man Show" at Stourport library.

## ***Martley Spurs***

The fears of no Saturday League football has been quelled since eleven teams have signed up for a new season. The four Sunday Divisions are still in place, the Spurs being



in the Premier and the first Division. The Worcester and District League has frozen its fees for the fourth year in a row which is very encouraging. The League is hoping the behaviour of rowdy supporters and the indiscipline of the players themselves will improve following the many problems that marred last season's games, a season in which the Tavern has been excluded from its league. A League statement read: "Intimidation and bullying cannot be accepted in our sport. Those who think they can use such threats against opposition players, club officials, spectators or referees will not be tolerated."

*Beth Williams*

### **Martley ramblers**

Sunday 12  
August 1 pm  
Church car  
park

This appears to have been the year for changes and cancellations to the programme.

David Wilkes stepped into the breach for the first of the June walks and led a most interesting 5½ miles in the lower valley of the Leigh Brook, and through lovely meadows and unspoilt countryside. There were even the remains of a motte and bailey castle to gaze at.

The evening walk was planned for the

evening after the torrential rain. In the interests of safety and because the paths, bridleways and roads were impassable, it was decided to cancel. Alex Walker has promised to keep it in the can for a later date. This month we are planning to walk around Mordiford, led by Ken Brooks. This is a popular area with the Ramblers, so there should be a good turnout. NB: Start time 1pm – meet in the Church car park.

*Kate King*

### **Martley WI**

This month we have a rest from a formal meeting, but members will be busy out and about on other projects. The summer outing is planned for Friday 10 August, and is to be a sunset cruise on the River Avon, starting at Pershore. Sheila Craker is the one to contact for more details and for booking a place.

Do not forget we need cakes, produce and help for the WI stall at the Martley Horticultural Show and Fete on Saturday 18th. We also have a bric-a-brac stall, so please come and support us in whatever way you can. There is always a great demand for our home-made goodies.

Many thanks to Joy and Reg Snow for hosting our summer meeting. Although not perfect weather for a June evening, members were able to enjoy their lovely garden and a good time was had by all. Thanks to George Coombey-Jones for acting as auction-



## Summer fruit



The season for English plums starts in July, with the Early Laxton and Rivers's Early Prolific, and finishes with the September gages. Most plums do not keep long, so they have fallen from favour and interesting varieties may only be found in farm shops, and independent greengrocers. In most supermarkets you will be lucky to find anything other than imported varieties when the Victoria is in season – our best-known and most successful plum, discovered as a chance seedling in a garden in Alderton, Sussex in 1840.

During the Second World War 50,000 tons of plums were grown every year for jam in the traditional plum-growing areas: the Vale of Evesham in Worcestershire, parts of Warwickshire, East Anglia – especially around Wisbech and the Isle of Ely, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Huntingdon – and Kent. Since then demand has declined drastically and we are losing valuable local and commercial varieties.

'The Blaisdon Red is a plum grown within a five-mile radius of Blaisdon in west Gloucestershire. In this district it flourishes with the health and vigour of a weed, but with very few

exceptions it does not thrive elsewhere,' wrote Humphrey Phelps, a local grower. It was a popular plum for jam making and canning, and heavy crops were picked from late August by Forest of Dean miners during their holidays. Even though most of the orchards have gone, Blaisdon celebrates the plum on the Sunday before the August bank holiday.

In Worcestershire the Pershore Yellow Egg was found in Tiddesley Wood in 1827 by George Croke, who saw its potential and brought it into cultivation. What remains of the Worcestershire plum industry can be seen on the Vale of Evesham Blossom Route and Cycle trail devised by Wy-chavon district council around Pershore and Evesham.

The plum blossom comes out first in March, followed by pear in April, then apple. On Pershore Plum Day, every August bank holiday since 1996, many varieties are for sale, including the Pershore Yellow Egg, Pershore Purple and Pershore Emblem, introduced by a local grower in 2000, as well as chutneys, wines and juices.

The plum family has its wild relations in the hedgerows – bullaces, sloes and damsons. The small, round bullace is common in Herefordshire, the damson in Shropshire and Kent.

The cherry-plum frequents Oxford and Cambridge, and in Herefordshire it is known as 'melly-bellies'. and Vale of Aylesbury.

*/www.england-in-particular*

eer and raising a good sum for funds, not forgetting to mention thanking everyone for buying all those bargains.

*Kate King*

### ***A month in the life of a wildflower meadow***

I am writing this in the last few days of June, after a month of some rain. Pudford Lane had 210mm (8in) on top of 120mm (5in) in May, and more forecast! This year's hay crop is due to be cut, d.v. on 18 July.

Thinking back to 2006, we were exceptionally lucky. It rained on Monday, we cut on Tuesday, turned on Wednesday, "rowed up" on Thursday, baled on Friday, carted on Saturday, then it rained on Sunday.

Also, last year Shelsley Beauchamp Conservation Group provided 5 'volunteers' on the Wednesday and Thursday, so releasing 'we two' to act as supervisors. So, we relaxed and supervised, they worked (unpaid) but then did have the doubtful reward of being filmed, in action, by BBC1 TV cameras.

It was quite a good crop, 56 bales, but this year's should be much heavier as the grass/herbage is now waist high already and still growing. There were more buttercups this year, probably the best ever, now faded away. Hundreds of orchids are blooming (4 varieties) but are difficult to see in the growth around.

Overall, there is a haze of white and yellow, made up of ox-eye daisies



(many more than 2006) and yellow rattle (somewhat less than last year). We are fighting our usual battle to keep the fleabane and knapweed within bounds. Treading around the meadows with care, it is easier to follow the beaten down tracks of the badgers and foxes, but I do wish they would stop rolling around the grass when they play.

A beaten down patch under a large damson tree must be a café for foxes, judging by the debris of rabbit 'bits' all round. Normally we expect to have a nest of Greater Spotted Woodpeckers in a fruit tree, but this year we have two, (in two trees of course) no wonder the peanuts have disappeared so quickly from the feeders.

## *Eating out: The Masons*

Here's a conundrum: when is a country pub not a country pub?

Answer: when it's a Thai restaurant or rather when it's a Thai country pub.

Such was the recent metamorphosis of the Masons when it was taken over by Thai culinary aficionado Sutti and her husband Andy Moseley.

Between them they have spiced up the local pub scene with the type of cuisine more usually associated with Koh Samui than Castle Hill, Wichenford.

The staff are all from Thailand, adding authenticity to the dining experience. Also, along with its specialities such as Pad Thai stir fried noodles, skewered chicken satay drenched in peanut sauce and spicy green Thai curries, the pub plays host to numerous evening events including jazz and quiz nights.

The transformation of the Masons has already proved a huge hit with people in the locale eager to try something a bit different. Also, as half the pub has been set aside for traditional pub pursuits such as darts, backgammon, chess and gossip, even the most Ludite of pub goers can fit in. It does help that the ale is good and children are welcome.

Nevertheless, the *piece de resistance* of the new-look Masons is the Sunday lunch buffet that runs from 12 noon to 4pm. This is an all-you-can-eat affair



– and there's plenty of it. From meat and curry dishes to fried tiger prawns in ginger, crunchy chicken parcels, duck and vegetables soaked in exquisite home-made sauces, the quality and quantity is frankly overwhelming. The only problem is trying to pace yourself to fit it all in. Moreover, for the non-Thai eaters there are also burgers, sausages and chips.

With all good things there is a word of warning, however. Andy pounded the beat for 30 years for West Mercia police force and word has spread about the Masons among retired constabulary officers in the area. So watch out for your Ps and Qs, or you could be strong-armed by a member of the greying brigade eager to catch that one last collar before closing time.

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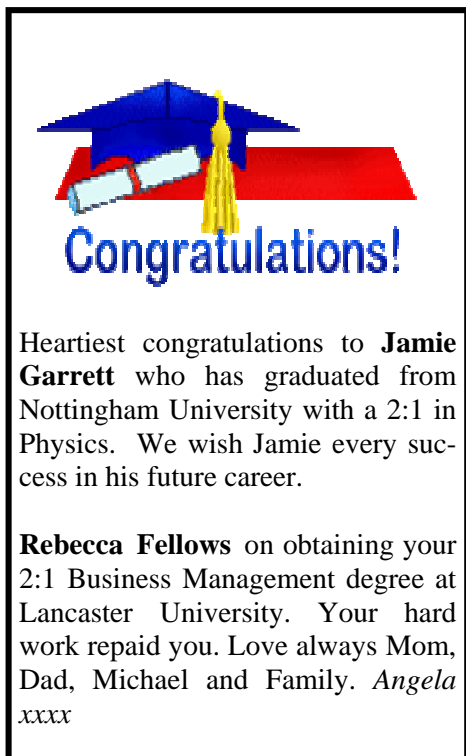
Hopefully when you read this (if you do), in early August, we shall have cut, baled and stored, the whole site will be smooth and shorn and all we have to do is pick and eat the bumper crop of plums and greengages. "All is safely gathered in".

*Harry King*

PS: Your Pudford Lane resident reporter tells me she is having a break this month.

### *Martley's past*

At the August Show in Martley one of the prizes is the TW Sanders shield. Many local people will remember



David Cropp's book, 'The Lost Gardener' (pub. 2001) where all that could be found of Thomas W Sanders' life is written. We know his parents were illiterate; that he only went to school where I live – and yet he edited 'Amateur Gardening' magazine for 40 years. We know he was born on 6 November 1855 in a cottage on Martley Hillside.

We know he was appointed editor in 1887, and that before that he was appointed 'Garden Manager' in 1884 at 'The Firs', Lee, Kent. But where was he before that? At the time of writing the book, we didn't know.

Now, however, we do, via the indexed 1881 census. In that year, he was a 'domestic gardener' at Buxted Park, East Sussex, and still single. Buxted Park was once one of three estates owned by Lord Liverpool. The Park estate was given to one of his three daughters, Catherine Julia, who had married a Col FV Harcourt in 1837. The Colonel died in April 1880, so Thomas's boss would have been the Hon Catherine Harcourt. The house is situated in a 300-acre deer park, and is now a hotel.

In 1930 the estate was bought by Basil Ionides, the architect, and his wife, daughter of Lord Bearsted, founder of Shell Petroleum.

Since Mrs Ionides' death in 1962, the Park has been a health hydro, the country home of the Sheik of Abu Dhabi, then owned by the Electricians' Union and finally as an hotel under three different companies.

All this information I obtained through



the Parish Clerk's Mafia. Four phone calls put me in touch with an enormously kind retired gentleman from Buxted, who, over several months, supplied much information including (1) A map of Buxted Park, (2) copies of black and white photos from Mrs Ionides' photo album (3) modern photos showing the gardener's accommodation and other parts of the estate.

I intend to put some of the material on show at Martley's Show if room can be found. So this month you have a little of 'Son of Martley's past. If you go to the show, do look out for the little exhibition.

*Alan Boon*

PS: Should anyone ever go to stay at Buxted Park, I'd love to hear about it!

*ALB*

### **Martley YFC**



Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday

8th August -

Have a go at Dragonboat

Racing -

6.30pm £3 per

person - Please phone to book your place.

Wednesday 22nd August - Maize Maze @ Top Barn Farm, Holt Heath - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Wednesday 1st September - Party Night - Details to be Advised

If you would like to join us for any of the above meetings please do not hesi-

tate to contact Louise on 01886 812754 or Carole on 07813 567207.

### **Thank You**

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Rev Jennifer Whittaker and her Pastoral Visiting Team, who have invited us for afternoon tea during 2006/2007. These occasions have been extremely happy and most enjoyable. We appreciate the team's hard work in preparing and serving tea, also providing voluntary transport where necessary. It has been so pleasant to meet with others from around the Benefice. Thank you.

### **Services at Martley Post Office**

Services: Photo copying, faxing, laminating and DVD hire.

Film Processing: Photos from your memory cards, CDs, 35mm and APS films all processed within 24 hours and brought to you in partnership with Bromyard Post Office.

Advertising in the shop window for a small charge.

Items for purchase: Tobacco, wine, beer, a selection of spirits, soft drinks, sweets, crisps, ice cream, 35mm and APS films, disposable cameras, batteries, torches, lottery, scratch cards, greetings cards, post-cards, gifts by silver scenes.

## ***Notice for post office customers***

You can still pay your BT bills and get you Car Tax at the Post Office. Also now available are Euro Notes over the counter and travel insurance.

*Mary*

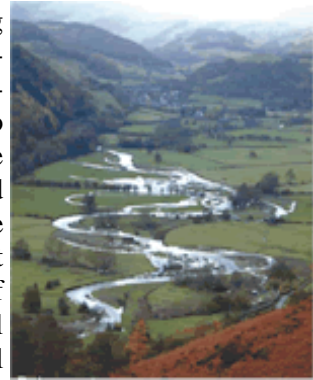
## ***Martley Village Hall Table Top Sale***

Clear out your attic, cupboards, cellars and sell your no longer wanted things or artwork etc. at our Table Top Sale on Saturday 15 September. The cost is £5 per table. The number of tables is limited so please book yours in advance by contacting: *David Crop on 01886-888398, John Woolley on 01886-888104 or Richard McHugh at the Central Stores.*

## ***Teme Valley Views***

By Teme Valley Children's Centre  
There is evidence to suggest that women cope better with their labour if they have attended antenatal classes. Among other things, you learn about what to expect during labour, birthing skills and tips on how both parents can cope during labour and afterwards. Although the NHS and National Childbirth Trust (NCT) provide antenatal classes, these are not easily accessible for parents-to-be in the Teme Valley as they take place in Worcester, Hereford, Droitwich and Ludlow. As a result, the Children's Centre has been

working hard to provide a facility closer to home and we are delighted to announce that the first course of antenatal classes will take place in



Clifton-upon-Teme from September. During the 5-week course, Midwives – Jenny Edwins and Anthea Griffiths – will provide practical skills for labour and breastfeeding information, whilst Ian Wilkes from the Family Information Service will be on hand to give advice on available benefits and childcare. In addition, Barbara Wood from the Road Safety Unit will be able to point you in the right direction when buying a car seat and Mandie Wright will describe the benefits of using environmentally friendly nappies. Hilary Higton, the Children's Centre Coordinator will be on hand to answer any questions about resources and facilities for young families in the Teme Valley. If you are expecting a baby in the next 6 months and would like to meet people in a similar situation please register for what is likely to be a fun, informative and sociable course. The course is free and refreshments will be provided.

For more details please contact Hilary or Sam at the Teme Valley Children's Centre on 01886 812982. For any other information about the Children's

Centre or to obtain a copy of our monthly newsletter, Teme Valley Views, please contact 01886 812982 or check out our website at [www.temevalley-cc.org.uk](http://www.temevalley-cc.org.uk).



### ***Heavy Storms – evening of 19 June 2007***

Jury Lane was very close to flooding during this early evening storm, but thankfully escaped due to the great team effort of Jury Lane residents. It was all hands on deck as the dreaded 'Red River' began to flow into the lane from Kingswood.

As my cottage is first in line I would like to thank a few special people: Margaret and Alan Colbourne for swiftly placing sandbags at strategic points. Caroline and Richard Dunn for their expert water shifting with sturdy brooms.

Thanks also to dear Pat Owen for leaving her rest bed (and Freddy Mercury CD) to check on everyone's safety. Richard McHugh who played a vital part in removing drain covers. Mrs Parry for rescuing my cat Saffy and bringing him home and dry. And last but not least Nick Woolley for helping out the 'riff raff' end of the village (his words, not mine!) A big 'thank you' and hug to all.]

*Lesley Drust, Jury Lodge*

### ***Heritage Knights***

"A sewing machine, a sewing machine, is a girl's best friend" or so the song says. WI members were not totally sure of that when



some were ensconced in a member's kitchen and dining room during four sessions making tabards for the "Go West Teme Valley Project".

Other WIs had been offered the chance, but only Martley were prepared to take it on. Cutting out, pinning, stitching, pressing and finishing off seemed more like a production line but, actually, it was all great fun. At the end of the last session a rousing CD rendition of "Jerusalem" should have forced them to their feet, as in the Albert Hall, but they were too busy folding and counting, ready for collection.

Invitations were received to the Dubbing of Arthur's Heritage Knights and the workers were thrilled to attend the ceremony in the Lady Chapel of Worcester Cathedral on 12 July. Children from Broadwas, Lindridge and Martley Primary Schools were robed in the tabards and all the hard work was seen to have been very worthwhile.

Kevin Crossley-Holland, author of the Arthur Trilogy, congratulated the

seamstresses on the final turnout and the children seemed pleased to wear them.

The line-up of the Heritage Knights, when they were dubbed, was impressive and the black-robed monks were awesome, although it was reassuring to see some familiar faces lurking beneath the black cowls.

It was a lovely occasion and the 8 Martley members felt honoured to have been allowed a part.

*Kate King*

### ***Martley Show***

Saturday 18 August - don't miss the Martley Annual Show and fete, 2-4pm as usual, on the playing fields. There will be stalls, entertainments, refreshments and tombola - something for everyone and a chance to meet up with those neighbours you haven't got round seeing recently!

Keep your fingers crossed for sunny weather!

### ***Sports camps for kids during summer holidays.***

The University of Worcester is hosting a series of sport summer camps to help youngsters beat the boredom of the school holidays.

Budding basketballers between seven to 17 years-old, can improve their dribbling, shooting and all round court skills with expert help from the Worcester Wolves players and coaches.



Keen gymnasts, aiming to perfect their floor routines and jump for fun on trampolines, can attend the Worcester Olympic Gymnastics Club Camp. This is open to girls only, aged between five to 14-years-old.

Craig Williams, University of Worcester Sport and Recreation Facilities Manager said; "These camps are a great way for youngsters to gain new sports skills and to keep themselves fit and active. It's also a real opportunity for people to make new friends in a fun, friendly and welcoming atmosphere."

The Worcester Wolves Basketball Camp runs from Monday, August 21

### ***Martley Library***

Martley Village Hall, Berrow Green Road, Martley, WR66PQ.

Tel: 01886 888396

Opening hours

Mon 2.00-7.00

Wed 4.00-7.30

Thurs 10.00-1.00

Fri 2.00-4.00

Sat 10.00-12 noon

until Friday, August 25 and costs £15 per day.

The City of Worcester Olympic Gymnastics Club Camp is running, four, five day sessions, commencing Monday, July 31, Monday, August 7, Monday, August 14 and Monday, August

21 respectively. The cost is £15 per day.

For further information contact the University's Sports Centre on 01905 855574 or email [sportscentre@worc.ac.uk](mailto:sportscentre@worc.ac.uk).

### ***Martley Primary School— year trip to Worcester Cathedral***

On the 12th July the year sixes of Martley, Lindridge and Broadwas Primary Schools went to Worcester Cathedral to become King Arthur's 21st Heritage Knights.

Martley W.I made tabard for all three schools. We wore them all day. They looked really good; we really did look like knights.

First we went into the crypt to watch a re-enactment. Then we went up into the Lady Chapel where we saw Merlin and Broadwas School. We practised the songs Merlin had taught us in school. When Lindridge came in we sang again. Then we split into groups, we went round the cathedral doing three workshops, -meeting Kevin Crossley-Holland (the author of *The Seeing Stone*), a tour around the cathedral and we saw the betrothal of Prince Ulewelin and Princess Joan.

After Lunch we were knighted by Kevin Crossley – Holland. We had a great day.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs



Marchant who organised it all, and also to Merlin for his time in teaching us the songs and starting off our quest. And of course Martley W.I for making our superb tabards.

*By Isabelle Pearce-Mason  
Year 6 pupil at Martley Primary  
School*

## ***What's happening in August?***

Comedy - Ken Dodd  
Venue: Malvern Theatres  
Phone: 01684 892277  
Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>  
From: 1 August 2007  
To: 2 August 2007

Concert - National Youth Orchestra of  
Great Britain  
Venue: Malvern Theatres  
Phone: 01684 892277  
Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>  
From: 2 August 2007  
To: 2 August 2007

Concert - Pure Puccini  
Venue: Malvern Theatres  
Phone: 01684 892277  
Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>  
3 August 2007

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/>  
From: 3 August 2007  
To: 5 August 2007

Tenbury Countryside Show -  
Venue: Tenbury Wells  
Phone: 01584 810818  
Website:

From: 4 August 2007  
To: 4 August 2007

NT Event Croome Park - Orien-tree-  
ring Trail  
Venue: Croome Park  
E-Mail:  
Phone: 01905 371006  
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/pci0>  
6 August 2007

Witley Court Event - Behind the  
Scenes Tours - 7th & 9th  
Phone: 01299 896636  
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/q7b2>  
From: 7 August 2007  
To: 9 August 2007

Eastnor: Children's Summer Fun Days  
Venue: Eastnor Castle, Ledbury  
E-Mail: [enquiries@eastnorcastle.com](mailto:enquiries@eastnorcastle.com)  
Phone: 01531 633160  
Website: <http://www.eastnorcastle.com>  
From: 7 August 2007  
To: 9 August 2007

Eastnor: The Wizard of Oz - per-  
formed by Heartbreak Theatre Com-  
pany  
Venue: Eastnor Castle, nr. Ledbury  
Phone: 01531 633160  
Website: <http://www.eastnorcastle.com>  
From: 9 August 2007  
To: 9 August 2007

Concert - English Chamber Orchestra  
Venue: Malvern Theatres  
Phone: 01684 892277  
Website: <http://www.malvern->

[theatres.co.uk](http://theatres.co.uk)

From: 10 August 2007

To: 10 August 2007

Concert - Super Troupers - Abba &  
The Bee Gees

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 11 August 2007

To: 11 August 2007

Concert - The Elvis Collection

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 15 August 2007

To: 15 August 2007

Worcester CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival - 9th Annual celebration of Britain's real ale and cider heritage. Open 5-11pm Thursday & 11-11pm on Friday & Saturday

Venue: Worcester Racecourse  
[info@worcesterbeerfest.org.uk](mailto:info@worcesterbeerfest.org.uk)

Phone: 01684 573018

Website: <http://www.worcesterbeerfest.org.uk>

From: 16 August 2007

To: 18 August 2007

NT Event Croome Park - Drippy  
Dragons & Beastly Bugs

Venue: Croome Park

Phone: 01905 371006

Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/pci0>

From: 16 August 2007

To: 16 August 2007

TCS Outdoor Concerts - Malvern Music Experience. Friday 17th August: Bootleg Beatles Night. Saturday 18th August: Tribute to Elgar compered by Angela Rippon finishing with crescendo of fireworks & cannon fire

Venue: Three Counties Showground

Phone: 01684 584924

Website: <http://www.threecounties.co.uk/>

From: 17 August 2007

To: 18 August 2007

Play - Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 20 August 2007

To: 25 August 2007

Upton Water Festival -

Venue: Upton Upon Severn

E-Mail:

Phone: 01684 594378

Website: <http://www.upton.uk.net/events/water.html>

From: 25 August 2007

To: 27 August 2007

Play - How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn

Venue: Malvern Theatres

E-Mail:

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 27 August 2007



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

## *Wichenford Church flower Rota*

5 August Mrs C Jones  
12 August Mrs S Pearce  
19 August Mrs B Hadfield  
26 August Mrs C Wetherall

No Women's Fellowship meeting in August

## *Wichenford 100 Club*

Winner April 2007 No. 101 Maggie Baldwin £100  
Winner May 2007 No 141 Karen Furbur £100  
Winner June 2007 No. 196 L. Burnett £100

## *Wichenford Memorial Hall*

Wichenford Memorial Hall Management Committee members offer their grateful thanks to Mrs Georgina Britten-Long and her team for the very generous donation of £600 that we received from the proceeds of her superb Bluebell Ride on Sunday 22 April. Georgina, many thanks once again for this excellent donation.

The Committee also offer their thanks to the Committee members of the Red Marley Hill Climb for their very gen-

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erous donation of £1,000. These two donations greatly enhance our funds and make it possible for us to continue with the resurfacing of our car park area. The Red Marley Hill Climb took place on Easter Monday at Walsgrave Farm. It was an excellent, very exciting day and we hope that everyone attending enjoyed it as much as we did. We look forward to Red Marley 2008, when once again we will be there helping. Many thanks again for these fantastic donations.

Margaret Fisher, Secretary to Wichenford Memorial Hall Management Committee

## *Open Gardens Produce - splendid result*

The Open Gardens weekend raised the magnificent total of £6,300. Despite the weather a record number of people attended and greatly enjoyed the beautifully presented gardens. The delicious lunches and teas were much appreciated by everyone, and the well-stocked stalls were very well sup-



ported.

A big 'thank you' to all who worked so hard to ensure that the gardens were at their best, and to all those who gave their time to help in so many ways to produce this excellent result. A special thank you to Alan and Colin who worked so energetically for this event and also to their team.

***In memoriam:  
Edgar (Eddie) Wadley***

We are so sorry that Eddie has died. With his wife Joyce and his family, Eddie had lived in Wichenford for 54 years. He worked as a control inspector at Dowty Engineering. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joyce and to all the family.

***Heritage exhibition***



***Memorial Hall, Wichenford***

The Wichenford Local Heritage Group as part of the National Heritage Weekend will be holding a two-day exhibition of local history projects both finished and on-going in the Memorial Hall on Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th September from 11.00 a.m. till 6.00 p.m.

Among the displays will be the results of the Hallow School project 2006,

- Wichenford 's Saxon boundaries
- Hedge counting field work,
- The pollard survey,
- Soil sampling field work
- The historic house survey
- The current graveyard recording project
- Maps of old estates in Wichenford
- Members' own researches into families and houses in Wichenford over the centuries
- Examples of some of the oldest documents yet unearthed about the village and old photos of the village and its people.

If anyone has any old pictures or documents of interest, we would love to copy them for the exhibition.

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***Mobile Library***

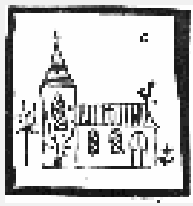
The mobile library visits Wichenford on the first Wednesday of every month. We do not want to lose it, so please use it.

Wichenford, Malvern View  
10am-10.30am

Wichenford Church  
10.35am-11am

Wichenford, Kings Green Farm  
11.05am-11.35am

Wichenford, Rosses Green  
11.40am-12.10pm



# Church Words

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I recently had to prepare a talk about sacred spaces. This was for the 'Go West' project, which is supplying Cotheridge, Broadwas and Martley churches with 'Talking Boxes'. These are like the boxes or listening posts at a castle, monastery or stately home that you listen to as you walk around. The ones in the churches will point out various historic and significant facts about the building.

They will hopefully soon be in place so that you will be able to go and listen to them and perhaps learn something you didn't know about the churches. It has been good having the articles on St. Peter's Martley in the Villager magazine; I am sure there is always something new to learn and see about such an ancient building.

Let me give you an insight into what I said and maybe on your next visit to a church it might give you a few nice surprises. Perhaps you might visit one or two whilst on holiday, maybe even one of your local churches, to which you are always welcome;-

'Do you have a place you regard as special? A place for peace and quiet and reflection?

It might be a bench in a park, a bank by a river and so on, but it's special.

As you wonder around a church building you may find yourself feeling that

they too are special places.

They are of course very special, however, they are not just special places, they are also sacred places. Sacred means set apart for religious purposes; it is regarded as holy and is consecrated to God.

Church buildings are sacred places. They have been for many centuries; take a moment to think how many people have worshipped in them.

How many hymns have been sung, how many prayers have been said?

How many times Holy Communion has been celebrated?

How many baptisms, weddings, funerals have taken place?

Laughter and tears have been brought into the sacred environment. Life is brought into these places, and we bring our lives into them too, with all their troubles and joys, all our needs and desires, all brought to be sanctified, to be offered to the sacred, offered to God because through Jesus we can enter into the presence of Almighty God.

If walls could speak they would tell you how sacred people have regarded and do regard church buildings.

Places where Christians worship God past and present in many and varied ways.

*Reverend David Sherwin*

## *August church diary*

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Sunday 5 August     | 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel<br>9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford<br>11.00am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley<br>11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge   |
| Monday 6 August     | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford   |
| Tuesday 7 August    | 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  |
| Wednesday 8th Aug   | 10.15 Heaton House Songs of Praise   |
| Thursday 9th August | 2.00pm Pastoral Care Group Meeting at the home of Helen Walker   |
| Sunday 12 August    | 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge<br>10.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford<br>11.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley<br>11.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas   |
| Monday 13 August    | 8.30am Prayer Breakfast  |
| Saturday 18 August  | 2.00pm Martley Show  |
| Sunday 19 August    | 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley<br>9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge<br>11.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>11.00am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley<br>3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel<br>6.30pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford |
| Monday 20 August    | 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter, Martley   |
| Tuesday 21 August   | 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  |
| Wednesday 22 Aug    | 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House   |
| Sunday 26 August    | 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley<br>11.00am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>11.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford<br>6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley                                  |
| Monday 27 August    | Bank Holiday   |

## *Fun facts for summer*

- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- In a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one reported a single case where an ostrich buried its head in the sand.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
- Horses can't vomit.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die. If you keep your eyes open by force, they can pop out.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Over 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.
- Mosquito repellents don't repel.
- They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.
- You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
- Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.
- The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class.
- Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
- Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.
- Walt Disney was afraid of mice.
- Pearls melt in vinegar.
- The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca-Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.
- It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.
- Turtles can breathe through their bottoms.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

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