

# The Villager

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## Diary

### Regular events:

#### **Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing**

Weds 7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

*Enquiries:* Jeff and Thelma 01886 821772

#### **Weight Watchers 6.30-7.30pm Tuesdays**

Martley Memorial Hall. *Enquiries:* Jennie

Barnes 01886 888712

#### **Citizens Advice Bureau Teme Valley**

##### **Evening Telephone Service**

Tuesdays 4.30-8pm 01584 810860

#### **Short mat Bowling Tuesdays 2.30pm**

Martley Memorial Hall

- Sat 5 **Wichenford Open Gardens 12-6pm**  
**Open Air Concert and Barbeque with Tenbury Town Band** at The Admiral Rodney 7.30pm
- Sun 6 **Wichenford Open Gardens 12-6pm**  
**Open Garden at 1 Prickley Bungalows, Hockhams Lane, Martley** 2-6pm in aid of The National Gardens Scheme
- Mon 7 **Kenswick & Wichenford Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm Memorial Hall  
**Martley Parish Council Meeting** 8pm Memorial Hall
- Wed 9 **Martley WI: Jane Richards talks about the work of Relate** 7.30pm Martley Memorial Hall
- Sat 12 **Clifton Upon Teme Grand Summer Fete** 12.30-5pm
- Sun 13 **Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce** 11am The Talbot, Knightwick  
**Martley Ramblers to Ribbesford.** Meet 2pm Church car park
- Tue 15 **Wichenford Ladies' Fellowship** 2.30pm at the home of Mrs Banks
- Wed 16 **Citizens Advice Bureau:** 12-1pm Great Witley Surgery and 1.30-2.30pm Knightwick Surgery - by appointment. Tel. 01584 810860
- Thu 17 **Meeting of The Wine Club** 8pm Wichenford Memorial Hall
- Sun 20 **Open Garden at "Homeland" Martley** 10am-6pm in aid of the Ultrasound Scanner Appeal  
**Martley and District Pre-School Fun Day** in aid of the Pre-School 12-4pm at the home of Mr & Mrs Finch,
- Tue 22 **Wichenford Parochial Church Council Meeting** 7.45pm memorial Hall
- Thu 31 **Martley & District Horticultural Society:** Garden Meeting at the home of Ray and Pauline Ellis.

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# Martley Parish Council

The AGM of the Martley Parish Council was held on Monday 12 May 2003 at the Memorial Hall

Mr B Draper welcomed Mr George Coombey-Jones, on his first Parish Council Meeting, and to the other Councillors on their re-election.

## ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr Draper said he had enjoyed his period as Chairman, but now wished to stand down and continue as a Parish Councillor from the backbenches. Mr D Cropp was elected Chairman and Mr G Taylor Vice Chairman.

Mr Cropp, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Mr Draper for all his efforts and dedication as Chairman over the last 5 years.

## MATTERS ARISING

a) Cyber Café & Library. The grant for £24,400.00 is confirmed and although a further grant would be required to fully fund the project, necessitating another bid, they were ready to make a start on 24 May 2003.

b) Lengthman. Including other jobs the Lengthman had cleaned 209 parish road signs during the month and raised the Public Noticeboard as agreed. The Chairman thanked Mr Pearsall and mentioned that parishioners had commented most favourably on his efforts.

c) Free bus. The new scheme started on Friday 2 May 2003 and to date 32 sets of 12 tickets to last 12 months have been issued.

d) Weighbridge Office. The Litter Warden, Mrs Hazel Wilkins, had cleaned out this office and it was now more

pleasant for the mid-month Planning Meetings.

e) Road Sign, Hockhams Lane. Mr Draper had discussed with local people the necessity of a sign warning of a sharp corner but it was felt that drivers should anticipate hazards on narrow rural roads.

f) Affordable homes. Mr Draper spoke to Mr A Saunders and had looked at two sites. He will progress this matter.

g) Annual Parish Meeting. Apparently another parish hold their annual meeting during the day in a village hall with refreshments and displays, which brings in more of the parishioners. The Chairman suggested that this approach be considered.

## PARISH MATTERS

Mr J Bradley asked why the cones in Willow Road had not yet been removed. The Clerk will check with the Highways Partnership.

## REPORTS

Mr A Davies said that Worcestershire passed on the bulk of education funds to schools. The objective of the County Council's Electoral Review is to equalise the number of electors in the wards. Proposals involve splitting up Hallow Ward so that Martley would join Alfrick and Leigh and part of Link to form the Malvern Link Ward. He suggested the parish might like to raise any objections with the County Council.

Mr N Stammers, Neighbourhood Watch organiser, said he was disappointed with the lack of helpful response received from the local Police. He asked if Mr Davies could use his influence in obtaining improvement.

Mrs Williams said she was pleased to be

back representing Martley after the election and she will continue to look after the parish interests.

#### PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Parish representation was agreed for local organisations, Parish Charities and Planning Application areas.

#### PLANNING

a) Applications received for comment: Cherry Orchard, Newtown - extension. The Parish Council objected for reasons including that the building had increased significantly in size before and the proposed increase would make it stand out from surrounding properties. New bungalow on Old Round Orchard, Martley. The Council strongly objected, in that the site was in the Conservation Area but outside the Settlement Area, it would affect privacy of other dwellings and had poor access. Honeycomb Cottage, Willow Road - conservatory. No objections.

b) Planning applications approved by MHDC: Ankers, Hipplecote - amended access. Land at Berrow Green - irrigation pool and two poly tunnels. Bearwood, Hillside - single storey extension. Installation of 15 metre high mast with antennae on land off Hope House Lane, Martley. Chantry High School, Martley - refurbishment of existing Rosla block.

#### FINANCE

a) Cheques agreed and signed totalled £1,853.84.

b) The unaudited accounts for 2002/2003 were approved. These had been circulated and discussed. The increased costs in administration, Insurance, Audit fees and the Lengthman were noted, also the budgeted extra for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of £2,400.00.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Road works. A list of the highway road

works for May was circulated.

The District Standards Board. It was agreed to increase the number of Parish/Town Councillors on the Standards Board from 1 to 2, one each from a rural and town Parish Council. CALC will submit nominations on behalf of its members.

Footpath 88. A letter was received explaining that the tubular barriers in footpath number 88 was a problem to wheelchair users and asking if they could be altered. The WCC Access Officer has been contacted and will visit the site and report.

#### COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr Cropp said that the Special Transport Scheme being developed by the consortium of parishes led by Hallow, would be on hold temporarily until the end of May. It was hoped that progress would then be swift.

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Clerk, Cecil Vyvyan-Robinson, who is retiring after 6¾ years. He thanked all concerned for their assistance and co-operation during his time of office and wished Martley Parish Council every success for the future.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the next Meeting will be on the 7 July 2003.

*C C Vyvyan-Robinson  
Parish Clerk (01886 821623)*

# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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

## *Walkers Wanted!*

Hi! I am having trouble with my distributors!sss Tonight some one else phoned to say she will not be able to do July, so I could do with two or three people as a stand-by for holidays. The round is from near Taylor's premises on Worcester Road to the barn conversions on the corner of Church Road – it is only 11 houses! I really don't fancy doing three rounds again next month.

If anyone can do a round for me, please phone 01886-821064. Thanks.

*June Lawrence*



## *Martley WI*

### **Wednesday 9 July 7.30pm**

We are desperately seeking Odo and Dodo, last seen leaning against a pillar near the font in the church. Although not in the first flush of youth, the banner is precious to us and we would like it back. It is surely not valuable enough to be stolen. We announce an amnesty and anyone with information please contact President Pat Crook or your correspondent.

The resolution meeting raised the usual friendly controversy and resolutions were eventually agreed.

Margaret Lloyd-James was thanked for arranging outings to Hampton Court Gardens and to The Swan to see "The Pirates of Penzance". Was it a coincidence the owners of Hampton Court decided to sell the property a few days after the WI visit? This month Jane Richards will be visiting, in an official capacity, to talk about her work with Relate and all the aspects of family and couple help available.

*Kate King*

## *Martley Ramblers*

### **13 July 2pm Church car park**

The recent walk, led by Pauline and Ray Ellis, was around Clifton, Shelsley Walsh and the Teme Valley. Although close to home, there were many paths and areas we had not walked before. Although the climb up from Ham Bridge made us breathless, the views of the Malverns, Clent Hills and the Worcestershire Way were well worth the effort. Many thanks to Pauline and Ray. This month will be around Ribbesford area. The summer barbeque will be at The Crown, Martley on Friday 11 July, approximate cost £7 (sweets extra). Please book with Pam Bowers as soon as possible.

*Kate King*

## ***The Martley Equipment Fund***

### **Ultrasound Scanner Appeal**

Russell and Ann Thomas of "Homeland" Martley are opening their gardens on Sunday 20 July for this appeal. Patients of Knightwick and Great Witley Surgeries would benefit from this scanner. The gardens will be open from 10am to 6pm, admission is £3 and teas will be available, parking at The Crown in the centre of the village. Sorry – no dogs. There will be a Classic Car display. Gifts for the tombola, raffle, cakes and plants would be most welcome. Thank you. (Tel: 01886-888264)

### ***Royal British Legion***

#### **Knightwick, Broadwas & Cotheridge with Martley**

The May meeting was well attended and many items of business were discussed. Tickets for the skittles evening on 4 June at The Admiral Rodney were going well. We meet at 8pm at The Talbot Hotel, Knightwick on the first Monday each month unless there is a bank holiday, then we meet on the second Monday. Member Derek Grubb and friend Dick Lane (formerly of Broadwas) reported on a visit to Belgium in April.

Armed with battlefield maps, courtesy of the Map Shop, Upton-upon-Severn, we made for Gheluvelt in Belgium. We had a request from an elderly lady to find her eldest brother's grave in an

area called Vimy Ridge, in a cemetery called La Chaudier. We visited the big Canadian Monument at the top of the hill amongst the thousands of pine trees planted in memory of Canadian soldiers. We obtained a map showing the locations of all the military cemeteries in the area. and were soon photographing the graves we had been asked to look for.

Then, mission accomplished, we headed for Gheluvelt in Belgium. The following day we visited the Worcestershire Regimental Memorial in Gheluvelt village, on which we found recently placed poppies.

We visited British and German cemeteries, beautifully maintained. There were busloads of visitors. Although interested in the Worcestershire Regiment, we were intrigued by all the differently engraved regimental badges on the headstones, many of which were for disbanded regiments, and especially by the badge of the New Zealand Bicycle Regiment! We were surprised at the amount of naval personnel who had lost their lives. We also visited a cemetery at Essex Farm where the poem "In Flanders Fields" is said to have been written. We went to the site of a windmill, now re-built, which was called the "Windmill of Death" as from the top of this windmill sightings were made of the British trenches where gas was aimed. In the evening we attended the playing of the Last Post at the Menin Gate, the pipes and drums of the Grenadier Guards were

in attendance. About three or four hundred people were there to see this solemn remembrance. We appreciated that the Belgian people still honour this remembrance every evening at 8pm. The following morning we departed Gheluvelt and caught the train back through the tunnel.

Derek and Dick visited Gheluvelt Park in Worcester in early May and are pleased to report that they were suitably impressed!

*Joyce Tyler*

*Hon Secretary (01886-821551)*

### ***Martley & District Pre-School***

We've almost reached the end of our first year opening full days! We now open five days a week from 9am-3.15pm with options for children to come mornings, afternoons or full days. These extended hours have proved very popular. We'd like to thank the staff at the Pre-School for making the new operation so successful.

The Pre-School is a charitable organisation and does rely on fundraising to keep us afloat



financially. Our main fundraising event is our Fun Day on Sunday 20 July, 12-4pm. Do join us for this fun-packed event that includes a Promises Auction, children's entertainment, games, crazy hair and face painting. Tickets cost £5 per adult and £1.50 per child (under 2s are free), which includes a barbecue lunch and pudding! There will also be a licensed bar. Mr & Mrs Finch have very generously offered to host the event at their home – Plas Gwlad, Prickley Green, Martley, and an enormous thank you goes to them for their generosity. Tickets for the Fun Day can be purchased from the Martley Central Store and from Martley Pre-School, or by contacting Kate Bray on 01886-888155. Alternatively, you can come along and pay on the day. Please come along and support us, bring family and friends and make this a huge success for the Pre-School and ultimately for our little ones! Many thanks.

*Jane Hall, Treasurer*

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

The Annual Plant Sale, held on Spring Bank Holiday Saturday, was very well supported and stallholders were busy selling a variety of plants. The event raised approximately £600. Thanks to everyone who donated plants and helped on the day.

Have you collected your schedule for the Society's twenty-seventh annual

Show? It will be held on Saturday 16 August at 2pm in the Village Hall and playing field. They can be obtained from Central Stores, the Post Office or a Committee member. This year there are 89 classes and 17 trophies to be won. There are a variety of sections including vegetables, flowers, floral art, fruit, cookery, preserves and a novelty section. The children have two sections for 6 years and under, and 11 years and under. If you are not a gardener why not try baking a chocolate chunk cake or banana and date tea-bread? Both recipes are included in the schedule.

The meeting on Thursday 31 July at 7.30pm will be in the garden of Hillend Bridge, Pudford Lane, Martley, by kind invitation of the Society's Vice-Chairman, Ray Ellis and Pauline – meet at Martley Village Hall at 7.15pm

*Nellie Bradley*

### ***Martley Spurs***

The season is finally over with no silverware to show for it. In one way or another it has not been the best one ever and the league tables show all three teams in the lower half of the final lists. We all hope the summer break will put new will and life, perhaps new players into the various sides and that next season will see the Spurs back to their normal high table standings.

*Beth Williams*

### ***Your Malvern Hills District Councillor***

Owing to ward reorganization the Martley Ward now covers Martley, Wichenford and Kenswick and as you are aware May 1st was local election day. However, due to being unopposed at this election, I was declared duly elected and as so I was very disappointed to miss the opportunity of knocking on your doors.

For those of you who do not know me as your representative on Malvern Hills District Council I would like to introduce myself. I am a local person who takes local issues very much to heart. Should anyone wish to talk to me concerning any Council issue please do not hesitate to contact me on 01886-888120.

*Councillor Barbara Williams*

### ***The Nash Family***

Hello, my father and I are planning a trip to England and visit to Martley this September. My dad, who is in his 80's, would like to see the places where many of our ancestors came from, the area around Martley. Specifically, we are aware that members of the Nash family are buried at St. Peters Church, that three monuments to Nash ancestors are located on the floor of the main aisle of the church, and that a pair of stained glass windows were dedicated to Nashes who were killed

in France during World War I.

In addition, we would like to visit the house that sits on the old Nash Estate, originally about 600 acres. But we are not exactly sure how to contact someone about all of this. If you have any information, maps, names to contact, or other sources of information, could you pass it on to me.

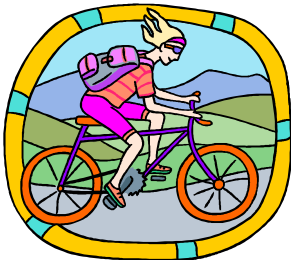
I really appreciate the help.

*Rick Nash*  
*rick.nash@bairdwarner.com*

*(If anyone has information for Rick but doesn't have email, I will forward your contact details to Rick. Please leave your name and address and a short message at the Martley Post Office, marked for the attention of The Editor of The Villager – Ed.)*

## ***Walking/Cycling Group***

Last month Vicki Roberts asked if anyone was interested in challenging but fun walks/bike rides perhaps on a fortnightly basis but NOT weekends. These would probably involve a pub! If you tried to contact Vicki, the number is 01886-888382 and not as printed.



## ***Church Dates for Your Diary***

**Thursday 10 July 7.30pm** Come and sing some of those popular Christian songs and Hymns at a 'Singalong Service' at St. Laurence's Wichendorf. Everyone welcome!

**Friday 11 - Sunday 13 July** Worcester Anglican Renewal Movement weekend at Top Barn Hallow. More details available from the Churches.

**Sunday 24 September 6.30pm** 'Songs of Praise' service at St. Peter's Martley, come and enjoy this summers evening of worship and bring a friend.

**Sunday 31 August 6.30pm** will be the only service in the Benefice as we join together at St. Mary Magdalene, Broadwas to welcome and meet our new curate Jennifer Whittaker. (After her ordination in June she will be finishing a summer school course which she has to complete so will not be joining us until then.)

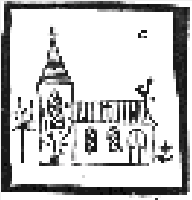
St. Peter's Martley Harvest Festival,

**Sunday 28 September 6.30pm**

Martley Harvest Supper follows a week later on **Saturday 4 October 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall.

**Thank you to John and Sheila Richards** for their hospitality for our well attended Rogation service at Ridgend Farm on Sunday 25 May. We are very grateful for all you did to make us most welcome, Thank you!





# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

The sort of work I do means that my family and I have moved around the country and lived in many places. We have enjoyed the places in which we have lived, and have made many friends wherever we have been. Coming back to the midlands has meant renewing friendships made over a long period of time. I have met or spoken to old school friends and others who used to be in churches we attended. One of the most delightful surprises I had was at a service in Martley a few months ago. Leading the service I noticed a gentleman whom I couldn't place. After the service he came up to me and greeted me as David, but being a public figure people know my name. I then realised as he shook my hand I knew this man. He had taught me in Sunday school as a child, suddenly there were so many years to catch up with, so much to tell so much to find out about his family. The years disappeared.

Roger and many others like him had had a great influence upon me, so much that I serve God in a full time capacity in the church today. I hope that is an encouragement to him and others like him. We all have people we influence, relatives and friends, many of you I know are Godparents to

children in this area. You and I have a commitment to influence them for good, for Christ himself. If we are looking for good influences we need no greater example to us, Jesus Christ.

6 July	Trinity 3
Wichenford	9.30am Holy Communion
Martley	11am Family Service
Broadwas	11am Matins
Knightwick	8am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	6.30pm Evensong
13 July	Trinity 4
Wichenford	10.0am All Age Service
Martley	11am Holy Communion
Broadwas	11am Morning Worship
Cotheridge	8am Holy Communion
20 July	Trinity 5
Wichenford	6.30pm Evensong
Martley	8am Holy Communion; 11am Morning Worship
Broadwas	11am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	9am Matins
Knightwick	3pm Evening Worship
27 July	Trinity 6
Wichenford	11am Holy Communion
Martley	9.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Evening Worship
Broadwas	8am Holy Communion; 11am All-Age Worship



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

## *Wichenford Ladies Fellowship*

The members visited the Bodenham Arboretum, near Wolverley for their May meeting. Ten members set off in the minibus from the village to enjoy an afternoon at the Arboretum, praying for the weather to at least stay dry – which it did. The trees and shrubs were a delight of blossom and colour, and many species of rhododendron in full bloom. The lake and wild fowl, lambs and calves made an idyllic setting. After a browse in the gift shop, a nice cup of tea with cakes completed a happy afternoon. Members so enjoyed the venue it is felt another visit would be welcome.

## *Wichenford Church Flowers*

July 6 Mrs J. Andrews  
July 13 Mrs S. Richards  
July 20 Mrs A. Banks  
July 27 Mrs J. Root

## *Church News for May*

Baptised and welcomed into Wichenford Church, Jack Watson, son of Lisa and Adrian Watson.



Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378

**Phone your Wichenford news to Janet or Sheila or leave articles at Martley Post Office or 1 Oxford View Wichenford**

The funeral of Miss Katherine Dixon Parker, aged 95 years was held at St Laurence Church, Wichenford.

## *Open Gardens Weekend*

**5 and 6 July from  
12 noon until 6pm.**

Entrance £2.50 adults, children free. Fourteen gardens to see. Home-cooked lunches and teas will be provided, there will also be plant and produce stalls. Come and enjoy yourselves!

## *Wichenford Parochial Church Council*

Officers elected for 2003/2004 are as follows: Treasurer, Mr R. Whyatt, Lay-Chairman, Mr G. Barber, Secretary, Mrs C. Wetherall. Mrs Jane Wheeler was made Honorary Treasurer in recognition of her 42

years plus as Church Treasurer, and many years as Deanery Treasurer. A great achievement, not likely to be repeated by others in present times. We hope to make a presentation to her as soon as she is well enough.

### ***Tribute to Miss Katherine (Kate) Parker***

We were all so sorry to hear that Kate Parker had died and send our deepest sympathy to her family. Kate Parker was 95 years old and had lived in both Martley and Wichenford for many years, more recently in retirement she had lived at Holt Heath. A very active lady of many talents she was involved with various organisations. One of her pleasures was singing and she frequently sang with the Three Choirs Festival Choir. She was a gifted artist and many of us have enjoyed her paintings and drawings. She was an active member of the WI and also, until recently, enjoyed the Ladies Fellowship. Kate was a fond aunt to her nephews and nieces and will be sadly missed by them and her many friends.

### ***St Richard's Hospice***

On behalf of everyone at St Richard's Hospice may I thank you most sincerely for the amazing amount of £1,363, which was raised at the Prize Bingo Evening, Sinton Green on Saturday 26 April. This wonderful amount is all due to your continuing

generosity in giving donations and prizes and by helping to support Betty Colley who has organised this event for the past 13 years. Please pass on our thanks to anyone you know who may not see this letter and who has generously given in any way. Thank you all once again.

*Mary Jenks  
Volunteer Services Co-ordinator*

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

May winner: David Richards. Ticket 187 won £106.

### ***Millennium Green Tidying & Inspection Rota***

July: Gerald Barber.

### ***40 Years On***

Mid May in Wichenford witnessed strange and puzzling goings-on. Knights in full armour, fair damsels, courtiers, court jesters even Merry Men from Sherwood were espied entering and alighting from wheeled vehicles. Neighbourhood Watch was convened, discreet enquiries made and a Medieval Banquet located. For whom were these lavish celebrations? "Why, Master Tingey of course! He that is forty".

That same Tingey named Michael, one of a select band born and bred within our Parish? "Why yes, the very one!". MANY HAPPY RETURNS we cried.

*Ye Parish Sleuth.*

# Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 12 May in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30 pm. The new councillors were welcomed to the meeting, Mrs H. Rendall and Mr J.Wells. The first order of business was signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office / Undertaking to Observe the Code.

## ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The clerk has received a nomination for Vice Chairman. Councillor K Randall agreed to accept the position.

## ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Vice Chairman asked for nominations for Chairman. No nominations were received and the outgoing Chairman was asked if she would stand again. She accepted.

## REPORTS

County Councillor B. Hickling sent a written report. She said that Malvern Household Waste Site would reopen on Monday 2 June from 12-4pm on Sundays, and 8-6pm on weekdays. She explained that 49 additional police officers have been allocated to South Worcestershire Division. 68 officers will join crime teams force wide to improve detection rates.

District Councillor Mrs B Williams was welcomed. She explained that she was unopposed in the elections and will now be our district councillor. She reported that the District council have completed their reorganisation from Director level down, and now have

three strategic directors. One of the strongest feelings coming from the Local Plan was to protect our environment and villages, with any future planning to be sympathetic to the surrounding area and local need. Due to the ward reorganisation, Martley Ward is now made up of Martley, Wichenford, and Kenswick. She looks forward to being our councillor for the next four years.

## MATTERS ARISING

The planning inspector did a site visit to Meadow View on 5 May. He has five weeks to consider the appeal and make a decision.

Rogers Coaches. The clerk has been in contact with Martley Parish regarding the pensioner's coach. The letter from Rogers Coaches regarding coach passes has been available for every councillor to read. The parish council agreed that the ticket system was a good idea and asked if the clerk would advertise it on the notice boards and in the parish magazine. As from June there will be a change in the arrangements for the free monthly coach. Tickets to cover the rest of the year will be issued to eligible pensioners who want them. You will be asked to write your name and M.H. D.C pass number on each ticket, and hand it in to the driver of the regular Rogers service coach and show your M.H.D.C. Bus Pass. You will then travel free to Worcester and return.

You can choose whether you travel on the Tuesday coach or Friday coach at any date in the month.

To apply for a concessionary pass from M.H.D.C. Write to Malvern Hills District Council. The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, Worcester WR14 3AF. Or telephone Bev Samuels on 01684 862270.

The Tuesday coach does not come into the village but leaves the Masons Arms at 10.35am and the Friday coach leaves the T- junction in the village at 10.30am. Both coaches return from Worcester bus station at 1.40pm.

Please ring the Clerk on 888302 or Jan Panton of Ridgeway, Wichenford on 888553 for tickets.

Councillor Panton is meeting with surrounding parishes regarding local Transport Needs and a late bus service will be running in July.

**Masons Arms** – although the clerk has written again asking for a reply by the meeting date, nothing has been received.

**Notice Boards** – Although at the last meeting the clerk was asked to use only one notice board it was discussed again and decided that this was unacceptable.

Councillor Wells agreed to repair the notice board at Kings Green and look at the village one at a later date.

A new up to date list of all the councillors' names and addresses is posted on the three notice boards.

#### FINANCE

The clerk was authorised to pay the following: Insurance Renewal.

£241.38. Worc CALC £137.68. (This included the subscription of £119.20 and stationery for £18.48). Rogers Coaches. £18.00. Nora Parsons Day Centre. It was decided to grant the sum of £250.00. Precept Payment. The sum of £3,000.00 the first half of the precept has been received.

#### PLANNING

Applications Approved: Extension of covered way to form porch at Woodlands, Cobblers Corner, Broadwas. Conversion of existing redundant barns to 4 dwellings (amendment) for Rimmers Farm, Wichenford. Domestic extension and alterations for the Forge, Wichenford. Proposed first floor extension to provide additional bedroom and bathroom at Berrow View, Castle Hill, Wichenford.

Applications received for comment. The retention of existing mobile home at 26a Queens Estate, Wichenford. Members of the parish council discussed this application and as a site visit was done in the past felt it was unnecessary to visit it again. The parish council have no objection to the permission being extended for either the lifetime or use of the applicant, providing that the permission is terminated once the applicant is no longer living in the mobile home.

#### HIGHWAYS

The Council received a request for a street name sign for Castle Hill. The clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department, and order a sign for Castle Hill and also one for

Poplar Road sign that seems to have gone missing.

#### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Parish Council did not receive enough nominations for the elections; therefore we are short of two candidates. Parish Co-Option vacancy notices have been posted on the boards since 21 April, and three nominations have been received. A secret ballot was held and the 2 co-opted councillors are Mr. M. Mitchard and Mrs. C. Wetherall. The clerk will inform all the candidates of the results.

#### CLERK'S RESIGNATION.

The clerk explained that she was unhappy with some issues regarding the running of the council, and was very despondent after the last meeting. Members of the Parish Council have spoken to the clerk at length on this matter and asked if the council would accept her withdrawn resignation.

After some discussion the clerk agreed to withdraw her resignation, and let the council know when there are problems.

#### COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Panton reported that she would be meeting with other parishes on 22<sup>nd</sup> May to discuss the Local Transport Needs. A copy of the Village Transport survey she organised was given to the clerk.

The potholes outside Ridgend Farm need attention and the road needs resurfacing at Poplar Road. The clerk was asked to contact the relevant departments.

The clerk was also asked to contact the

bridleways officer to ask if the hardcore on the Kings Green bridleway could be extended by the Wain House to create an all weather path, as it gets very rutted in wet weather.

#### ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO:

Nora Parsons Day Centre - Councillor K.Randall, Councillor J. Panton and Councillor D. Stinton were elected as parish council representatives. Environmental Pollution Officer - Councillor G. Britten- Long agreed to carry on in this post. Footpath Officer - Councillor J.Wells and Councillor H.Rendall were elected to this post. Both councillors agreed to accept this role. Snow And Flood Warden - Councillor J. Wells and Councillor H. Rendall were happy to accept this post. Memorial Hall Committee - Councillor G.Britten-Long, Councillor D.Stinton and Councillor K.Randall were elected to this post. Calc Representative - No one was elected to this post. Every councillor receives the calc mail and anyone can go to a calc meeting. You can find out when the meetings are in the Calc Mail.

#### DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS

7 July 2003 at 7.30pm.

18 August 2003 at 7.30pm.

6 October 2003 at 7.30pm.

All in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

*Shirley Sanders  
Clerk to the Council*

## *From the Great Witley Surgery*

### **Changes in the way patients can see a General Practitioner out of normal daytime surgery hours.**

Over the last few years, GPs have been working together outside normal surgery times to provide emergency General Practitioner Services to their patients. Sometimes these services are called Co-operatives and they often work from within hospitals and have been called Primary Care Centres or PCCs. Successful Co-operatives working from PCCs have been long established in Kidderminster, Worcester and Malvern, but until now rural GPs have been unable to join in. Rural practitioners have been covering their own patients, although many of you will be aware that at Great Witley we have employed locums at weekends to help out. This has proved extremely successful and has eased the workload on GPs considerably.

However, the situation is changing. The Government has indicated that from next year certain administrative standards will have to be achieved by all emergency services and small individual schemes will find it difficult to achieve these. In addition, General Practice is getting busier and busier in daytime hours and it does not seem sensible to have GPs working full days and then being up in the night as well, and still be expected to do another full day's work the following day. It is not safe for patients and is certainly not pleasant for the doctors. Therefore, we have been discussing ways in which we might share our 'out of hours' responsibilities with others.

Also, from October 2003 it is anticipated there will be a single 'out of hours' co-operative covering the whole of Worcestershire anyway. At Great Witley the doctors are in favour of such a scheme and will play their part to ensure that it works appropriately for our patients.

**The Next Step.** Between July and October, if the new countywide scheme commences, we have decided to share our weekend cover with other practices who are not yet part of the scheme. This means that from Saturday lunchtime until Monday morning, if you require GP help or advice, when you telephone the Practice on 01299-896370, your call will be transferred to an experienced nurse at Worcester Primary Care Centre. She will take details, give appropriate advice where necessary, and arrange for you to see a GP if appropriate. It is expected the standard of General Practitioner service during these times will be the same as currently received from your own practice. During weekday nights, Monday to Friday, from 6pm until 8am the following morning, practices will carry on covering their own patients.

**Summary** Major changes are going to happen to General Practitioner services for non-office hours towards the end of this year and certainly by Spring of next year. As a first step towards that, the weekend provision of General Practitioner services is going to change slightly from our current arrangement from the beginning of July. If any of our patients have any problems with this service would they please contact the Practice Manager at Great Witley as soon as possible. Remember – Tel: 01299-896370 for medical emergencies any time.



# Nature Ramblings

*This month a former evacuee from the Black Country visits Martley after many years and reminisces about her time here, in the country.*

## ***A Black Country evacuee to Martley***

**M**y husband and I visited Martley on Sunday 8 May 2003 and spent a really wonderful afternoon strolling the lanes and admiring the church and other buildings.

The last time I was in Martley was in 1939 when I, as a 9 year old, together with three cousins and an Aunt, were sent from Smethwick in the West Midlands to escape the nightly bombing raids.

Living as we did in my home town, Smethwick, in a small two-up-two-down terraced house, close to a large factory working 24 hours a day to provide munitions to the forces, it is not difficult to see what a joy it was for us 'townies' to be transported to such a lovely village. Everything was so clean and quiet, the people were relaxed and kind to us and, as for the local school, well, we were treated most gently.

Our first 'port of call' was a small cottage where a Mrs Rowley had agreed to put us up on a temporary basis. She seemed very elderly to us children but now that I am 73 years old myself, I realise she must have been only in her early 60's at most! She had a neat little garden and hens and chickens ran about pecking at insects and causing us much merriment. I think also she may have had a pigsty in her garden but I'm not sure about that. Anyway, after a few days, another 'billet' was found for us...a double-decker ancient Tram!

Aunt Sarah, (who was my grandma's sister) and us children were dreaming - tram, in the middle of a small triangular field. No running water, only oil lamps and, well I don't think I care to try and remember where the toilet was. If indeed there was one! Such minor matters we cared not a jot about, but living in a tram was a child's delight.

I seem to recall that it was fairly near our school and on my visit last weekend, there was the Chantry School, just as I recalled it. It is now a house in private occupation but the proportions etc are exactly as I recall. Our classroom was a wide room, occupying almost the whole of the lower ground floor and we were all ages it seemed, sharing maybe one or two teachers, in groups according to



age. I was two years younger than Hazel Salvin, the eldest of my cousins, then came myself, aged nine, with my younger cousin Beryl Joyner, one year younger. I was then Kathleen Shephard.

Our tram consisted of four rooms, each deck being divided in the centre to provide two downstairs rooms, with a kitchen of sorts and a large sitting room. At night we had to lock the downstairs saloon and climb an iron, curved outside flight of steps to the upper deck. Again, the two rooms provided lovely airy bedrooms for us, with lovely views through the many windows. It was however, quite cold as winter was fast approaching.

Our school days were busy, as I recall, but regrettably I cannot remember the names of any of our fellow pupils or teachers. One boy, however, was a great help to us for he took us under his wing and showed us some of the country ways. He taught us how to catch frogs and we would walk along the ditches carrying frogs to Aunt Sarah who would scream at us to put them outside. She was very frightened of them. He also taught us that we could shake the walnuts from the trees by throwing sticks into the branches. I don't remember whether we ever found them edible or not. He was a policeman's son and would have been slightly older than myself, maybe 11



or 12. He was a good friend to us city kids.

I also remember going to see the hop-pickers, I don't know where, but somewhere nearby I imagine. We were enthralled to see the great 'ropes' of hops brought down to the tabletops and women and older children picking the hops with great speed and dexterity. I still love the smell of hops but don't like the taste of beer!

All of these lovely memories were revived by my visit last week to Martley. If anyone can add to this account, either supplying further details of the old Chantry School, the name of the policeman's son or, more particularly, information about Mrs Rowley and her cottage and where the tram would have been sited, I would be delighted to hear from them.

Whilst we were in Martley last Sunday, we were approached by a gentleman who occupied the school near to the church, which is now also a private residence. I wish to thank him for his help in directing us to the school and to the lovely church of St Peter. We were very impressed with his knowledge and kindness. I quite forgot to ask his name. Many thanks sir. My best wishes to everyone in Martley, a delightful village.

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# In the Kitchen



*In keeping with our war-time memories in Nature Ramblings this month, here is a reminder of what we used to eat in those days! (With thanks to Jarrold Publishing Ltd.)*

## Turnip Top Salad

Serves 6

100g/4oz turnip tops

100g/4oz white cabbage heart

50g/2oz raw beetroot

50g/2oz raw carrot

Salad dressing (made by adding a little vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper to a white sauce)

Watercress for garnish.

**Method:** Grate or shred all the vegetables and arrange attractively in a large dish. Sprinkle with salad dressing and garnish with watercress.



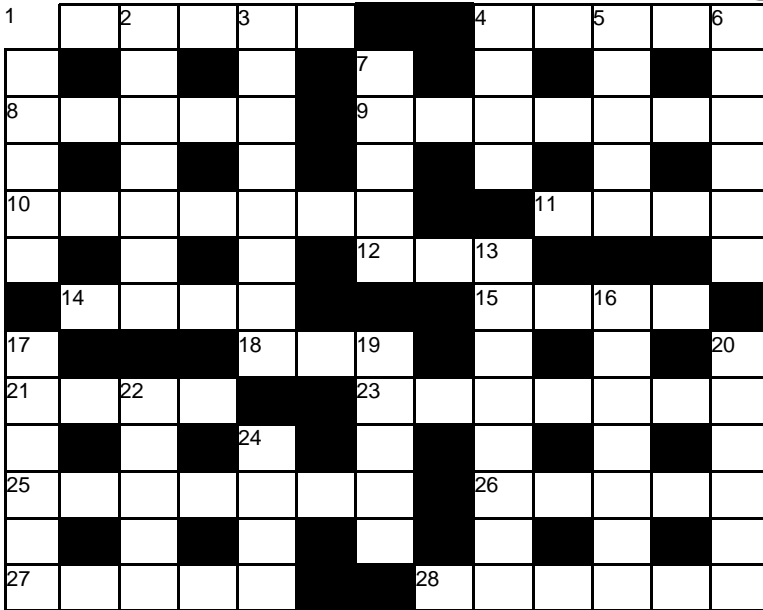
*If anyone has a favourite recipe that perhaps they still use, contact the Editor (see contact details on page 7) and share it with our readers.*

## Martley Cricket Club

### Fixtures for July

NEW FOREST TOUR 2003 Monday 31st to Friday 4 July			
Tues 1	TBA		
Weds 2	Ringwood (6-00 pm)	Tour	A
Thur 3	E a s t o n & Martyworthy	Tour	A
Sat 5	1st XI v. Enville	WCL	A
	2nd XI v. Enville	WCL	H
Sun 6	Sandwell Asians	Friendly	H
Sat 12	1st XI v. Barnards Green	WCL	H
Match Balls Sponsors; Hucks Farm Pools			
	2nd XI v. Barnards Green	WCL	A
Sun 13	Old Vigornians	Friendly	A
Sat 19	1st XI v. Lye	WCL	A
	2nd XI v. Lye	WCL	H
Sun 20	Broadwas On Teme	Friendly	A
Sat 26	1st XI v. Belbroughton	WCL	H
Match Balls Sponsors; PKF, Accountants and Business Advisors			
	2nd XI v. Belbroughton	WCL	A
Sun 27	Worcester City Police	Friendly	H

# Tea-break



**CLUES ACROSS:**

- 1. YEARLY (6)
- 4. VISITS (5)
- 8. PRIVATE (5)
- 9. BIRD (7)
- 10. PERIODICALLY (7)
- 11. THOUGHT (2)
- 12. TITLE (3)
- 14. TRIBE (4)
- 15. VOW (4)
- 18. DOMESTIC FUEL (3)
- 21. MEASUREMENT (4)
- 23. FLAT AREA (7)
- 25. BOUNDARIES (7)
- 26. MATERIAL (5)
- 27. TOOK AGAIN (5)
- 28. TYPES OF PRODUCTS (6)

**CLUES DOWN:**

- 1. SEASON (6)
- 2. IN NAME ONLY (7)
- 3. INDEFINITE ITEM (8)

- 4. HATS (4)
- 5. SCOTS LAND OWNER (5)
- 6. SIGN (6)
- 7. GLUTS (5)
- 8. STORY TELLER (8)
- 14. IN THAT PLACE (7)
- 15. ANOTHER SEASON (6)
- 19. SMALL BRANCH (5)
- 20. DRILLS (6)
- 22. SENT AT CHRISTMAS (5)
- 24. LIQUID MEASURE (4)

**ANSWERS TO MAY CROSSWORD**

*ACROSS: 1.WAFER 4.COLLECT 8.TORTURE 9. THERE 10.REAL 11.ARE 12.SNAP 15.GOOD 16. PAUL 18.OBAN 19.TEN 20.OMIT 24.IDIOT 25. OBADIAH 26.EMERALD 27.MATER*  
*DOWN: 1. WATER INTO WINE 2.FIRMA 3.ROUT 4. CHEERS 5.LATE 6.ETERNAL 7.THE SPY-CATCHER 13.JOB 14.RAN 15.GRANITE 17. BEHOLD 21.MOIST 22.STOA 23.FARM*

# In the Garden



## Garden Tips for July

Half the year has gone as we enter July. The first fruits of the harvest will have been picked. Strawberry beds will need cleaning up, raspberry canes that have completed their useful life should be cut out and young canes tied into place. If they have grown taller than the support wires, turn them over with a loop rather than cutting them off.

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This is the month to think about next spring with the sowing of spring cabbage seed and the planting out of purple sprouting, broccoli, tundra cabbage, Savoy and January King plants. Potatoes should be sprayed to prevent potato blight destroying the foliage too early. You need to keep them growing as long as possible. Prevention is better than cure. There may still be some confusion among gardeners regarding the word “blight”. The word was used to describe the winged insect that was, and still is, the green aphid. The potato blight that destroys the foliage of the plant needs to be sprayed with a fungicide not an insecticide.

Cuttings of fuchsias, hydrangeas, weigela, forsythia, cistus and many more can be propagated this month. Sow the seed of pansies for winter flowering and the seed of forget-me-nots, Crompton stocks, polyanthus and sweet Williams for flowering next spring.

The weeds will have blossomed and spread their seeds despite all the gardeners’ efforts to prevent this happening. As I write, the seed of the dandelion and other species float by the window, looking for new territory to infest. I wish the seed we sow would propagate as well as these damned weeds!

*Jack Bradley*