

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 Sport Martley

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 for a complete listing of all forthcoming events (that the Diary page Editor knows about)

The cover photo shows Nellie and Jack Bradley, Martley's Golden Couple. See Page 12.

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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Martley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Martley Parish Council held on Monday 4 July 2005 at the Memorial Hall. Cllr Mr. D. Cropp Chairman.

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: Licensing Law: The Chairman had been in touch with MHDC and The Hall license will transfer across without problems, but individual applicants will have to pay separately. Millennium Meadow: The trees are now becoming quite tall and obscuring the view of the church. The Clerk to write to the trustees requesting trimming. Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb: Some cars are coming through the village quite quickly. The Clerk to write to the organisers to ask the drivers to take care and observe the speed limits; a copy of the letter to go to the police. Hope House Lane/Willow Road junction: There was an accident at this junction on 24 June, the Clerk to write to Highways requesting a review of the priorities

and marking. Rat Catcher: Details were read out about a person who is prepared to catch rats for free, the Clerk to advertise the details. Helipads: Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones gave a brief précis of the Planning requirements.

Parish Map:

Cllr. Mr. C. Coombey-Jones outlined the format. This would enable The Clerk to pass information to WCC Highways.

District Councillor's Report:

District Councillor Mrs. B. Williams apologised for missing last month's meeting. She outlined the format of the new Planning Committee which removes both North and South committees and replaces them with one. Henceforth, not every councillor will be able represent their ward with a vote although they will be able to speak.

The Local Plan is still being adjudicated by the inspector.

County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor Mr. A. Davies reported the proposed extensions to The Chantry. A set of plans were available to see. The weight restriction

order for Ankerdine Hill is published (18 tonnes). A traffic calming plan is being developed for this location

Correspondence:

Included - CPRE: Subscription renewal £25.00. dfra: Clean neighbourhoods and environment Act 2006. WCC: Various temp. closure orders (Barbers Lane). Elgar: Fence at Heaton House. Nora Parsons Day Centre: Invitation to AGM 17 July at 7:30pm. BT: Removal of cash facility at 01886 888780 call box. Elgar Housing: Housing advice and homelessness service in MHDC area. WCC: B4197 Ankerdine Hill proposed prohibition of heavy commercial vehicles in excess of 18 tonnes. Community First: email ref. database. WCC: Options for the future of Malvern Hills Primary schools.

Planning:

05/00813/LBC Peartree Cottage Witton Hill Rationalisation of existing buildings. Cllr. Mrs. M. Randall. 05/00678/FUL as above. 05/00880/FUL 15 Mortlake Drive; extn. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp. 05/00964/FUL Treetops Hillside Re-siting of approved replacement building. Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear. 05/00960/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to domestic. Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear. 05/00951/LBC Hilltop Horsham, alteration of existing derelict farm building to form new garaging. Cllr Mr. G. Taylor. Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn: 05/00631/FUL The Tegs Approved

Finance:

There were nine cheques totalling **£1880.59** for agreement and signature

Parish Paths Warden Report:

The Clerk read out the report.

Councillor Training:

The feedback was encouraging and positive; additional training will be arranged in September.

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas:

The surface of the road at the bend, just beyond the junction of Horn Lane and B4197 is poor; the Clerk to report again to WCC Highways. The caravans at Lower Hollins Farm are still of concern, the Clerk to follow up again with Planning enforcement.

Local Project Funding:

The Clerk has not received any additional entries. Further notices will be displayed.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Monday 8 August 2005 at 8 p.m. This is a change from the previously advertised date.

Acknowledgement of Local People:

It was resolved to remove the public and press for the discussion of this sensitive issue. The minutes will be held separately.

Tom Pearsall, Clerk to the Council
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Martley's Golden Couple

Two of Martley's best-known 'citizens' will be having a very special celebration in August.

Jack and Nellie Bradley were married sixty years ago on 4 August 1945 at Pipe Hayes in Birmingham. The couple met when Nellie moved to Martley after joining the Land Army and being billeted at the Hollins Farm with the Nott family. At the time, Jack was working at the neighbouring Hope House Farm and they first said hello to each other over the farm hedgerows!

Nellie was bought up in Erdington in Birmingham, while Jack has been a Martley lad for all his 84 years, having been born on Hillside. Both have taken a very active part in the life of the Village and still contribute and help to distribute the Villager Magazine.

Jack has been involved with the Village Hall for 60 years, has been on the Parish Council and also played football and cricket for Martley, as well as being in the Air Gun team for many years. He was one of the prime movers in gaining a playing field for the village and in building the pavilion on the sports ground.



Nellie has shared Jack's sporting interests, including making cricket tea in the 'old hut' on the Crown Meadow,

which was not always a delight! She has been a member of the W.I. for many years and has also sold poppies for the British Legion for over 50 years and they both still play indoor bowls at the Village Hall.

Jack was employed in agriculture and horticulture for the whole of his working life. He has been a keen member of the Martley Horticultural Society and Show Committees since they started. Nellie worked for many years at the Chantry School as one of the Dinner Ladies and is still renowned for her pasty making!

The couple have two children, Helen, who has now retired after 39 years with the DVLC and David, who broadcasts every afternoon on BBC Hereford and Worcester. They have two grandchildren, Lynsey and Amanda. The family plan a quiet week of celebration and will be joined by Jack's brother, Bert, who was Best Man 60 years ago, and bridesmaids Louise Edwards, who now lives in Hertfordshire, and Margaret Genever, who now lives in Hallow.

We wish them many congratulations on reaching 60 years of wedded life.

(I am sure that everyone who knows the Bradleys will join in the congratulations, and as Editor, I would like to thank both of them for sharing their wealth of local and horticultural knowledge with the readers of The Villager each month. M Higgins)

Martley & District Horticultural Society

Society members were invited to Scar Cottage, the home of Ian Pennell and Pam Spokes, for their June meeting. Members were able to explore the garden, and use their gardening knowledge, to identify the many and varied species of plants that fill the beds and borders. The weather was very good considering that heavy storms were witnessed during the day. A peacock, which lives in the garden, gave a magnificent display to the visitors. Refreshments were served, and the hosts were thanked for the evening by Barbara Kirby, Chairman of the Society.

There is still time to collect a schedule for the Society's Annual Show on Saturday 20 August at 2pm from Martley Post Office, Central Stores or a Committee member.

At the meeting on Thursday 29 September, 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall, the guest speaker will be Brian Draper MBE. His subject "The Hidden Wildlife of a City". This will be an open evening. Details in the September issue of *The Villager*.

Nellie Bradley

Congratulations

Congratulations to Greg Pratley for winning the "Against all Odds" category in the Student Services Section at Worcester College of Technology.



Martley WI

10 August- Outing to Warren Farm

This month we forgo our monthly meeting and are off to Warren Farm, Bringsty, for an evening looking at the farm, the craft shop and enjoying a supper we haven't prepared for ourselves. Please be there by 6.45pm – if more details or lifts are needed please contact Secretary Mary Kipping.

Congratulations from all to Nellie and Jack Bradley who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding on 3 August. Nellie is one of our longest-serving members, very rarely misses a meeting and is always willing to help wherever help is needed. Thanks to all who helped to make the garden meeting a success - even the weather was kind.

A garden quiz was won by Sheila Craker and Mary Kipping was successful in bowling for the pig, but preferred the packet of sausages as a prize. Mike Kipping, auctioneer, persuaded us to buy things we didn't really want, all in a good cause – namely funds. Over £120 was raised. Thank you very much, Mike. Kate & Harry King were thanked for hosting the evening and were presented with a lovely cake, made and iced by President Pat, and a bouquet of golden roses, to celebrate their Golden Wedding. It was a lovely surprise and greatly appreciated.

To round off a busy month and at the request of the Parish Council, Pat Crook prepared a WI display in the Memorial Hall, showing we are alive and well, for the judges of the Worcestershire Village of the Year Competition. Any interested female is invited to come along to a meeting on the second Wednesday of the month to check our aliveness and wellness. We are NOT middle-class oldies as some people seem to perceive us and, if we are, then we will gladly submit to a makeover! We meet at Sport Martley 7.30pm, but not this month.

Kate King

Chantry News

The next meeting of the 'Friends' is on 2 October at 8pm (in the Music Room?) and will include AGM business. New members are always welcome and attendance does not include mandatory volunteering for jobs or holding office - PROMISE!

Martley Spurs

August sees the start of the 2005-2006 season. All three of our teams did well last year so there is no reason for them to be relegated. All home matches are played on the Jury Field on Saturday afternoons (the Premier side) and on Sunday mornings (the Premier and second division elevens). Remember there are no home games played on Saturdays until the end of the cricket season. Good luck in this new season!

Beth Williams

Calling All 4 - 12 Year Olds

All local children in this age group are invited to embark on a journey of discovery with Martley's Library Link. This County Junior Summer Reading Challenge entitled "Reading Voyage" is designed to encourage children to read through incentives such as puzzles, games, stickers to collect, prizes to be won, etc. and runs from 18 July to Saturday 1 October. Just call in at your local library branch in Martley Village Hall for details. Library opening times:

Monday 2.00 - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 4.00 - 7.30 pm
Thursday 10.00 - 1.00 pm
Friday 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Saturday 10.00 - 12 noon

Two Welcomes!

1. Welcome and best wishes to Ian and Sacha Treadwell and their daughter, Mia, who have moved from Great Witley to live at Lower Hollins Farm.
2. Welcome also to Ed, Juliet and their daughter Mia who have moved into Sandpits Close, near to Juliet's mum, Margaret Rushgrove. Juliet remembers playing in the garden of her new house as a child!

Martley Ramblers

**Hill Country 14 August
2pm Church car park**

The usual Sunday Ramble in June was around Upton-on-Severn and Hanley

Swan and everyone enjoyed the varied and historical area. The June evening ramble was poorly attended and abandoned. It was a shame as Monty and Alex Walker had spent time planning it and it would have been a shady wooded walk on a warm evening. Do we really want a Rambler's Club in Martley? Decision time will probably be at the AGM in November. We are a mixed age, very informal, group who enjoy walking, chatting and admiring the wonderful countryside we live in. Everyone is welcome to give us a go and perhaps discover areas they didn't know existed.

This month Colin Hill will be leading us around Hill Country in Alfrick and Leigh Sinton areas. Our thoughts have been with Pam during her recent illness and we hope she will soon be fully recovered and able to stride out with us once again.

Kate King

Looking for Hills

Dear Editor

I wondered if any readers can assist me. I am looking for information about the HILL family who came from Martley. My partner's grandfather was William Hill born in 1900. The only information to hand at present is: Charles Hill was born in Martley 1858, in 1861 and 1871 he was living as a 'nurse child' in Martley with Thomas and Ann Martin. In 1878 Charles married Barbara Whitty and

they had many children:

Charles (1879)

Annie born 1881

Ellen born 1884

James born 1887 and killed in Belgium in 1914.

Alice born 1890

Frances born 1893

Edward born 1894

Emily born 1895

Mary born 1897

William born 1900.

William came to Coventry where the family all still reside. He had two sons, one who is my father in law and the singer Vince Hill, who now lives in Surrey. If anyone knows of these I would love to hear from them.

Thank you—

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Thank You!

I am fitting out kitchen in Village Hall and the following people have been a great help, especially as two of them took time off work to do things at home then got stuck in with me and a third was recovering from a glass or two of alcohol (Harry King).

I would like to say THANK YOU to my wife Eileen, Helen and George, Harry King, and to Jack and Nellie Bradley for moral support.

Neil Stammers

A Martley First for the County

High speed broadband access is a key tool for business and residential users of the Internet – improving productivity, efficiency and enjoyment. Contrary to publicity, the ADSL solution is simply not obtainable in every household or business in rural areas, either now or in the foreseeable future. Its availability depends wholly upon the location of the subscriber and the local telephone exchange. However Martley Web Mesh (MWM) has the solution! Wireless is the new Information Technology!

MWM uses the 802.11b Wi-Fi wireless standard. With the co-operation of the Martley community we can expand and cover those areas in the parish other means can't reach.

MWM is a non-profit-making co-operative enterprise run, supported and maintained by a team of local residents which is being developed for the benefit of the parish and surrounding areas. However, we need your active support for it to succeed and flourish.

So let's briefly explain our Wireless Mesh Network. A mesh is a series of strategically placed nodes, each node talks to as many other nodes as it can reach. Some nodes will have a local connection straight to the Internet. Nodes with access to the Internet are known as gateways and all other nodes establish a path to these gateways in

order to expand the availability of Internet access. Subscribers become part of the mesh by linking to the nodes.

Confused? Well, we're all used to how a television receives signals from the local transmitter: Connecting to a node is similar. You only receive decent reception if you've an aerial on the chimney or wall of your house pointing towards the transmitter, with a cable running down to connect to the television set. Our system also does this, although we can, if required, provide a complete Wi-Fi package that enables your computer to be connected to broadband Internet services without any extra wiring. Your laptop, for instance, can be used from ANYWHERE in the house without using or sharing a telephone connection. We can also provide multiple connections for all the family members. Installation is free and you pay only for the equipment plus a reasonable monthly charge for the connection. As we are a non-profit making local enterprise, prices are extremely competitive compared to other commercial enterprises.

For more information e-mail: news@martley.org.uk or ring John on 01886 888460, Tom on 01886 888256 or Richard on 01886 821237. Remember this is a local venture, for local people, supported, maintained and run by local volunteers. And it's the first in the county. Join the team!

John Layton

Village of the Year Award

You will be delighted to hear that, whilst we did not win the Village of the Year as a whole, we won Worcestershire ICT Village of the Year for 2005.

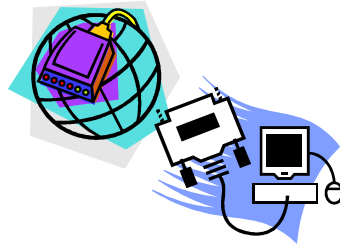
This means that we will go on to the Regional and National finals at the end of September.

As before, we have to make a written submission - limited exactly to pages/descriptions - to the University of Warwick.

Hopefully with Martley MESH we are well positioned to do ourselves credit.

Dave Cropp

See a demonstration of Martley Web Mesh—and sign up—at Martley Horticultural Society Annual Show & Fete on Saturday 20 August 2005.



August 1905

This month, 100 years ago, the outing of the Juvenile Foresters took place on the 2nd, and several boys were absent from school, which closed on the 25th, for the Annual Harvest Holidays.

MWM needs website volunteers

MWM (Martley Web Mesh) is looking for volunteers to help with keeping the Martley website up to date—updating pages, creating new pages as required, deleting old pages etc.

Familiarity with Dreamweaver and web-page construction would be useful but training can be given.

If you are interested, e-mail:- news@martley.org.uk or ring John on 01886 888460, Tom on 01886 888256 or Richard on 01886 821237

 ***martley web mesh***



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Church Flowers

7 August Mrs J Root
14 August All Age Worship Team
21 August Mrs B Hadfield
28 August Mrs C Wetherall

There will be no meeting of the Ladies Fellowship in August.

Open Garden weekend

The Open Garden Weekend was a resounding success and a record sum of £5,800 was raised. Our thanks and appreciation go to all those who helped to achieve this wonderful result. A detailed report will appear in the next issue of The Villager.

Tim Matthews (Quads)

Congratulations Tim on your first anniversary. Hope you have many more. Love Mom and Dad.



Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Baby News

Congratulations to William and Sasha Pearce on the arrival of their son, Alexander Daniel, a brother for Matthew.

Trevor and Ann Sanders of Ruggs Place, Wichenford, are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their Granddaughter, Charlotte Isobel, born to their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Anna, who live in Little Witley. A baby sister for Josh.

Car Cleaning

Some of our young people worked very hard cleaning cars in the car park whilst visitors enjoyed the open



Garden of Dave & Val Mills at Kings Green open for the Open Gardens weekend

gardens. They did a magnificent job and raised a substantial sum towards equipment for the Millennium Green. Well done! Your efforts were much appreciated.



Pat Pegrum

We are so very sorry that Pat Pegrum has died and send our deepest sympathy to John and to all her family. Pat ran our post office and shop for a number of years and is remembered for her friendly and cheerful manner. She always made time to advise and help customers, indeed it seemed a pleasure to her. Sometimes people would need items not in stock and she was always happy to obtain things in the quickest time possible. We remember her with appreciation and affection.

Well Done

Dale Jaime Matthews swam 82 lengths, just over a mile, at Lower Wick pool. Dale did this on Sunday 20 February for the Tsunami appeal, raising £185. The cheque is to be passed to Charlotte Meek who teaches at the Chantry School. Miss Meek is a relative of Annie Hofton who tragically died with her husband in the Tsunami disaster. The money will be added to the Annie and John Hofton Memorial Fund. Dale thanks everyone who supported her.

Wichenford Ladies Circle

It is with regret it has been necessary to discontinue the monthly meetings. Sadly two of our members have passed away and other members have become incapacitated with health problems. We thank Mrs E Whitehead and Mrs J Wells for their welcoming hospitality since the group started in 1997. The members will continue to remember the warmth and neighbourliness of our meeting together. At the conclusion the funds amounted to £100, and it was decided to donate £50 to Cancer Research and £50 to Diabetes UK.

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

The Group has been successful in obtaining a new grant from the Local Heritage Initiative. The grant is for the Wichenford Landscape project and will be used to create maps of the local landscape during Saxon times and around the time of the conquest. We shall be helped in this by the Worcester archaeologists and an Anglo-Saxon expert from Birmingham University. We shall also be completing the survey of pollarded and coppiced trees in the parish which Jane Field and Heather Rendall have started. We shall receive help with this survey from pupils at the Hallow School.

We plan to organise a meeting to launch the project on the Wednesday 28 September. This will coincide with registration for the Autumn evening classes. Details of the evening classes will be published in the next issue of *The Villager*.

Mervyn Mitchard

Congratulations

Congratulations to Wendy (Ivy Perkins' daughter) on completing the Race for Life. She completed the 5km race in a respectable 57mins 27 secs. Wendy raised £510 for this very worthy cause—an excellent result!

Sue Ganderton



Garden of Dave and Val Mills at Kings Green open for the Open Gardens weekend

Roses in the garden of Rosie Cannon in Wichenford open for the Open Gardens weekend



Wichenford 100 Club

June winner Helen Mason. No.9. £112. Tidying & Inspection Rota
August: H. Rendall

Millennium Green

Clifton Upon Teme Children's Centre

As a result of the Government's white paper 'Every Child Matters', Children's Centres are being developed Countrywide. Their aim is to bring together a range of services in health, education and social care for under 5's and their families. Initially there will be just ten in the County of Worcestershire and one of these is being developed in Clifton Upon Teme to serve families in the Teme Valley. It will be one of the only Rural Centres created and its aim is to address the issue of rural isolation and current lack of services to support young families.

All Centres will be attached to schools and must offer full-day, flexible childcare and pre-school education. Clifton was earmarked as its Primary School already provides many extra-curricular services: the Borrowers Toy Library visits the community regularly and an established childcare facility is in place via the on-site Early Years Centre. A few months ago, Hilary Highton was appointed as the Co-ordinator for the Children's Centre.

Examples of the kind of initiatives already happening are a Post Natal Support Group, a Baby Massage Course and from 15 September 'Leaps and Bounds' from Tumble Tots will be coming to Clifton. Half-hour sessions will run for toddlers and

children up to age 5 in the Village Hall with the aim of helping them to develop their physical ability as well as their self confidence. A coffee shop will run alongside the classes where parents and anyone of any age in the community are invited to 'drop-in' and have a cup of Fair Trade coffee and a healthy (!) cake or biscuit too –you never know who you might meet there!

There are more initiatives in the pipeline and Hilary is keen to hear from anyone who has further ideas or may be a service-provider. If you would like more information about anything mentioned or wish to book a place on the 'Leaps and Bounds' programme she can be contacted on 01886 812982 or mobile 07950 482553.

Hilary says "I am delighted that one of the first Children's Centres in the County is going to be in the heart of the Teme Valley. We know there really are issues related to rural isolation and it's great that we have the opportunity to address this. With the help of people in the community I hope the Centre can provide an exciting and specially-designed service to support families in these rural parts.

Hilary looks forward to meeting many of you very soon.

The Final Days of World War 2

Many ceremonies, parades and festivities are being and have already been held to celebrate the end of World War 2 but the real end came on 8 August 1945 when the Americans dropped the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima and a second one on Nagasaki on the 9th.

225,000 people died immediately and thousands more of a suffered slow death for years afterwards.

A few years ago, I visited both cities. I went to Hiroshima's Peace Park, an incredibly moving, yet peaceful place, close to the A-dome, which is what is left of a reinforced concrete building, kept standing as a memorial to those who died.

The park itself is full of single memorials, often a specific number of paper cranes have been put up in memory of certain groups of people who died.

This peaceful place has a museum of such horror - films, objects such as paving stones with bodies melted into them, burnt children's satchels, clothing, warped household tools and objects. I found the whole experience so horrifying as to be unable to face its equivalent

in Nagasaki. Thousands of British servicemen were taken prisoner, tortured, suffered and died under the Japanese.

I do hope some recognition of all this horror and sacrifice will be held in August after all the ceremonies held for the end of the war in Europe.

Beth Williams

Distribute The Villager

**Wanted at the end of
September, someone to
organise the main
distribution of the
October issue of The
Villager**

-For one month only -

**Please phone June on
01886 821064.**

Anagram Telegram

Following the appearance of anagrams in the June issue of *The Villager*, your Editor received a phone call from someone in Pershore. Read on and find out why!

The caller was on his way to Great Witley and called into the shop in Martley to enquire the way. Whilst there, he purchased a copy of *The Villager* (as you do). A tremendous enthusiast of cycling, after reading the anagrams, he realised that VELO, the French word for bicycle, is an anagram of LOVE.

Were these events all a big coincidence? Dear reader, you decide!

Michelle Higgins

Quick Inspirations

To love and to be loved is to feel the sun from both the sides.

David Viscott

There are only two people who can tell you the truth about yourself - an enemy who has lost his temper and a friend who loves you dearly.

Antisthenes

Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh. *W. H. Auden*

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being. *Goethe*

Martley Horticultural Society Annual Show & Fete

Saturday 20 August 2-4pm

Martley Playing Fields

Visit The Villager stand

and much, much more ...

Sudan Correspondent—Part 7

Here in El Geneina the lifestyle is primitive with many of the older residents unable to read or write and most of the children never getting the chance to attend school for long, if at all.

We have no means of boiling sufficient water for our needs. There are a couple of charcoal stoves, which could, if one had the time, be used for boiling water, but hey take ages to get going, and do the job of cooking well enough once a sufficiently high temperature has been reached. The stoves are nothing more than simple welded metal containers with short legs, about one and half feet tall, to contain the charcoal.

There are no trade names to be seen on everyday items. Everything from chairs and tables, beds and coffins, to pots and pans are provided by one-man businesses plying their trade along the roadside. Chairs are constructed with welded tubular frames, the seat and back area strung with coloured twine. The weave is coarse to allow air to circulate as much as possible. Beds are constructed in a similar fashion here although as one moves further south in Africa, say to Northern Uganda, beds are constructed using entirely different materials and with wooden stretcher boards rather than twine to fill the base area. The

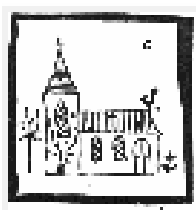


earthenware storage pots are another peculiarity of this region. They are built in many sizes and look similar to two normal round pots sitting one on top of the other with the bottom of the top pot removed to allow access to the bottom. The tallest are over four feet tall. Not being really watertight, stood on a simple platform with a bucket placed underneath to catch the drips, they make jolly good water filters, removing most of the sand from the well-water!

Unless you are prepared to fly food in, a costly affair, nearly all our meals use local produce bought in the outdoor markets. The butcher just kills a beast which is then displayed by hanging it from wooden poles stuck firmly into the ground or hung from the remains of a tree before being cut up for sale. The meat is very tough and covered with flies and fine particles of sand thrown up by passing traffic. Fresh meat definitely means live meat! And lean. There are no fat cattle in Darfur.

I wish I'd learnt four words in Arabic before I came here: Stop. Go. Up and Down. It would have saved me hours of gesticulation and frustration. Maybe two more words as well, but I'm not going to tell you what those are, because they are very, very, rude!

John Layton



Church Words

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Music, what sort do you like? Classical, opera, Jazz, easy listening, pop, rock, urban, rap, folk, country, blues, soul, gospel? I could go on. There is music to suit all of us, and of course many of us have a variety of tastes. My own collection of music has, believe it or not, a selection of all those styles. I remember my mother taking me, as I grew up, to the local record shop, which used to play the music in booths (remember those?) so that we could check on what we were buying. I would be asked what on earth I was listening to! Now some of that 'row' as it was referred to, is acceptable, almost 'middle-of-the-road' music. Church Music also has its great diversity and, surprisingly, always has had. In scripture we are told to sing Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual songs to the Lord. Not so different to the variety of today. Each generation has brought something new to church music that has enriched its life and

worship. I do believe the services of worship held across the benefice reflect this diversity and richness. We have recently been blessed at St. Peter's by a group of musicians, some adults and some teenagers, joining together to play at our 4th Sunday 6.30pm contemporary worship service. From organ to drums, we have used our instruments to worship the Lord. We also have traditional evensong at both Cotheridge and Wichenford, contemplative worship at Broadwas and family worship at Martley, Wichenford and Broadwas, something for all and perhaps something for each of us to experience even if it is not our preferred style of worship.

The Psalms encourage us to 'Sing a new song to the Lord'. Maybe there is yet a song within your heart to be written and sung? Why not come and experience these varying styles for yourself and find the richness that can be found in diversity?

Rev David Sherwin



Church Diary for August

- Monday 1 Aug 9.00am Morning Prayer St Laurence Wichenford
Tuesday 2 Aug 10.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
Sunday 7 Aug 8.00am Holy Communion Knightwick Chapel
9.30am Holy Communion St Laurence Wichenford
11.00am Family Worship St Peter Martley
11am Morning Worship St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
6.30pm Evensong St Leonard Cotheridge
Monday 8 Aug 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at Rob Barlow's, The White House
Wed 10 Aug St Laurence Day - Holy Communion or Evensong 7.00pm
10.15am Holy Communion Heaton House
Sat/Sun 13/14 Lower Teme Valley Giving Weekend for the Church
Improvement Project
Sunday 14 Aug 8.00am Holy Communion St Leonard Cotheridge
10.00am Family Worship St Laurence Wichenford
11.00am Holy communion St Peter Martley
11.00am Morning Worship St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
6.00pm Thanksgiving Songs of Praise St Mary Magdalene
Broadwas
Monday 15 Aug 9.00am Morning Prayer, Martley
Tuesday 16 Aug 10.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
Sunday 21 Aug 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 22 Aug 9.00am Morning Prayer St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
Wed 24 Aug 10.15 Songs of Praise Heaton House (Choose a hymn and, if
you want to, tell us why it means so much to you either during the Service or
over coffee.)

In the Garden



Garden Tips for August

A regular job this month is the dead-heading of flowering plants. Failure to remove the dead heads will mean the plant putting all its energy in setting seed. This will reduce the flowers. Carnations and chrysanthemums will need some buds removed if you wish to produce large blossoms. Climbing and rambler roses can be pruned and trained into position. Prune wisteria in the early part of the month.

Prune gooseberries, blackcurrants, loganberries and raspberries, taking out the old canes and tying in new ones, but autumn fruiting raspberries should be pruned in the early spring. Onion sets will be ready to harvest this month. Gently lift the roots with a fork and leave to dry out. Continue to feed tomatoes.

Sow wallflower seed. Sow spring cabbage and turnip seed, spring onion seed and the seed of lettuce, parsley and radish. Brassicas will need planting out into their winter positions. These include purple sprouting and white sprouting broccoli, January King and Tundra cabbage.

Jack Bradley

My Garden

A garden is a special place
Where I find a blessed peace.
Each lovely tree and flower
A lesson seems to teach.
So when I'm feeling weary,
Or just a little sad,
It's wonderful to know
The answer can be had.
As I walk into my garden
Where beauty doth surround,
And marvel at each lovely thing
That comes from out the ground,
And should I stay
For one sweet moment,
Or spend many happy hours,
Comfort is always there
In my message from the flowers.

Enid Larsen

(Another poem found in a New Zealand "Home & Country" journal)



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