

# 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

**Martley & Villages Carers' Group:** 1st

Monday in the month 10.30-12.30 Heaton House.

### **Tuesdays**

**Short Mat Bowling:** 2.00pm Martley Memorial Hall

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

**Martley Toddler Group:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (term time) 10.30am 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 and 3rd Wednesday at The Admiral Rodney

**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 p. 27 for details of services

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

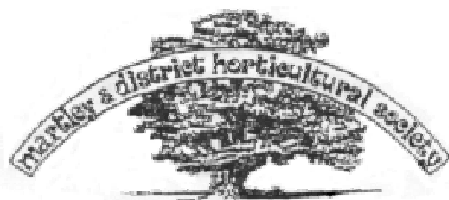
See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—[www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk)



## *Martley and District Horticultural Society*

A lovely sunny day for the Plant Sale on 22 May brought a good number of customers and trade was brisk. On offer as usual were a great number of plants of every description, in particular bedding plants, perennials, hanging basket fillers, pot plants,

shrubs, climbers and some excellent-quality rose bushes; fruit trees, tomatoes, vegetable plants and herbs too and all at sensible prices. People had been really generous this year in what they brought – thank you all! Also a big thank you to all helpers, it was a very successful day. Perhaps the date being earlier than usual worked better for everyone too.

The coach trip to Wisley for members and friends is on Saturday 17 July; there may be some spare seats – ring Margaret Rushgrove on 01886-888631 for details. An ‘Evening Garden Meeting’ is planned for 29 July, which will be at Honey Brook Cottage,

Kidderminster (meet at the Village Hall at 6.30pm). Saturday 21 August is the Martley Annual Show. Don’t forget to get your scarecrow made in good time!

*Tina Steel*

## **Martley Fete**

It’s nearly Fete time again (21 August) so we need tombola prizes please—Pam Minchin 01886-888521; and good clean



*Reg Snow, customer and plants at the Plant Sale in May*

books for the Book Stall—Marg Jackson 01886-888654. Don't forget to make a Scarecrow and enter your produce!

*Pam Minchin*



## ***Martley WI***

### **14 July 7.30pm Heaton House**

Our homes have been de-toxed, we have had our garden meeting and now it is going to be “Food for Thought”. Presumably Sara Dover will be talking about food to eat and not just theoretical do's and don'ts. The competition is for an item made from a healthy recipe. It sounds very mysterious so we shall be eager to find out what it is all about. The details of the summer outing in August will be discussed and suggestions for next year's programme are welcome. What an interesting evening we shall be having. Visitors are always welcome to join us.

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane***

There's been quite a lot of “goings on” these last few weeks. No, not “those sort” for those of you with suspicious minds, and the randy ram has not been on the loose again. In fact, the sheep have been shorn so, as the numbers have now gone from their backs, so he might not be able to recognise his special girls.

The news is that the lane has been re-

surfaced—well most of it—some metres left untouched for some reason, probably due to running water—but otherwise a smooth tidy finish. There was great activity, many lorries, vans, workmen, many newspapers read and crosswords completed over the few days. There are now double white lines at both ends of Hillend Bridge Lane. A final touch of civilisation is the new “No Through Road” sign. As this is on a post about a metre higher than the previous one, perhaps the metal thieves will not be able to steal it. There are, however, still no road names identifying Hillend Bridge Lane to help the poor lorry drivers



relying on their sat-navs. One cannot expect to have everything and we must be thankful for what has been done.

*Kate King*

### ***Village Hall News***

We'd like to thank everyone who came along to the Ascot evening including all those hats! Special thanks go to Lee Turner of Titanium Group LLP (<http://www.ti-group.co.uk>) our steward for the evening. Many of us went home with less money in our pockets but it was worth it - where were Kauto Star and Imperial Commander when we need them? Thank you to our sponsors and gamblers of course for a most enjoyable and entertaining evening.

After several years of service for which the community as a whole has reason to be grateful, John Woolley has stood down from doing the bookings. As a short-term interim measure, Dave Cropp is handling bookings. We intend to have a system that makes it as easy as possible for people to book and access the hall. We are therefore looking for someone in the village who would like to take on the role of bookings officer to include taking bookings, updating the electronic calendar, keeping booking forms for accounting reasons, ensuring the hall is ready for the booking, bar staffed, and work alongside the management committee. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this role, please chat with Dave Cropp, Richard Barlow or Annette Smith or email :villagehall@martley.org

### **Martley 100 Club**

Congratulations to Mandy Gardner with her lucky number 28 - winning £40 on the May drawer. Mandy was our very first winner back in January 2009 and received £20. Well done Mandy for sticking with us.

*A bit of a joke section:*

### **WANTED**

*Village Hall* seeks person with GSOH and good communicator to take on the role of managing the bookings for the hall. Computer-literate and enthusiasm essential. Previous experience not necessary. A p p l y : villagehall@martley.org

*Young farmer* with 100 acres would be pleased to hear from young lady with tractor. Please send photograph of

tractor.

(Instead of saying "Non-Smoking Non-Drinking Single White Male in search of Non-Smoking Non-Drinking Single White Female" could you just say " F u n L o v i n g NSNDSWMISONNSNDSWF"?)

### ***Esther-The Musical***

Having been part of the cast for Robin Hood in January and unable to be part of this latest production, I didn't want to miss the latest venture of MAD (Martley Amateur Dramatics), Esther, a musical based on the old-testament story of Esther, a Hebrew woman who won favour and married Xerxes, king of the Medes and Persians, later influencing him to spare her people. It has been a long-term project for Ruth Mace, the resident musician at St Peter's Martley. All her hard work writing Esther eventually came to fruition with two performances on Saturday 15 May at Martley Memorial Hall, and it was a treat to see – and hear! Ruth managed to create a mix of Hebrew and Persian music and song which blended and complimented each other effectively.

Louisa Wilde (Ruth's daughter) took the lead role as Esther and played it with real tenderness. Her solos (and there were quite a few) were all wonderful. She has a stunning voice! All parts were brilliantly cast by Ruth. James Hyslop played the king, a really demanding role with lots to sing, with flair and considerable vocal ability! The local clergy were well represented – I counted no less than

five clergy members performing!! Rev David Sherwin and Rev Rob Barlow were both ‘baddies’ and got their comeuppance (after doing a very good job entertaining us). The children deserve a big mention as they all put in a huge effort singing, dancing and learning their lines. Abigail Cunningham gave a lovely rendition of Shining Kingdom, which for me was the most moving song of all. Ruth is incredibly talented and works so hard. I feel privileged to have been at the first showing of Esther. I’m sure in the future it will become known far and wide.

*Janet Brown*

If you missed MAD’s “Esther” than you missed a treat. Congratulations to Ruth and everyone. They are doing “The Importance of Being Ernest” next – try and come.

*Pam Minchin*

### ***Martley Ramblers***

**11 July Titterstone Cle**

**Meet Church car park 1pm.**

We start the second half of the walking year up, over and around Titterstone Clee. It is a most interesting area to visit with a lot of history and Jenny Underhill, who knows the area well, is always an enthusiastic leader. Please note the earlier start time. Do come and walk and chat. Everyone welcome.

*Kate King*



### **Teme Valley Views from the Teme Valley Children's Centre**

#### **Be Sun Safe**

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and the number of people who develop it is increasing. The majority of cases are caused by ultraviolet radiation from the sun or sun beds. Young skin is delicate and very easily damaged by the sun. All children, no matter whether they tan easily or not, should be protected from the sun. Children with fair or red hair, pale eyes or freckles are at the highest risk and all babies under six months of age should be kept out of direct sunlight, especially around midday. Sunburn increases the risk of skin cancer. Don't let sunburn catch you out - whether at home or abroad, use shade, clothing and at least factor 15 sunscreen applied generously and regularly to protect your skin. Ten tips for protecting children in the sun

- Set good habits for the future Teaching children safe sun habits while they are young sets a good pattern for later life.
- Remember you can burn in the UK The Great British sun is quite capable of burning your child. Take extra care at home as well as abroad.
- Use shade Keep babies in complete shade: under trees, umbrellas, canopies or indoors.

Provide shade for prams and buggies.

- Cover them up When outdoors, protect a baby's skin with loose-fitting clothes, and a wide-brimmed hat that shades their face, neck and ears.
- Wear sunglasses Buy good quality, wraparound sunglasses for children, as soon as they can wear them. Sunglasses don't have to be expensive brands.
- Find hats they like. Encourage children to wear hats with brims, especially if they are not wearing sunglasses. The wider the brim, the more skin will be shaded from the sun.
- Use sunscreen wisely Use at least a factor 15 sunscreen and choose a 'broad-spectrum' brand that has a four or five-star rating. Apply to areas that cannot be protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands. Choose sunscreens that are formulated for children and babies' skin. These products are less likely to contain alcohol or fragrances that might irritate the skin and cause allergic reactions.
- Apply sunscreen generously and regularly. Put some on before children go outdoors. Sunscreen can easily be washed, rubbed or sweated off – so reapply often throughout the day.
- Don't forget school times Remember play times and lunch breaks on summer school days too. Give children a hat to wear

and, if they can't apply sunscreen at school, cover their exposed skin before they go.

For more information about staying safe in the sun please ring the Children's Centre on 01886 812982 or see [www.sunsmart.org.uk](http://www.sunsmart.org.uk).

### ***Martley's Past***

"Ancient History", taken from Worcs. Villages, by 'Stroller' (1933).

Martley, at Domesday, was not included in the Survey of Worcs; but in that of the 'Kings Lands' in Herefordshire; and although the manor comprised three houses in Worcester City, it was then "on the laps of the Gods" to which County it would belong. In the days of the Confessor, Martley, like Stamford, had been part of the appenage of Queen Edith; and at the Conquest it had been obtained by the powerful William Fitz-Osbern, and annexed to his Earldom of Hereford; although for purposes of local civil govt. left in the Worcs. Hundred of Doddingtree.

In 1074, on the failure of Fitz-Osbern's son's revolt against the Conqueror, the manor had been forfeited to the Crown; and perhaps because it had been a royal property before the Conquest, was at Domesday still retained by the King in demesne. It so remained for a century and a quarter; though it never, like its dependant manor of Areley, acquired the title "Regis".

Domesday, however, found parts of the manor still left in the possession of Fitz-Osbern's undertenants, including

Ralph de Bernac, Roger de Lacy and our old acquaintance Drew Fitz Pouz; who between them employed four “radmen”, or mounted bailiffs.

Socialism in the 12<sup>th</sup> Cent. Under King Richard of the Lion Heart, an experiment was made in Socialism; the manor being granted by the Crown direct to the “men of the vil”, to farm on communal lines; but the result proved unsatisfactory. In 1196 the villagers had fallen into arrear; and the King found it necessary to resume possession and re-let to a capitalist.

A lapse to the Crown, in the reign of Henry III, was followed by a re-grant to a cadet of the Despencer family, with whose coming we get in touch with History on the national scale.

Note (‘appenage’ – to add as a supplement. ‘demesne’ – a territory ruled by a sovereign. ‘vil’ – abbreviation for village.)

*Alan Boon*

### **Martley Parish Council**

The record of the May meeting was unavailable at the time of going to press. Please see [www.martley.org](http://www.martley.org) or the Parish Clerk if you wish to read a draught record.



### **Summertime Concert with Raffle**

to be presented by the

### **Ferndale Singers**

**Saturday 3 July 2010**

**at 7.30pm in**

**Martley Village Hall**

**Tickets £5 (to include wine  
and light refreshments)**

**Call 01886 888246, 01886  
821127 or 01905 339067**

### **Martley Library Opening Times**

Monday 2—7 pm

Wednesday 4—6 pm

Thursday 10am -1 pm

Friday 2 - 4 pm

Saturday 10am -12 noon

*01886 888396 (opening hours only)*



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

**WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS**

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



## ***Church Flowers***

4 July Mrs Andrews  
11 July Mrs S Richards  
18 July Mrs A Banks  
25 July Mrs J Root

## ***Wichenford Fete***

The Fete will be on Saturday 24 July,  
at 2.00pm at Wichenford Memorial  
Hall.

## ***Ladies Fellowship***

There will be no meetings of the  
Ladies Fellowship during July and  
August. The next meeting will be on  
Wednesday 22 September at 2.30pm  
in the Memorial Hall. Please note the  
day.

## ***Wichenford PCC***

The next meeting of the PCC will be  
on Wednesday 30 June at 7.45pm in  
the Memorial Hall.

## ***Wichenford Whist Drives***

Another successful year for the  
Wichenford Whist series. This is a  
very social occasion for whist players

and we do thank them all for coming  
and for their support each month. The  
money raised goes to the Memorial  
Hall and again this year over £700 has  
been made.

Our very grateful thanks go to Marion  
and Derrick Jinks for preparing the  
hall for us and special thanks to Joy  
Perkins, Grace Lane and Kate Leach  
for organising several of the drives  
and to John Manton for acting as MC  
in April. What would we do without  
all this wonderful support. Thank you  
so much.

## ***Thank you***

Dixon Stinton and Margaret Fisher  
have now retired from the Wichenford  
Memorial Hall Management  
Committee. We would like to thank all  
friends and relatives in the  
surrounding villages and beyond, for  
supporting us for the past several  
years in helping to raise funds to  
improve the hall to bring it up to the  
standard of today. The task still  
continues but a great deal has been  
achieved.

We must give a special mention to



Derrick and Marion Jinks and Debbie Morriss, our caretakers and booking clerks and cleaner. They all do an excellent job in keeping the hall beautifully clean and polished and they are always there when needed. We certainly couldn't have managed without them. Many thanks to everyone for your support.

*Dixon and Margaret*

### ***Nora Parsons Day Centre***



**Nora Parsons Day Centre**

A date for your diary - Thursday 15 July - come along to the Day Centre between 10.30am and 12 noon and join us for a coffee/tea and a slice of

homemade cake.

Hopefully our new furniture will have been delivered by then so the Centre should look even more welcoming. Our patron, Cath Mackie, will be joining us so please come along and have a chat with Cath.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Day Centre by attending the "Meet the Mackies" evening last month. The Mackies were very interesting as well as humorous, thanks to the ladies who served such a lovely supper and thanks, again, to Deborah Hodgson who sang so beautifully for the second half of the evening ([www.debhodgson.com](http://www.debhodgson.com) if you would like to see where she is performing next).

*Janet Dale, Secretary*

### ***Wichenford 100 Club***

May winners No 187 David Richards £75.00. Returned subscriptions to No. 50 Mr P Mountjoy No. 153 S Hill. Drawn by H Rendall. Congratulations to our winners. Once again David Richards's number has cropped up in this year's draws. Could he make it a third time this year? A big thank you to Heather Rendall our 'Drawer' this month and for all that she has done in the running of the 100 Club over the past few years.

*Clair Corbett*

### ***St. Richard's Hospice Fund-Raiser***

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning, plant and cake sale in aid of St. Richard's Hospice at Wichenford Memorial Hall on Monday 17 May. Many thanks to Three Way Nurseries, Barbers Lane, Martley for donating the majority of the plants which we had on sale. Thank-you also to Ted and Wendy Davies and to Kate King for their donations of plants and cakes, to all the mums at Martley school who kindly baked lots of lovely cakes for us. We would especially like to thank The Dewdrop Inn, Lower Broadheath, The Elms Hotel, Abberley, The Admiral Rodney Inn, Berrow Green, Manor Farm, Worcester, Midland Commercials, Rob Collins of Boss Consumables, Moorlands Nurseries of Hallow, and The Body Shop, Worcester for donating the raffle prizes. Finally we would like to thank everyone who helped us on the

morning and all the generous people of Wichenford and the surrounding villages who came along and enabled us to raise over £460 for this worthwhile local cause.

### ***Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council***

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 May 2010 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

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

PC Hood introduced himself to the council. This is the first time he has attended a meeting of our parish. He is Martley-based and has 17 parishes covering 130 sq miles. New Neighbourhood Watch signs are to come out. The Smartwater has proved to be very effective, and valuable items are now being identified. He would like to set up a workshop in Wichenford and asked the council for the best location. Crime in Wichenford is minimal.

#### **Election of chairman**

The clerk asked for nominations for chairman. No nominations were received and Georgina Britten-Long agreed to stand for another year. The motion was carried unanimously that Mrs Britten-Long continues for another year. Councillor Randall was elected as vice chairman.

#### **Election of representatives to:**

Memorial Hall Committee: There are currently three representatives from the parish council. It was agreed that two would be enough and it was

proposed that Cllr Britten-Long and Cllr Stinton should be re-elected. Environmental Pollution Officer: Cllr Andrews was happy to continue in this post. Parish Path Warden: Cllr Rendall is happy to continue as the PPW and will be helped by J Wells whenever possible. Tree Warden: Councillor Rendall was happy to remain in this post. Snow and flood warden: Councillor Oldfield was in this post but has now resigned. Worcestershire CALC representative: Councillor Panton was re-elected to this post. Proposed by councillor Rendall and seconded by Councillor Randall.

#### **District and County Councillors Report**

There was no report from the District Councillor. Councillor Davies said that 10,500 potholes have been repaired and £6.5 million has been spent doing them. A lot of surface dressing is being done. Worcester transport strategy has been approved and is moving forward. An application is on its way for £46million. The new water main at Holt has now been completed without too much upheaval. A letter is to be sent out to all clerks from WCC informing them of a meeting regarding Holt Fleet Bridge refurbishment. The objection report on Rosses and Guises Lane has been received by both the District and County Council for consideration.

#### **Progress Reports**

The clerk was asked to check if the Northern end of Rosses Lane has been resurfaced as the highways department are in the area.

## **Planning**

*Applications considered since the last meeting*

10/00346/HED. Hedgerow removal at Bush Farm.

The parish council has no objections to this proposal.

*Applications approved, refused, withdrawn*

10/00323/HOU. Kenswick Manor Lodge.

Two-storey side extension. (Approved)

*Applications to be considered*

10/00539/FUL. Crabtree Orchard, Proposed stables, tack room, hay and implement store. The parish council's only concern regarding this application is the drainage.

10/00383/HOU to erect a side/ rear single storey extension and porch to front. Convert garage to utility room at 8 Malvern View Wichenford.

The parish council have concerns regarding this application; the plans are inadequate and difficult to understand.

*Footpath 508 diversion.*

The parish council have no objection although they would prefer the diversion to go around the outside of the field rather than through the middle.

## **Finance**

Rural Rate Relief. An application for Discretionary Rural Rate relief has been received asking for a contribution of £150.95. It was agreed by the parish council that it is not reasonable to grant the relief in view of the fact that this will be funded in

part by the local tax payers so do not want to make a contribution, but 25% relief may be awarded.

Parish Council Insurance. The insurance is not due until June so the parish council will pay it then.

## **Parish Council Vacancies**

Mr Oldfield and Mr Latham have handed in their resignation from the parish council. The council now need one for Kenswick and one for Wichenford. The clerk will inform the monitoring officer at MHDC and advertise the vacancies.

## **Councillor's Reports And Items For Future Agendas**

A volunteer footpath group have been to Laughern Hill. The footpath has been cut back and woodland has been found. The footpath warden has asked if it could be opened up but the parish council fear that due to the location it would attract fly tipping.

## **Date And Venue Of Next Meeting**

Meetings were arranged for 12 July; 23 August; 11 October and 22 November 2010.

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## ***The Big Lunch***

Sit down and have lunch with your neighbours on Sunday 18 July (or a date to suit you) and make a donation to St Richard's. Last year and there were over 8,000 lunches across the UK. in the biggest set of street parties since the Golden Jubilee. To find out more and to get your information pack, contact the Fundraising Office at St Richard's Hospice on 01905 763933 or email [appeals@strichards.org.uk](mailto:appeals@strichards.org.uk)

### ***Christian Aid appeal for people of Zimbabwe***

I would like to thank everyone who gave to my appeal. I raised £7400 in the end from family friends and colleagues near and far. I have endeavoured to thank everyone who gave large or small amounts but inevitably I don't know everyone personally who sent me a cheque for Christian Aid. So if I didn't thank you personally please accept this as my thanks. The money has all been sent now to Christian Aid and I am confident that they will use the money wisely to alleviate poverty in Zimbabwe. I am still having treatment for a damaged tendon as a result of all the training for the marathon and I'm hoping that this will heal up in time.

*Revd Bruce Thomson*

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

This year's fund raising project is Help for Heroes. A sale and large raffle will be held at the Village Hall (on the B4202) from 9am till 11am on Wednesday 14 July. Items to be donated for the sale are now being accepted on any Wednesday morning during Thrift Shop. For further details please phone Nerys on 01299832388. There is still time to donate items for the sale. Please come along and support this really worthwhile cause. On the 22nd September a Coffee Morning will be held during Thrift Shop in aid Macmillan.Cancer Supprt. Put this date in your diary!

### ***News from Knightwick Surgery***

Dr Anne Lewis retired on 30 June after 23 years in harness. Dr Elizabeth Hinton joins us as our new partner on 1 August. Further details of Dr Lewis's retirement are available at Knightwick Surgery.

*Drs Lewis, Bywater and Salter.*

### ***Craft Fair***

A Craft Fair is to be held at Clifton-upon-Teme Village Hall on Saturday 2 October from 10.30am to 4pm. If you would like an opportunity to display and sell your crafts a table costs £15. To book or for more information ring Lyn Emery on 01886 812582

### ***Suitable For Beginners***

Your Editor has just heard about an opportunity for a fun way to do the e-word (exercise!), so I thought I'd pass the information on. Steph says: I'm starting salsacise classes in Martley. The weekly 45 minute class will take place at Martley Village Hall at 7.15pm and the start date is Tuesday 13 July. It's £5 per person. The class is set to salsa music and teaches you the basic steps of salsa while also being a great workout in a fun and energizing way. No partner is required and it's suitable for beginners. It's on a pay-as-you-go basis and you simply turn up and join in. We recommend people arrive 10 minutes early to allow us to start on time. For further info, contact Steph on 07774533217 or at [info@salsastage.co.uk](mailto:info@salsastage.co.uk)

# Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch

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**W**hat are Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch (NW) brings together responsible members of local communities in partnership with the police and other agencies, to reduce and deter crime. Our society cannot afford to have a police officer stationed on every street corner 24 hours a day, consequently, much of the work done by police has to be responsive – that is, they are not usually called until after the event. This is where NW comes in. NW members are usually in a better position than police to notice unusual activity. Even the Local Police Officer is unlikely to spot the stranger in the street, but local people will, especially in one of the more active and established NW areas. Increasingly, NW is engaging in crime reduction measures, such as property-marking and offering crime-reduction advice, so hopefully averting crimes before they happen and greatly adding to the effectiveness of NW as a movement.

Rural Watch is an amalgamation of “Farm Watch” and “Horse Watch”. It is similar to Neighbourhood Watch but focuses on rural crime, especially farm and equine crime.

## **What is a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?**

A NW scheme consists of a “scheme co-ordinator” (a member of the public who agrees to act as the focal point of

the group) and member households (usually about 10-15 households in an urban setting, often fewer in a rural setting). If a notable incident occurs, I inform the scheme co-ordinators in that area (either by telephone or email). The co-ordinator informs the other members of their scheme about the incident, with a view to reporting any potentially useful information to the Police.

As well as sending out messages about specific incidents, sometimes more general “seasonal” messages are circulated. For example, reminding people not to leave Christmas shopping (or presents) on view in cars during the Christmas period, or reminding people about the importance of shed security in the spring, when there is generally a rise in shed break-ins.

The bottom line is that NW works! There have been many occasions where useful information has been provided to Police, and on several occasions has led directly to arrests. There is also evidence to suggest that areas displaying Neighbourhood Watch signs suffer from less crime.

## **Rural Watch**

Rural Watch differs from Neighbourhood Watch in that it involves individuals taking messages (again, either by telephone or email) relating specifically to farm and equine crime, and does not involve a

co-ordinator passing messages on to members. Most members are farmers or horse owners.

### **How can I get involved?**

There are already over 2000 Watch schemes in South Worcestershire, but we are keen to start more. If you would like to know more, please contact me, Adrian Symonds, on 01905 331046 (or email [adrian.symonds@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:adrian.symonds@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)).

### **Neighbourhood Watch in Martley**

At present, John Layton is on my message system, and he uploads messages to the Martley website ([www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk)). Martley Parish Council is actively seeking to increase NW schemes in their area. In the mean time, there is still some coverage in Martley, approx 6 or 7 NW schemes (usually only 10-15 houses per scheme to give you an idea) and one Rural Watch member.

*Adrian Symonds  
(South Worcestershire Neighbourhood  
Watch Administrator)  
West Mercia Police*

### ***Mobile Library***

#### **Ockeridge**

Silver Oaks 9.45–10.05

#### **Wichenford**

Malvern View 10.10–10.35

Church 10.45–11.05

Kings Green Farm 11.15–11.40

Rosses Green 11.45–12.05

#### **Martley Hillside**

Horn Lane Bungalows 12.10–12.25

#### **Martley**

Taylor's of Martley 12.30–12.45

#### **LUNCH**

Heaton House 1.20–1.50

Church 1.55–2.15

#### **Clifton**

Village Hall 2.30–3.50

The Mobile Library will be visiting these stops on Wednesdays on the dates listed below in 2010:

7 July                      28 July                      18 August

8 September           29 September

20 October              10 November

1 December            22 December

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## ***Blues at The Fold 2010 Festival***

Blues at The Fold, the Festival of Blues with a large splash of Green held at The Fold, just outside Worcester, is on Saturday 3 July. Featuring nationally-acclaimed musicians throughout including The Trevor Burton Band, The Big Blues Tribe, The Dirty Robbers, The Cohen Brothers, Mumbo-Jumbo and more.

Doors open at 1pm and the music runs from 2-11pm.

More details are available on [www.bluesatthefold.co.uk](http://www.bluesatthefold.co.uk)

## *News for Carers*

Are you a carer or do you know someone who is? There are people to care for you as well!

### **St Richard's Hospice Carer's Day**

St Richard's Hospice held a Carers Day 14 June. The event focused on why supporting carers is critical; how carers miss out on things others take for granted and what needs to be changed.

Our aim is to provide a venue for carers of people with life-limiting illness to meet and share experiences.

Additionally we provide opportunities for education, recreation, interaction/support and care for carers of patients in need of or receiving palliative care on a regular basis. The group meets on the second Monday of every month at 1.30pm - 3.30pm at St Richard's Hospice where an informal lunch is provided. Transport and sitters can be arranged and all our services are completely free of charge.



Part of the Worcestershire Association of Carers (WAC), this group meets on the first Monday of the month 10.30-12.30 at Heaton House, Mortlake Drive, Martley. WAC holds regular classes where you can learn skills such as "Handle with Care" or be briefed on "Dementia Awareness". Or just come along to a meeting for a chat!

## **Help For Heroes**

### **Sponsored Fishing Contest**

**Sunday 25 July 2010**

**At Brockamin and Evesbatch  
fishing pools**

**For more information please  
contact:**

**Alan's Fishing Tackle Shop  
26 Malvern Road,  
Worcester  
01905 422107**



## ***Summer Enchantment at Historic Court***

Guests are being offered the chance to enjoy an afternoon of 'Posh pork and Pimms' and a special antiques valuation at the stunning Medieval moated country manor house, Birtsmorton Court, near Malvern, this summer. The event, on Sunday 11 July from 12pm to 4pm, will raise money for St Richard's Hospice. Guests can bring along their antiques for valuers to view, including experts Henry Sandon, MBE china/porcelain; John Harvey, paintings and furniture; Julian Llewellyn, oriental artefacts and Savannah Edwards, Victorian jewellery. Tickets are £20 each to include valuation, glass of Pimms and Pork Bap, children under 16 free. There will be a bar and teas and a silent auction. For tickets contact Marilyn Peachey: 01905 763963 or [mpeachey@strichards.org.uk](mailto:mpeachey@strichards.org.uk)

## *A Short History of Saint Swithin*

*St Swithin's day if thou dost rain  
For forty days it will remain  
St Swithin's day if thou be fair  
For forty days 'twill rain na mair*  
Traditional rhyme

Saint Swithin was a Saxon bishop in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. Born in the kingdom of Wessex and educated in its capital, Winchester, he became bishop of Winchester in 852. Swithin is considered the patron of Winchester Cathedral. He was famous for charitable gifts and building churches. His feast day is 15 July.

Swithin died on 2 July 862. His grave was just outside the west door of the Old Minster, so that people would walk across it and rain fall on it in accordance with Swithin's wishes. On 15 July 971, though, Swithin's remains were dug up and moved to a shrine in the cathedral by Bishop Ethelwold. Miraculous cures were associated with the event, but the removal was accompanied by ferocious and violent rain storms that lasted 40 days and 40 nights and are said to indicate the saint's displeasure at being moved. This is probably the origin of the legend that if it rains on Saint Swithin's feast day, the rain will continue for 40 more days.

Swithin's feast day is the date of the removal of his remains, not his death day.

*M Higgins*

## *Do you believe in angels?*

Many religions have stories that feature angels. Quite often the angels bring messages from God. These days there are many, many books about angels: how their intervention has changed people's lives, how they can help us on a daily basis, how to contact your guardian angel, their roles and responsibilities and so on. Perhaps you have read the world-renowned book "Angels in my Hair" by Lorna Byrne? Lorna has been able, all her life, to see angels and other things that most of us cannot see. Diana Cooper and Doreen Virtue have also written extensively about the angelic realms, and you may have heard of these writers or seen their books. You can go to talks about the experiences people have had or go on a course to learn how to contact your guardian angel and other angels. There are angel cards that give you guidance for the day or for a particular situation:

think about  
your question,  
open your  
mind and pick  
a card –  
whatever is  
drawn or  
written on it  
will have some  
meaning for  
you about your  
situation.  
There is no  
doubt about it:  
angels are





everywhere. Lorna Byrne can literally see that they are everywhere around us, all the time. But also they appear amongst us in books, cards, training courses and even photographs. Have any of you seen photographs of angel orbs? The orbs are a kind of travelling version of the energy of an angelic life form. Some angels are vast and, as they are non-physical in the way we perceive physicality, they can be in many places at once. Angel orbs have even been photographed in Martley.

All the writers have one message in common, and that is that angels are here around us all the time, and we each have a guardian angel who is with us for our lifetime. Angels can help humans with situations of conflict, fear or indecision – but only if we ask for help. On this planet we have free will, and that means we can make decisions that might have a good outcome for us in the short-term, but in the long term definitely are not in our best interests – for example: cut down trees in rain forest today because it is profitable for the country's economy, but in the long term the effect is loss of part of the “lungs” of the planet (as trees produce oxygen), loss of habitat for plants and animals, loss of biodiversity and perhaps even rendering the environment devoid of the means of supporting a population for many years. Or how about getting drunk after a bad day? You feel wonderful for a few hours, but is it worth the pain on the following day? What about the long-term effects on your liver if you do it regularly?



So – do you believe in angels? Well, the standard answer to this question is that it doesn't matter, because they believe in you – but remember to ask them for help when you need it!

*M Higgins*

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### ***Glossary—Some medical terms explained?***

<i>Benign</i>	What you be, after you be eight
<i>Artery</i>	The study of paintings
<i>Bacteria</i>	Back door to cafeteria
<i>Barium</i>	What doctors do when patients die
<i>Caesarean section</i>	A neighbourhood in Rome
<i>Catscan</i>	Searching for Kitty
<i>Cauterize</i>	Made eye contact with her
<i>Colic</i>	A sheep dog
<i>Coma</i>	A punctuation mark
<i>Dilate</i>	To live long
<i>Enema</i>	Not a friend
<i>Fester</i>	Quicker than someone else
<i>Fibula</i>	A small lie
<i>Impotent</i>	Distinguished, well known

*Thank you, Mrs King (I think) - Ed.*

# In the Garden



## In the Garden in July

July weather can be warm and dry, so one of the main jobs this month is likely to be watering. Plants in containers need much more regular and heavy watering than plants growing in open ground, so try grouping pots together to keep them cool and make it easier to water. Covering the compost surface with a mulch such as vermiculite, perlite, or fine gravel, will help retain moisture. Pruning is another important task this month. Conifer hedges need to be pruned now to keep growth dense and leafy, laurels and broad-leaved evergreens should be trimmed using secateurs. Towards the end of July the long, whippy growths on Wisteria need trimming off to 5 or 6 buds from the base and summer-fruited raspberries, red and white currants and gooseberries are also all due for pruning.

Throughout July, regular deadheading of bedding plants, perennials and roses will give you a much longer display of flowers. It's just one of those jobs which tends to be rather low on the 'to do' list, so, pick a fine evening and resolve to try a relaxing hour of 'snipping'. Trim flowers from herbs as well to keep them bushy. Strawberries will be looking quite messy by now

and need a tidy up and thorough watering to encourage new leaves.

Look out for autumn-flowering bulbs such as autumn crocus, colchicums and nerines, to plant now. These need a sunny spot with well drained soil, try putting a handful of grit in the planting hole with them.

Two local gardens open for charity this month are The Bannut, Bringsty (1/2 mile from Lower Brockhampton) Sunday 11 July; and Orleton House, Stamford Bridge 24-25 July.

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## Transition News

Here is a book you might like to try for a bit of "alternative" and thought-provoking summer reading: "The Moneyless Man" by Mark Boyle. In it he writes: "Money no longer works for us. We work for it. Money has taken over the world. As a society, we worship and venerate a commodity that has no intrinsic value, to the expense of all else. What's more, our entire notion of money is built on a system which promotes inequality, environmental destruction and disrespect for humanity."

David Boyle, a writer and critic, describes Mark as "... one of the prophets of the transition movement, and what he writes is important - but [his] book is also a wonderful, funny, and thoughtful glimpse into the future."

Any ideas you have for Transition Martley, contact Michelle on [msh\\_47@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msh_47@yahoo.co.uk) or Angie on [angiehill1350@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:angiehill1350@yahoo.co.uk).

## *Church Services for July*

Thu 1 July	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 4 July	8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 5 July	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 6 July	10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 7 July	10:15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 8 July	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 11 July	8:00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
	10:30am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10:30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	10:30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Mon 12 July	8.30am Prayer Breakfast with Jill and Stuart Smith.
Tue 13 July	10:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 14 July	10:15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 15 July	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 18 July	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 19 July	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 20 July	10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 21 July	10:15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 22 July	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 25 July	8:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	6:30pm Songs of Praise, St Peter Martley
Mon 26 July	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tue 27 July	10am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 28 July	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 29 July	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

“Church Words” were not available to The Villager this month, but hopefully will be back as normal for August.



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# ***And finally ...***



## ***Time for a laugh ...***

Q. What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

A. Unusual names

Q. Name one of the Early Romans greatest achievements.

A. Learning to speak Latin.

Q. Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

A. At the bottom.

Q. Give a reason why people would want to live near power lines.

A. They get their electricity faster.

Q. What is a nitrate?

A. Cheaper than a day rate.

Two blondes walked into a building. You would think at least one of them would have seen it.

I tried to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I could not see any.