

The Villager

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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month:

Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce 11am The Talbot, Knightwick
Martley Ramblers meet Church car park

3rd Sunday in the month:

Path-or-Nones meet 9.30am Martley Memorial Hall car park to help maintain the local footpaths

Mondays

Rhythm Time: 9.30-11.30am Martley Memorial Hall Enq. Rachel 01886 812565

Martley Parish Council: 1st Monday in the month 8pm Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

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

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

Martley Mums and Tots: 9.30-11.30am
Martley Memorial Hall

Wednesdays

Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing:
7pm Martley Memorial Hall Enq. Jeff & Thelma 01886 821772

Martley Folk Club: 1st Wednesday in the month at The Talbot, Knightwick

Martley WI: 2nd Wednesday in the month 7.30pm Heaton House

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

Martley & District Horticultural Society: last Thursday in the month
7.30pm Martley Memorial Hall

See Church Words on page 27 for details of services

See articles inside for details of special events AND changes of time/date/venue of regular events

See the Diary page on www.martley.org.uk for a complete listing of all forthcoming events (that the Diary page editor knows about)

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

Records of the Parish Council meetings in the two parishes are not intended to be full and complete minutes. Minutes of meetings can be seen by contacting the respective Clerks to the Councils.

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



YIMM's Update

I am delighted to announce that, subject to funding, Martley's second YIMMs (Youth In Martley Matters) event will take place on Saturday 13 September 2008 at The Chantry High School. Keep your eyes peeled and ears open for more info over the next few weeks!

Thanks to everyone who supported us in April – can't wait to see you again in September!

Cllr. Mrs Emma Rothwell

(Wondering what I'll be wearing for the next one!!)

Martley Young Farmers

Well done to all Martley Young Farmers for winning the cup for 'Most Improved Club' and the Horse Stock Judging cup, at the Worcestershire Young Farmers Rally. For anyone who doesn't know, this is where all Worcester Clubs compete against each other in various competitions such as Stock Judging, Cookery, Flower arranging, metalwork, tractor driving, art, dance and entertaining (even with painted wheelbarrows), Tug-of-War and many other things.

The Martley group are by far one of

the youngest groups, but that didn't stop them from getting Martley noticed. All the MYF worked really hard with lots of rehearsals and practices. Their team effort was great to see, all encouraging and supporting each other with some fantastic results as a consequence. Some of MYF competitors did so well that they went on to the Three Counties' Show to represent Worcester YF against other counties.

A special mention to Lulu Harding who won the art class with a beautiful painted plate, and to Sarah Kirby, Olivia Davis, Hannah Birch and Charlotte Davies for winning 'That's Entertainment' with a comical sketch that they wrote and performed themselves. Also congratulations to the following for getting to the Three Counties, Tom Crump for the Boy's Cookery, Kirsty Hopkins for Stock Judging and Joe Crump for 'Pimp my Tractor'.

MYF would like to thank many of the ex-members who kindly gave up their time to teach and train the young farmers in new skills. Martley Young Farmers have a lot of fun and meet a lot of other Young Farmers. It is open to anyone between the ages of 10 to

26 and if you are interested in finding out more, please contact Lou Wickens on 01886-812754.

Martley & District Horticultural Society

On 6 June members were invited to Harry and Kate King's home to walk through their beautiful wild flower meadow. Harry gave us a short history of the property and then led the party on a glorious wander through the many varieties of long-established grasses, buttercups and yellow rattle, all sorts of meadow herbs and, most importantly, the wild orchids (including twayblades) which that area of Martley is well-known for. There were interesting trees too – we noted a mature walnut, also some traditional fruit trees.

Harry described scything hay with volunteers to help. This wonderful natural herbage is useful as winter feed for their pet donkey, Jacob. Harry and Kate have a lovely garden too, with a good vegetable plot. We finished with tea and cakes in their kitchen and looked at photos of the previous dwelling on the site – a half-



Twayblade orchid

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Whitlunge Gardens at Hartlebury. It is a three acre 'show' garden, beautifully maintained with many unusual plants, shrubs and trees, also a number of ornaments – particularly 'bubbling stones'. There are pools, a stream, a cave (most mysterious!), a knot garden, labyrinth, calomile lawn, wild flower orchard and many beautiful species of plants cleverly placed for contrast and effect. The nursery with its good selection of extra large plants and an area displaying ornaments for sale were also interesting parts to see. In spite of it being a rather damp evening, everyone enjoyed the visit and got ideas for our own gardens.

The (32nd!) Annual Flower Show is on Saturday 16 August at the Village Hall and Playing Field, starting at 2pm. Schedules/entry forms can be obtained from Central Stores and the Post Office. Hand in entries to any member of the Committee or either shop by 14 August. There are 90 classes, and somebody, somewhere, must have the longest runner bean.

Tina Steele

Martley Spurs

With no league games or cup finals (except the European one to watch on TV) June and July provide me with no football news. The new season will kick off towards the end of August with all three of the Spurs teams playing in the Worcester Leagues. Please remember there will be no home matches on a Saturday until the end of the cricket season. Anyone wishing to play for our local teams

should let in touch with Gordon Griffiths on 01886-888602 to find out about practice sessions and so on.

Beth Williams

Raise money for the Spurs and have fun at your local pub the same time—details on page 24.



Martley WI

The June garden meeting saw a good turn out of members, partners, friends and relations. The weather was dry until it was time for everyone to go indoors to enjoy the supper provided by members. The draw for the Denman Bursary was won by Gwynneth Darby, the competition for prettiest rose was won by Helen Coombey-Jones and the bowling for the pig competition was won by a visitor, Chris Radford, who seemed happy to receive six eggs instead of a pig. He might have needed planning permission for a pig at his home in Worcester.

The evening finished with the now-traditional fun auction, Auctioneer Harry King, assisted by Pat Crook. A certain object had appeared many times in previous years and was eventually banned by the auctioneer. Oh no, there it was again, or so we thought but it was a duplicate and failed to sell. It will probably be handed on to a charity shop. Over £80 was raised for funds. Many thanks to all who came, supplied food and items

for auction and organised the evening. (Please note: particular thanks are due to Kate and Harry King for allowing the WI to swarm all over their lovely garden and their very special wild-flower meadow – Secretary)

No meeting this month, but please, members, do not forget to supply cakes and preserves for our stall at the Horticultural Show and Fete on Saturday 16 August. We need the funds!

Kate King

Pudford Lane

The months are hurtling by and the longest day has disappeared into the mists of time. Haymaking time is past and the hedges are beginning to show different colouring with ripening berries and fruit. Best wishes to Pauline Woodward for a full and speedy recovery after her many hospital visits. There have not been many changes of human inhabitants, but various animals have come and gone. The noisiest newcomer is the peacock which has taken up residence in the area. Coming upon it unexpectedly in the dusk when walking up the lane, is quite startling and one's first thought is to resolve to have a little less of the 'hard stuff'!

Shall we mention the lay-by? Oh dear, the dumped rubbish gets worse. Biggest item to date has been the heavy duty plastic broken remains of a large tractor mounted spray tank, sadly no scrap value there. Perhaps the person who appears to run a beauty

business in the lay-by could take the empty hairspray containers and various beauty aids, mainly 'Charley' fragrance to a tip. Lorry and car wheel trims proliferate and the remains of barbecues, packed lunches, takeaway meals, drinks cans and cigarette



remains grow in number by the month. The recent find of clothing and tracksuit bottoms did not fit the lay-by operative (thank goodness). Please Parish Council, can we have a bigger bin as the tiny one overflows at least twice a week? Could the Lengthsman do something about removal? At the time of writing, five full sacks lie there awaiting eventual collection.

Kate King

Martley Ramblers

10 August Mordiford

Leave church car park 1pm.

For the June walk, David Wilkes bravely endured pain from painful leg to lead us around Alfrick and Suckley. He was ably assisted by Ann and on a very hot afternoon we wandered through various shady woods. David's tales of the area added greatly to our enjoyment. The afternoon finished with refreshments in their lovely garden. It was a most enjoyable way to spend a hot summer afternoon.

This month we leave at 1pm for the journey to Mordiford when Ken Brooks has planned to do the walk

cancelled last year due to the outbreak of Blue Tongue Disease. Ken always leads a lovely walk, so don't miss it.

Kate King

Martley Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the general meeting of Martley Parish Council held on Monday 2 June 2008 at the Memorial Hall.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

Community Support Officer Matt Smith informed the Parish Council that there had been one crime in Martley in the previous month: a drunk driver who had been followed from Stourport and finally resisted arrest in Martley.

A few incidents of anti-social behaviour had been logged with regard to an pupil excluded from The Chantry High School. On the 29 May a blue Laguna car (V953 LCA) was acting suspiciously in Martley, asking for directions to a property which they then never visited. Police checks showed the car registered to a prolific burglar from Gloucester. Police have urged residents to be vigilant and please report any sightings of this car immediately to the police.

The Chairman reported that a resident had contacted him with concerns over the speed of motorists using Willow Green Road. Concerns were also raised by parishioners over the speed of motorists, especially motorbikes travelling through Berrow Green. Matt Smith told everyone that they had recently held speed enforcement

checks in Abberley and Gt. Witley which had proved successful. They might organise speed enforcement activities in Martley in the future.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2008

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

District Councillor's report:

District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams reported that she was surprised by reports in the local newspaper of Malvern Hills District Council and Worcester City Council merging. She confirmed that a joint meeting was to take place on Monday 9 June and she would report more at the next Parish Council meeting. As far as she is aware the business case is due to be complete in September 2008. There is a SWJCS briefing at Wychavon on the 11 June. The District Cllr. left a copy of the MHDC Summer Activities brochure for the library and briefly referred to the CPA 2008, which is an assessment programme MHDC have just been through.

County Councillor's report:

The Chairman mentioned the following on behalf of County Cllr.. Mr. A. Davies: a) Grant available to youth b) Meeting will be held in future to discuss the crossing at the Primary School site c) Will explore other possible funding routes for Martley Pre-School

Maps and Lengthsman schedule:

Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones is to copy the maps. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp is to circulate the maps to the councillors in the relevant areas. The Clerk to add

this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

Highways standard of workmanship:

Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh confirmed that the first meeting between the local parishes and Highways will take place on 17 June 2008 at County Hall. Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh will update the next meeting.

Insurance quotes:

The Clerk reported that Allianz Group, following a number of conversations, had agreed to drop their quote for this year to the same as last year: £506.52. The Parish Council agreed to this figure. The Clerk is to continue researching other insurance companies who offer local council insurance policies.

Future meetings:

The Clerk is to re-design the agenda to see if the finish times for meetings can be earlier as councillors deemed 11pm to late to finish.

Housing Needs:

Discussion took place about affordable, social, rental housing and what was needed in Martley. The Clerk is to contact Community First to ascertain when they will be feeding back on the findings from the housing needs survey.

Planning:

08/00667/FUL Row End, Berrow Green Road. Single storey extn. and walkway to link existing detached annexe. 08/00678/FUL Rodge Hill Farm, Hillside. Change of use of former agricultural building to office use. 08/00679/LBC Rodge Hill Farm,

Hillside. Retrospective application to regularize general repairs. Approvals/refusals: 1. 08/00441/FUL Penny Patch Barn, Hillside. Refused 2. 08/00437/FUL Fair View, Pudford Lane. Approved. 3. 08/00363/FUL Kingswood House, Kingswood. Approved. Pending: 1. 08/00547/FUL Tree shadow, Berrow Green. 2. 08/00474/LBC. 08/00473/FUL Hill Top Farm, Horsham. Appeal: 07/01660/FUL Fair View, Pudford Lane

Correspondence:

Included: Babybase Wholesale – Weight restriction. Parish Lengthsman scheme. Policing Matters – Meeting invitation. MHDC – Post office closures meeting invitation.

Finance:

There were six cheques totalling £855.87 for agreement and signature. It was resolved to adopt the accounts. Playground Partnership had been due to present at the meeting but did not attend. SMART Water - the Clerk is to design an A5 form to include in The Villager, asking people to return the reply slip to Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear if they would be interested in purchasing a SMART water pack. Pre-School - the Clerk is to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr. Mr. N. Hall is to ask for a business plan in relation to their future plans, funding, commitments, etc.

CALC Representative:

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp remain as a CALC Representative.

Report any Urgent Decisions since

the last meeting:

The Clerk had arranged for cheques to be signed for the bouncy castle from the YIMMS event and the BT invoice for the library phone.

Councillor's reports and items for future agendas:

The Clerk is to put the post office closure scheme on the agenda. The Clerk is to look for the contract between Martley Parish Council and The Playing Fields Association.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 July 2008.

Martley's Past

Annual Parish Meeting 22 March 1926.

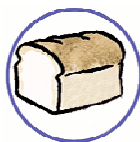
Minute 3. Mr Howlett, as an Overseer, stated that he did not wish to serve any longer, as a protest against the bad treatment of the Martley Overseers by the (Rate) Assessment Committee and remarks made at a recent meeting of the Guardians (of the Union Workhouse). Since he had been an Overseer every suggestion made and remarks offered by the Overseers on Rating matters had been ignored, or in other words 'scrapped'. He considered that Overseers – residing in the Parish- had a better knowledge of parochial matters and of local circumstances than persons residing elsewhere, and as all their efforts had been wasted in the way they had been, he had no wish to serve any longer. He also spoke of letters sent to the Overseers by the Guardians threatening them with prosecution,

although every effort had been made to meet the Guardians' call. He said that after about 5 weeks of the Half Year, the Guardians and District Council demanded one half of the Rates due for that half year. They appeared to over look that the Rate had to be made and written out, signed by Overseers and Magistrates, and the Receipt and Demand Notes printed and written out and one half of the Rate collected, all within that period of five weeks. He considered that this was very unreasonable.

Mr A G Pullen wished to substantiate what Mr Howlett said; as a result of a recommendation to the Parish Council from the Parish Meeting, one or more Overseers had been changed every year. Since being changed they had been treated very badly. They carried out the business in the same way as their predecessors, and in trying to equalise rating inequalities by means of a Supplemental List, were informed that they had no power to do so, although they had only followed the practice of their predecessors. He considered it very unfair treatment, and hoped that the remarks of Mr Howlett would be recorded in the Minutes.

The Chairman, (Mr R Slade Nash), agreed that the Overseers appeared to have been badly treated. Mr C W Hodgkins proposed and the Chairman seconded, "That the observations of Mr Howlett and Mr Pullen be duly recorded in the Minutes". Carried. (So there!)

A L Boon



Martley Harvest Celebration 2008

***Saturday 4 October
7pm***

at Martley Memorial Hall

Tickets:

Adult £7.50

**Primary-school-age child
£5.00**





Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Flower Rota

3 August Mrs Root
10 August Mrs Pearce for AAW
17 August Mrs Hadfield
24 August Mrs Wetherall
31 August Benefice Service
Cotheridge

Ladies Fellowship

In June the Wichenford Ladies Fellowship celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a service held in church. All members were present and founding member, Mrs Joan Banks, plus guests. The Rev David Sherwin led the service, accompanied by our Curate, Bruce Thompson. Everyone then adjourned to the home of Mr & Mrs Root for a very happy afternoon tea. There will be no meeting in August.

Open Garden Success

Despite the gale force winds many people enjoyed Mrs Britten's pretty garden. The total raised was £460 which will be divided between local charities.

Hazel Sparks' preserves were very popular and there were many lovely plants for sale. The teas were much appreciated and Mrs Britten expressed her thanks to those who gave cakes and sandwiches; she is also most grateful to those who gave donations, those who helped in the garden and everyone who helped to make the day a great success.

Harvest Festival

This year the Harvest Festival Service in Wichenford will be on 12 October at 10.30am.

Baby News



We are delighted to hear that James Pargeter and his wife Carina have a beautiful baby son who is to be called

Leo. Our heartiest congratulations to them and, of course, to Trevor and Helen his proud grandparents and to great grandma, Millie.

Wichenford 100 Club

June winners

142 The Oldfield Family: £85

And returned subscriptions to

153 S Hill £12.00

195 Mr & Mrs Southwell £12.00

Drawn by Jane Field

Just to ring the changes, the north of the parish produced all the winners this month including one number that won not so long ago! If, like me, you are one of those members whose numbers seem 'stuck' in the depths of the black velvet bag and never seem to appear, one can only wonder how it is that some numbers seem to leap to the drawer's fingertips time and time again! But then that is the luck of the draw!



Charity Evening in Wichenford

On Saturday 14 June, an event at Wichenford Village Hall was held to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care. Over 90 villagers attended and were treated to a hot supper courtesy of Colin Hughes and Alan Green and there was entertainment from a

number of singers, character players and story tellers from the Black Country. Over £1550 was raised. Many thanks to all those involved in a hugely successful evening that benefited a very worthwhile cause. This was one of a series of events throughout the region organised by Black Country Poet Brian Dakin in memory of his wife Sue. To date he has succeeded in raising well over £10,000.

Mike O'Leary

Litter Picking Event 4 October

The Parish Council are putting together a working party on 4 October to pick up litter in the village. All equipment; gloves; jackets and bags will be provided. If you are interested and would like to join us for a couple of hours please call the clerk or contact any member of the parish council. The names and numbers of all councillors are on the notice boards. Hot drinks and hot-dogs will be provided on production of your filled bag!

Moonwalk

Many thanks to everyone who donated money or sponsored me for the Moonwalk. I completed the 26.2 miles in 6 hours and 14 minutes. The children in school collected £107.28 and in total I raised £983.67 for cancer research.

Lynn Sivill

David Francis

We are sorry to hear that David has died and send our deepest sympathy to his family.

David, whose photograph appeared on the cover of the Millennium book "Wichenford Village Record 2000", had lived in Wichenford all his life and remained in the cottage where he was born, apart from a few months spent at Heaton House. He had lived in Wichenford longer than anyone else. He was a true and knowledgeable countryman; he worked at The Lingens Farm and also at Lower Howsen Farm. David was an excellent gardener, and grew superb vegetables. He was a very friendly and happy person, always a pleasure to meet. He will be sadly missed.

A tribute to Elizabeth Faith Pearce

Elizabeth was born in 1929 at the White Cottage at Ockeridge. She was the second of five children born to William and Faith Rice, who farmed at Birchend Farm and later at Wood Farm, Ockeridge. She went to school in Wichenford and then Worcester Grammar School for Girls before taking the big step of moving to London to undergo teacher training. She made lifelong friends there, and became a fan of Tottenham Hotspur, attending matches. On completion of her training, she began her teaching career with placements in Warwickshire, including Aston Cantlow, before becoming

Headmistress of Wichenford School at the very young age of 23.

Bob Pearce, a dashing ex-RAF man on a motorcycle swept her off her feet and married her in Wichenford Church in July 1958, with the reception at the Hundred House. Forty years later, they returned there to celebrate their Ruby Wedding anniversary. After the wedding they lived at the School House until moving to Corbett Coppice, Ockeridge (then called The Woodlands), where their first son, William, was born, followed by Michael five years later.

Elizabeth was very involved in village life from an early age. She carried out a farm survey of Wichenford as part of her studies whilst still at school, which was a valuable source of information for the local heritage group some fifty years later, and was a member of Martley Young Farmers. She was Clerk to the Parish Council for many, many years, where her deep local knowledge and procedural awareness were invaluable. She was an active member of the WI, taking part in an exchange visit to Germany in the late 90s. She held "Whist for Beginners" classes, which led to regular partner whist drives held at the Memorial Hall, still very popular to this day. She organised children's Christmas parties, silver jubilee celebrations, and helped with harvest suppers. She was one of the prime movers behind the creation of Wichenford Village Fete, which continues to be a successful village event raising large sums of money for local good causes. She was

an active member of Wichenford church, helping in many ways, and attended Ladies Fellowship meetings. She was the Village Correspondent for the Berrows Journal, reporting all important local news, and took responsibility for Wichenford's news in the local Villager magazine. She also came up with the idea of creating a village record to mark the millennium – now in print..

She was a staunch supporter of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, acting as Wichenford's co-ordinator for some years.

Although she gave up her post as Headmistress when William was born, her love of teaching never left her and she carried out supply teaching at Wichenford, Great Witley, Eastham and Grimley, as well as doing some private coaching from home. In later years, she also helped out at Starters Nursery School at Menith Wood, as well as babysitting on a regular basis for many grateful parents in the area.

She was an outstanding hostess, who enjoyed cooking and socialising. New Year was celebrated with other local couples, who took it in turn to hold lively parties, with Elizabeth always insisting that tradition was carried out to the letter! She took pleasure in seeing her boys grow up and progress through school and university, and was delighted in 1988 when William got married and brought some more female company into the previously male-dominated household!

Sadly in 1999, her beloved husband passed away following an accident at

home. She took the decision to move out of the house at Ockeridge which was far too big for her to manage on her own, and she chose a new bungalow at Tenbury Wells. She helped at the Tenbury Museum and Tourist Board, and made new friends, but she never really got over losing Bob and failing health blighted her later years. However, she was delighted to become a granny in 2004 to Matthew, closely followed by Alex, and these two brought her much pleasure. In October last year, her first grand-daughter arrived and it was an easy decision for her proud parents to name her Zoe Elizabeth in honour of her granny.

Elizabeth was many things, a good mother, teacher and friend. She will be remembered for her love, her help freely given, and for her hard work for good causes in Wichenford and the wider world. Her family have taken great comfort from the many letters of condolence already received which have described how Elizabeth was an inspiration. She will long be remembered here in Wichenford for all she did for us.

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 June 2008 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

Democratic half hour/public question time.

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

parish business. The Landlord of the Masons Arms wanted to discuss the proposal for a new extension for a function room. The parish council was asked if they knew about the Motor Cross that went on at Allsetts Farm and questions were raised with regard to the noise level. (Parish council to investigate). Planning at Wants Green. (applicants to speak to councillors)

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2008 were accepted and signed as a true record.

Progress Reports

Mistletoe Lakes Farm: All correspondence regarding this application was available in the correspondence folder for councillors to read.

Planning

Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn: 08/00421/FUL. Cob House Fisheries. (new building) Withdrawn. 08/00553/FUL. Coronation Cottage. Broadwas. (extn) Approved. Applications received: 08/00715/Ful. Wants Green Broadwas. (Stables and barn) The parish council has no objection to this in principle but are concerned that as this is on a plot of several parcels of land that has recently been sold we could see an influx of new buildings in open countryside. 08/00732/Ful. 1 Boxley Cottage, Wichenford. (extn) The parish council has no objection. 08/00711/FUL 4 Queensway, Wichenford. (extn and additional parking) The PC has no objections to this application.

Finance

The current balance from 1 May to 31 May stands at £16,683.52. Of this £324 belongs to the Pathfinders Scheme; £819 is held on account for the NPDC and £2,336 was received for notice boards from the lottery funding. There was one cheque totaling £28.00 for CPRE membership for agreement and signature. A cheque for £428 was received from the bluebell ride and given to the clerk to hold on account for the NPDC. The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

Annual Return

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 2007/2008.

Risk Assessment

The Annual Risk assessment was studied and discussed. It was noted the bus shelter wants cleaning out (Clerk to do) and recoating. (To discuss at next meeting). The chairman will ask the estate tree surgeons to check all the trees belonging to the parish. A grant has been received for two new notice boards, which have been ordered. It was resolved to accept the risk assessment.

Lengthsman review

The Parish Council are happy for the lengthsman to continue on a Contract for Services Basis. The Clerk will check with the lengthsman that all his certificates and insurance details are

up to date.

Litter-Pick

The Parish Council agreed that 4 October was the most suitable date for the next village litter-pick. The Clerk was asked to advertise in The Villager. All those who attend will be given a hot drink and a hot-dog on presentation of their refuse sack. The Clerk was asked to report the fly tipping in the village. The Parish Council will write a letter regarding litter and fly tipping in conjunction with the CPRE letter-writers briefing.

Postcodes

Cllr Rendall explained how confusing the current system is as addresses no longer reflect their geographic location; but is determined by their postcodes. All houses on the Wichenford side of Willow Road are listed as Martley. This could make a difference when a planning application is received as Martley is a conservation area. Cllr Rendall was asked to draft a letter to be put in the correspondence folder for the next agenda

Councillors' Training

Two councillors will attend the CPRE AGM and also Calc AGM.

To Report Any Urgent Decisions Since the Last Meeting

We believe the date for the public inquiry on Rosses Lane and Guises Lane has been set for 27 August. A. Moore will be meeting with the CC to decide if the county will be represented or not. All objections and representations are at County Hall. Cllrs Rendall and Randall will try to

visit in the next few weeks. As soon as the date is disclosed the Parish Council must decide what it wants to do. The Parish Council agreed that a letter must be written to the inspectorate at Bristol asking for the date to be changed to one outside the family holiday season and would like reassurance that the public inspector will not be the same as we find it difficult to believe that the same inspector would be able to give an unbiased opinion on the new evidence that has been received.

Correspondence

For decision by the parish council. (information only): There was no correspondence issued. Calc up-dates 08-18/19 were emailed to councillors. Correspondence included. Worcester Chaplaincy for Agriculture and Rural Life; Post Office Network Change Programme; Letter regarding Woodhall Farm development., Partnership Matters Magazine; Cpre Letter writing ; Speaking Out Magazine; View from the Hills; SLCC. Community Policing Matters; Correspondence Re: Mistletoe Lakes farm; Noticeboard Quotes; SWJCS; LCS; Calc update 8-17. (Emailed to councillors); Cpre AGM.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be 28 July 2008.

Celebration Concert

**Celebration Concert
at St Lawrence's Lindridge**

Saturday 9 August at 7pm

**A varied programme performed
by talented local instrumentalists
and singers, with something for
everyone**

£10 to include wine and canapés.

**Tickets available from
Betty Andersson 01584 881358 and
Jason Fisher 01584 881454
All proceeds to church funds**



Car boot sale

**In WICHENFORD, near
MARTLEY**

**In aid of
Wichenford Memorial hall
on Sunday 31 August**

**Booters entry from 7.00am
Public entry from 8.00am
(Everything over by 1pm!)**

**Booters £10
Cars with trailers, or vans £15
Public admission £1 per person**

**Venue: Venn Lane in the field
opposite Wichenford Court
and Dovecote, next to Wichenford
church**

**(for location see :
multimap website: WR6 6XY)**

**If pouring with rain and ground
wet, it will *be cancelled*.**

***Why not adopt a duck for the St Richard's Hospice Duck Race on the
River Severn? Worcester, Saturday 11 August 2.15pm***

***Small ducks £3, large Ducks £5, Limited Edition fancy dress 'corporate'
ducks at £25. Prizes for the first ducks to reach the Cathedral!***

***This event is part of the Worcester Festival – come and watch from the
South Quay and join the fun. To purchase a duck contact the
fundraising team 01905 763963***

Wichenford Blues Festival Rains Supreme

Despite the rain the first Wichenford Blues Festival held at The Mason's Arms was a great success. 350 people braved the weather to enjoy some of the best blues acts around throughout the day.

People danced in the rain to Latin aces Alma Latina and, as dusk fell and the top names took the stage, the rain finally subsided for Memphis in the Meantime and headliners The Big Blues Tribe, drawing the crowd from under the cover of the marquee.

With people travelling to the festival from as far as Abertillery in South Wales, and lots of people camping and caravanning the whole event was a combination of locals enjoying a top festival on their doorstep and blues fans travelling from further afield for the music.

There was even an unexpected fireworks display from somewhere



Oliver Carpenter of The Big Blues Tribe on the stage at Wichenford with Nero, a puppy handed up to him during the performance

else in Wichenford which was enjoyed by the crowd as the event drew reached its finale!

All in all, an excellent first event and, with the weather on our side, who knows how well it could have gone and how many people would have turned up? A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day and to all the people who made it possible.

Oliver Carpenter

Martley Spurs Fund-Raisers at The Crown, Martley

***Friday 8 August 8pm
RACE NITE***

***Sunday 10 August
9am
CAR BOOT SALE
£5 per boot
No traders please***

***Sunday 24 August
(subject to confirmation)***

***FAMILY FUN DAY
with***

***5-a-side junior football
Penalty shoot-out
Barbeque
Tombola
Family races
Pet show 3.30pm
Bouncy castle
Rat race***



In the Garden



In the Garden in August.

If it is hot, take time to sit out in your garden and just enjoy it. Remember to keep a container of water topped up for the birds. Avoid any planting until the cooler, damper days of September. Many of you will be away on holiday at some time this month, so look around for new ideas. Digital cameras are marvellous for recording plants and planting combinations that catch your eye.

At home, feed plants in containers. They have been in place for a couple of months by now and need a boost. Summer-prune Wisteria and trim back lavender. Try propagating lavender, and other shrubs, from semi-ripe cuttings. Rambler roses need pruning back as soon as they finish flowering. Cut back the side shoots which flowered this year to one or two buds from the main stem; cut old stems to ground level and then tie the newer, most vigorous stems to supports. If the weather is warm and wet, keep an eye open for blight on tomatoes and potatoes. It was a major problem in 2007. Remove infected plants and burn, don't use them in compost, and if possible, avoid planting these crops in the infected soil next year.

Now is the time to order Spring bulbs

and shrubs from specialist nurseries if you are after something special. By the end of the month the most popular bulbs will be coming into the garden centres.

Local gardens open for charity this month include; Burford House Gardens, Tenbury Wells 6 Aug. Astley Town House, Astley, 2 acres including sub-tropical planting 31 Aug. and, a 'must see', High View, Hipplecote, Martley. Mike and Carole Dunnett will be welcoming visitors from 11-5pm on 10 Aug. Their beautiful garden overlooking the Teme Valley contains many unusual trees and shrubs.

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Did you know.....?

That ALL green garden waste, put out in this area in green plastic refuse bags, ends up in LANDFILL!!!

MHDC advertise that this waste is put in landfill in order to persuade more people to compost it at home—a fact that many people may be unaware of. So, please be aware that even though you are separating garden waste from your household rubbish, and putting it into plastic sacks (albeit green) (that you have probably paid extra for), it does NOT get recycled.

An even better reason, then, to start composting all your garden and kitchen waste at home. Just think, it'll save not only on expensive green bags, but costly trips to the local tip!

Our local District Council supplies a range of compost bins suited to most needs, at highly discounted rates.

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Church Words

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Wimbledon, European Football, Test Cricket and much more have all been enjoyed already this summer and still to come is the Beijing Olympics. Athletes competing at the highest level of their sport, show such commitment, discipline, dedication and fitness, maybe we stand back and admire their abilities and wish we were a little younger or fitter or more capable to give it a go ourselves.

The same dedication is just as necessary in each of our lives in whatever we do. For just as an athlete is dedicated and focused on what they are doing in order to 'win', so too we need focus and dedication in our daily lives. Whether bringing up our family or in our work or in our play we need the same commitment. An athlete also needs to enjoy his sport and have their supporters cheering them on, if not they are not going to get very far. We need those around us who love us giving us that encouragement.

This is also true of our spiritual lives. St. Paul in his writings showed an interest in the sports of his day. On a number of occasions he uses sport as a way of illustrating the way we should live our lives as Christians, one such example is given in his first letter to the Corinthian Church:

'Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one

*receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.*²⁵*Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one.*²⁶*So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air;*²⁷*but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified'.*

Paul could see the need for discipline and commitment in his life as a follower of Christ and likened it to an athlete's, we may not be St. Paul but every day we live our life and 'run' the race of life it is not without its ultimate destiny, not without purpose or reward. We are called to look forward to the finish line and see Jesus, we need not be overwhelmed by the problems and difficulties we face at our side but rather to the goal God has for us in Jesus Christ.

So as we look upon those athletes let us think about our own spiritual fitness and commit ourselves to the discipline of being disciples of Christ and run the race of life with him by our side.

God Bless

Rev'd David Sherwin

Church Services for August

Sat 2 August	7.00pm Liam Cartwright Recital at St Leonard, Cotheridge
SUN 3 AUGUST	8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30am Worship All-Together, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 4 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 5 August	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 6 August	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 7 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sat 9 August	2.30pm Mother's Union Service at St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 10 AUGUST	8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
	10.30am Worship All-Together, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	6.30pm Healing Service, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Mon 11 August	8.30am Prayer Breakfast
Tue 12 August	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 13 August	10.15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 14 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
	3.00-4.30pm "Tea Service" at St Peter, Martley
SUN 17 AUGUST	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley
	3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel
	6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 18 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 19 August	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 20 August	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 21 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 24 AUGUST	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Worship All-Together, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Tue 26 August	10.00 Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 27 August	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 28 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 31 August	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge

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And finally ...

Mobile Library

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

Malvern View

10am-10.30am

Wichenford church

10.35am-11am

Kings Green Farm

11.05am-11.35am

Rosses Green

11.40am-12.10pm



Martley Library

Opening Hours

Martley Memorial Hall
Berrow Green Road
Martley, Worcs WR6 6PQ

Mon 2.00-7.00pm

Wed 4.00-6.00pm

Thu 10.00am-1.00pm

Fri 2.00-4.00pm

Sat 10.00am-12 noon

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