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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 at Heaton House.

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

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

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

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page Editor knows about)

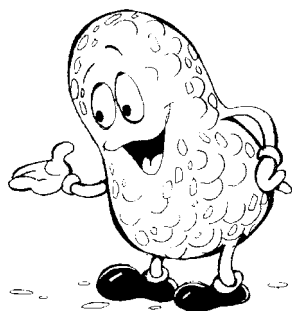
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OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Happy birthday potato



On July 28, 1586 the potato first arrived in England from Colombia. July itself was named after Ro-

man dictator Julius Caesar, who was born on July 12. The Anglo Saxon names for the month included Heymonath or Maed monath, referring to haymaking and the flowering of meadows.

Also in July the curious phenomenon of crop circles occurs when circular flattened patches begin to appear in fields of standing corn. This dates from the 1970s, although examples do occur earlier.

Weather lore – St Swithun's Day

"If the first of July it be rainy weather T'will rain more or less for four weeks together."

July 2 1928 saw equal voting rights for

Women and British colonial rule ended in Hong Kong on July 1 1997.

Worcestershire Sitting Service

Peter's Story

"My husband had a stroke when he was quite young. As an independent couple we got on with life and I did the things he couldn't manage, and over the years we coped on our own. As time went on, however, things became more difficult; my husband would occasionally fall, and if I went out shopping I had to rush home because I worried that he might fall again. I no longer enjoyed meeting my friend for lunch because I couldn't relax.

We were introduced to Worcestershire Sitting Service, managed by Age Concern Herefordshire & Worcestershire. Now everything has changed. A Sitter comes to our house each week, stays and chats with my husband, and I usually go out shopping or have lunch with my friend.

Having a Sitter has made a big difference to both our lives. My husband

and the Sitter have so much in common, they get on so well and I no longer have to rush everything or worry about my him. These few hours makes such a difference, please offer your time, so more people can benefit."

Worcestershire Sitting Service ask ordinary people, just like you, who have a few hours to spare a week, fortnight or month to become Sitters.

We need people who can go and sit with someone, keep him or her company, so that the person who is usually at home with them can have free time.

This is often used to do a weekly shop, visit the hairdressers, attend a medical appointment or catch up with friends.

If you read this and have a little time to spare, and want to make a difference to someone's life, please contact Sue Abbott, or Miriam on: 01905-726652, 01386-422700, 01584-819750 who will be happy to give you more information.

Martley Spurs

The season is now over and our three teams have not done badly; of course, they have won some and lost some as all teams do. The Saturday Premier side ended up third in their table while the Sunday Premier eleven and the Reserves lie neither at the top nor the bottom of their tables.

Unfortunately, they lost their Martley Cup final against Powick by three goals to two. They lost Jon Barry when he was given a red card for a

foul and having to play with just 10 men they even had a penalty appeal turned down. They

did, however, battle on and even went ahead when Steve Prickett scored and Chris Collins equalised, but Powick got past the Spurs goalie, getting both a late goal and the cup.

Unfortunately, we still do not know what will happen next season with regards to the various leagues as there are so few teams making up the present day leagues.

Beth Williams

World Cup Memories

Football fever will have taken us over as I write and, of course, we all hope England will do well. I never seem to be at home when big finals take place and have some funny memories of England wins. I was in China when England won the Rugby World Cup final and in Rome when they won the 1966 World Cup. I never actually heard the famous "they think it's all over" commentary.

There were few TV sets around in those days and in Milan, where I lived, cafes and bars turned into mini-cinemas when people went to watch what was on offer. But Rome did not have the same viewing habits.



My friends and I ran around a deserted Rome centre looking for somewhere to see England play Germany. Every shop, bar and café was closed and we finally found a side street dairy that was open. The old lady behind the counter told us to go to the Feltrinelli book shop, which we rushed to. It was open but apparently empty, not even an assistant behind the counter. There was a bell on it which we pressed, and an assistant ran out and said: "Come on, hurry up", and took us to a back room packed to the rafters in front of a small black and white TV, with people watching, cheering, shouting at the referee, and of course, the commentary was in Italian.

I never saw the 1982 final, which Italy won by beating Germany, because I was on board a jumbo jet above the Atlantic Ocean.

The said jumbo had picked up passengers in Rome and Hamburg before taking off from Milan, and its passengers were either German or Italian. Everyone wanted to know what was happening. The hostess said that the crew had no time and could not really understand the BBC commentary, but that I could go into the pilots' cabin and inform the passengers what was going on.

This was great fun (and would certainly not be allowed today). There was a big cheer from one side of the plane when I informed them that Italy had scored, but kept my mouth shut when the Germans did, at least until the Italians had scored again and fi-

nally won. I think the entire Italian population of Toronto were on the airport tarmac to welcome that plane in.

Beth Williams

Martley Old Grammar School Foundation

A reminder to students under the age of 25 years who live or who have a parent living in Martley, or who have at any time attended as a pupil at school in Martley and who need financial assistance for further education, to apply for a grant application form. This also applies to corporate organisations that may be eligible to obtain a grant. For information of an application form, please contact Mrs C Pearsall, Secretary MOGSF at Inglewood, Hillside, Martley, Worcester WR6 6QW Tel: 01886-888793.

Cheryl Pearsall, secretary

Pudford Lane

Summer has arrived at last (with some mini floods) and all inhabitants are settling back awaiting long, lazy days. If only that were so. The weeds are growing apace, outstripping the vegetables and the lawns are almost jungles.

The verges have been lovely with Queen Ann's Lace and the Ramsons, although the latter have been a little smelly when the sun is on them. Parent Greater Spotted Woodpeckers appeared to be feeding their offspring for an incredibly long time. So did the

pair of wagtails in the ivy beside the kitchen window.

It is nice to be able to go outside without being shouted at. Marauding pheasants gorge on the debris from the

birdfeeders. In view of their voracious appetites for chrysalides and caterpillars of all types, we fear that our Red Admirals and Peacocks will be in short supply again this year.

Pre-School Snippets



Firstly, a big thank you to all those who helped sell programmes at Red Marley in April. The organisers have kindly donated £1,000 as a result of our efforts. It is wonderful for a local event to support a local school and we thank them for the opportunity.

Another thank you to Juliet Rushgrove, Chris Woodburn and Darrell Norgrove who gave their time to man a lollipop and clown stall at the school fete. They raised £22.00.

We hope you have all been busy getting your sponsorship for **Barby on the Berrow** on **Sunday 2nd July**. Even if you haven't, with a minimum of £5 per family, you can still enjoy this fabulous family day out and a unique opportunity to take in the breathtaking views from this historic

monument. The walk starts at **11am from the bottom of Berrow Drive**. There will be a BBQ and refreshments at the top, as well as refreshments half way up.

We bid farewell to two members of staff this term. Chris Woodburn is retiring as Deputy Manager on July 20th. As some of you may know, Chris has been at Pre-School for an astonishing 20 years. She has seen many children come and go and even return with their own children! We wish Chris all the best and know she will now be able to enjoy her time with her grandchildren.

We have already said a sad farewell to Shena Chilvers, but only across the playground to the primary school. Shena was adored by children and parents alike and is already greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new position at the primary school.

Both Chris and Shena have put so much into pre-school over the years and we cannot thank them enough. We welcome Lucy Albutt to the team; she will be moving to Martley in July. Look out for news of our second annual **Five-a-Side football tournament** to be held on the **17th September** on the playing fields...

There are reports that the Black Beast has been seen again in the Pudford Lane -Worcester Way area. So any unwary walkers could find themselves sharing a path.

Kate King

Martley Ramblers –

Sunday 9 July, 10am Church car park

Please note, this month we have a slightly different format. We shall be leaving the car park at 10am for Hanbury, to be led by Irene Walker. This is not an all day walk, but why not bring a picnic for after the walk has finished. It was felt, that if the weather is hot, it might be nicer to walk in the cooler morning.

The two Paulines recently led us on a most enjoyable walk around the three Bs, Brockhampton, Bromyard Downs and Bringsty. Although most of us know some of these areas, others were quite new. The hedge jumping heifers on Bringsty were actually more frightened of us than we were of them.

Kate King

Martley WI

Wednesday 12 July, 7.30pm

This month we shall be back at Heaton House to hear Pauline Ford talking about Turkey, the country, not the bird. The competition is for a bookmark in any medium. Our co-operative entry for the Spring Craft Show was not one of the winners, but came near the top. However, Sheila Craker kept

our end up by coming second in the competition for a 'Feeling book', made especially for visually impaired children. Many thanks to all the members who worked so hard on the various items and to Eileen Stammers and Sheila who took them to Bewdley for judging.

The summer outing will be on Saturday 29 July, Kidderminster to Bridgnorth and back on the Severn Railway Fish and chip special. Details regarding travel arrangements to Kidderminster and costs etc from Sheila Craker.

Kate King

Thank you



Martley Primary School would like to thank all those who took part in the summer fete, on Saturday, June 17.

Parents, teachers, stall holders and children had a great time on one of the hottest days of the year so far. The money raised will be invaluable to the school and the local community. Thanks again.

Treatment for dark under-eye circles

Grated potato can lighten and clear dark under-eye circles. Run one potato through your food processor and stuff the raw mash into a piece of cheesecloth. Apply to the area directly beneath your eye – don't let the potato juice come into contact with the eye itself – and leave for 15 to 20 minutes. Wipe away the starchy residue and you'll find the dark circles will have gone.

(May I suggest you take out your contact lenses before you try this!)

*Lincolnshire South Federation WI
Nellie Bradley*

Martley's Past

On July 7 1896, the schoolmaster wrote, 'F T.... and B G.... were flogged this morning for truancy yesterday.'

On 13 July 1896 he wrote: 'Miss Currie, of Laugherne House, called this afternoon and invited the boys (56!) to tea on Friday next.'

29 July 1896 he reported the Inspector's Report, one item of which was, 'The attention of the Managers is directed to the recommendation of the last report respecting the need of an efficient teacher to assist the master.'

(Note, the number of boys present on his visit was 58; with 65 being in registers.)

A L B

The Manor of Martley

In the days of the Confessor, Martley had been part of the appendage of Queen Edith, and at Doomsday was still retained by the King, although it never acquired the title 'Regis'. Hugh Despencer held many offices under the crown and the family held many important posts.

The deed granting Geoffrey le Despencer the Manor of Martelegh was signed at Woodstock in 1234. The family fell out of favour, and the new King, Edward III, conferred the Manor to John Wyard in 1327.

There was a lot of litigation between the Despenchers and Wyards, and clear ownership by the Wyards only came in 1393. An heiress of John Wyard married a Roger Mortimer of Tedstone Wafer – a descendant of whom was Sir Hugh Mortimer, who built the church tower and whose effigy is in the church. The Mortimers held the Manor for about a century; latterly in female line.

In 1529 the Manor was sold to William Mucklow of Worcester, whose descendant sold it to Thomas Foley, the great Stourbridge ironmaster in 1670, who added it to his Witley Court Estate.

The Foleys, and later the Wards, retained the Manor of Martley as part of Witley Court Estate, much of which was broken up as a result of The Great War. The Earl of Dudley, and later the Countess of Dudley, held the title until its sale in 2001.

A L B

Translation of the Lord of the Manor Deed

Henry (by the grace of God, King of England, Ireland, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, count of Anjou to his archbishops, bishops, abbots... barons...(etc, for various other subjects) greetings.

Know that we have granted to our faithful servant Geoffrey le Despenser (Galfridus Dispensarius) the Manor of Martelegh with the advowson of the church of the Manor and other appurtenances, to hold freely all the mills, meadows, woods, ways, ponds etc etc, according to the custom of the Manor, for the service owing to the King of a quarter of a knight's fee.

Witnesses include: P Winton (bishop of Winchester), Stephen de Segrave justiciar of England, J earl of ?, W earl of Albemarle, Hugh le Despenser, John son of Philip, Godfrey de, Venerable R bishop of Chichester our chancellor

No date visible at the end, or regal year, but the context makes clear that this is from the reign of Henry III. He abandoned the titles of count of Anjou and duke of Normandy in 1259. Ralph Neville was bishop of Chichester 1222-1244 and chancellor 1226-1240.

Stephen de Segrave was chief justiciar 1232-1234 and possibly 1236-1241 (when he died).

So the document should be from the 1230s.

ALB

A letter from Indonesia

I have lived in Indonesia for almost 20 years and prior to that New Zealand and most of Southeast Asia. In all those years, I have worked in the oil and gas business.

Years ago, I used to live at Hill Farm Wichenford where my father farmed and, in fact, my Grandfather farmed initially. I seem to recall my Grand father took over Hill Farm in 1901, according to date carvings on various wooden gates.

Although I spent a lot of time helping out on the farm, I was not really cut out to be a farmer and decided I wanted to join the RAF, which I did in 1961, much to father's disgust.

I am writing this note to you because good friends of mine, Tony and Janet Eggleton of Martley, suggested I should check your Web site out.

From that I came across many names that were familiar from the past. For example, I read about Janet and Peter Andrews and many other people I knew in the past. Perhaps through your magazine we can remake contact.

I am wondering if some of your readers would be interested in what life is like in the tropics, if so I could put together some letters.

Indonesia is a vast country and contains many different ethnic groups and different languages. The base language is Bahasa Indonesian, which is not a difficult language to learn. The people are easy going and friendly, but also very poor. The 0.5% that are rich are

mega rich and they like to show it. In fact they account for the largest foreign buyers of property in Singapore. We work hard here; my routine begins early morning at around 0410 and then I leave for work at 0530, not what you might expect for the life of an expat...

(Mike Townsend will be writing more about his experiences in Indonesia in next month's Villager.)

Knightswick and District Trefoil Guild

The May meeting was scheduled to be an evening playing croquet at Broadwas, but due to the inclement weather we were forced to support the local hostelry. Once the "business of the meeting" was dealt with and plans for a trip to Burford House, and Westons Cider were made, we then partook of delicious sandwiches and bowls of chips.

Fourteen members enjoyed a relaxed social time together.

Geraldine Cooper.

Pensax Thrift Shop

Don't Forget Pensax Thrift Shop's annual charity day on Wednesday 12th July, in aid of the County Air Ambulance, please do come and support this worthy cause.

Bee News

The Annual Bee Safari took place on May 6. The two Bee Inspectors each took a separate tour round different

apiaries, visiting eight in all. The Bee Inspectors, both of whom had visited before, put everyone at ease,



keeping things informal. The emphasis of the day was on furthering the education of all our beekeepers, particularly on disease management.

Each apiary had its different idiosyncrasies and learning points, and as much was learned from visiting other members' hives as from having our own 'inspected'. The day culminated with a visit to Andrea Elting's two apiaries followed by tea (of course)!

Since the safari, the weather has been pretty awful for bees and keepers, so our most recent apiary visits have been postponed. However, the change in the weather has brought on some swarming and activity is high again.

The next meeting is on Saturday 15 July—as always new members are very welcome.

Sue Braithwaite - 01886 812888

Martley & District Horticultural Society

The society's Annual Plant sale was held at the Village Hall, but unfortunately due to the wet weather, there was no Car Boot Sale on the playing field.

Thanks to everyone who donated

plants and to all the people who helped on the day. The event raised just over £400 (down on last year) for society funds.

On Thursday 27 July there will be an evening visit to Mr & Mrs T Smith's garden at Astley. Meet at Martley Village Hall car park at 6.45pm.

Have you collected your schedule for the Annual Show to be held on Saturday 19 August in Martley Village Hall and on the Playing Field?

They can be obtained from Martley Post Office, Central Stores or a committee member. Let's have a record number of entries this year! It is the Society's 30th Annual Show. Details in the August Villager.



Barby on the Berrow

**Sunday 2nd July
2006, 11am.**

A sponsored walk to the top of Berrow Hill, Martley (min £5 per fam-

ily).

This is a fantastic opportunity to take in the breathtaking views of our village and surrounding countryside. There will be a BBQ* at the top together with refreshments. All monies raised will go to Pre-School and the before and after school clubs. Everyone welcome.

Sponsor forms available from the Village PO, Central Stores & Pre-School

*Hotdogs £1 each, donations for

drinks please. Walk from the bottom of Berrow Drive to the top of Berrow Hill.

Martley Parish Council

Meeting Monday June 5

Present: Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp; Cllr. Mr. J. Slough; Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear; Cllr. Mr. M. Nott; Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh; Cllr. Mrs. M. Randall; Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones; Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor

In Attendance: Mr. T. Pearsall (Clerk to The Parish Council), 12 members of the public.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business and the following points were raised:

A request was made that this Council ask WCC Highways to erect some signs along Hillside to warn of pedestrians.

A question was asked why it is taking so long to arrange for the seat by the Weighbridge. The Clerk explained the requirements of Highways and said he would follow it up.

Another act of vandalism was reported, this time a greenhouse was damaged at The Woodyard by a thrown brick. The public was reminded that all such incidents should be reported to the Police.

A question was raised about the use of ASBO's (Anti Social Behaviour Or-

ders), especially with reference to the recent incident at the Memorial Hall. The Clerk explained that that incident was not being proceeded with on this occasion.

A question was asked why are there so many weight limit signs; the Clerk to write to Highways.

A question was asked with reference to Heaton House, why the kerbs which were removed to resurface the road, had not been replaced; the Clerk to investigate with Highways.

The Parish Council Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8:25 pm.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Mr. N. Stammers, these were accepted.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests: The Clerk reminded everyone of the need to declare interests and to keep their list up to date. Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 12 Planning (specifically Application 05/01885/FUL resubmission of).

Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th. May. April 2006: It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record. Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones agreed that it had not been the intention to exclude Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor from the finance committee and requested a future agenda item to resolve this.

Heaton House: The number of empty flats has now reduced and the matter resolved.

Local Plan: The Clerk requested that the Parish Plan committee be driven by one of the councillors; The Chair-

man agreed to undertake this.

The Chairman understood that all three proposals in the MHDC Local Plan, commented on by this Council, had been supported by the inspector counter to Malvern Hills Development committee. These were: Development of the area of land behind The Crown (opposed by MPC), the development of The Old Orchard (opposed by MPC) and development of Taylors Old Yard (supported by MPC).

Resource Centre: There was an inspection on 15th. May by this Council and it was determined that the building would be suitable to house the Resource Centre equipment.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Community First to determine if funds were available to enable this; the temporary housing at the library is unsuitable in the long term, because the space is needed for more book shelves and out of hours access is difficult.

Laughterne Valley Travel: It was reported that the evening service is now much less flexible in dropping passengers at their requested locations and, consequently, previous passengers are reconsidering other options. Should this loss be substantial then the service may become unsustainable. The very reason for its success was flexibility. The Clerk was instructed to write to the new bus company and ask why their drivers were inflexible.

District Councillor's Report: District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams said that there is a development meeting on 6th. June to discuss the adoption of Local

Plan. She reminded the meeting that planning application could now be viewed on the MHDC web site.

County Councillor's Report: County Councillor Mr. A. Davies said that the West Mercia Police were going for a judicial review on the proposed mergers and a review of the Regional Spatial Strategy was being undertaken.

Correspondence:

Correspondence for 5th. June 2006.

1. Charter 88: Campaign for local democracy, includes opportunity to sign up to early day motion.
2. MHDC: Local Plan, inspectors report (available at MHDC website) two copies.
3. WCALC: Notice of Annual Meeting (Thurs 8th. June Priory Lodge.)
4. CPRE: Spring newsletter.
5. WCC: Worcestershire Children and Young Peoples Plan response by 9th. June (received 1st. June) .
6. FWAG: News letter.
7. HM Revenue & Customs: Martley Parish Council gratuity scheme.
8. Abberley & Malvern Hills Geopark:n News letter..
9. MHDC: Exec committee minutes ref. 22nd. May.
10. MHDC: Exec committee agenda 30th. May.
11. MHDC: The Council Plan.
12. MHDC: Pre committee visit (Northern Area Devel Control) ref. The Tee Farm.
13. WCC Highways: School cross-

ing; reply to my letter.

14. CPRE: News letter.
15. Community First: Newline plus others.
16. Email from WCALC: re destruction of meeting notes

Planning:

.. Applications received:

1. 06/00660/FUL Lime Cottage Hipplecote; replmnt. Dwelling, Cllr.G. Taylor.
2. 06/00738/FUL The Tegs Pudford Lane; single story extn. To provide 2 bedrooms and bathroom; Cllr.J. Slough
3. 06/00629/FUL Hill House Laugherne Park; conversion of garage, Cllr. D. Cropp.
4. 06/00674/FUL Sandyfields, Kingswood Lane; Prop. Agri workers dwelling to repl. Mobile home; Cllr. D. Cropp.
5. 06/00664/FUL Tarragon Berrow Green Rd.; conservatory extn.; Cllr. G. Coombey-Jones (Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor left the room whilst this was discussed)
6. 06/00667/FUL Pasmead, St. Peters Drive; Kitchen extn & conversion of garage, Cllr.G. Coombey-Jones

Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn:

1. 06/00102/FUL Row End Berrow Green Rd. Approved
2. 06/00514/FUL Jury Lodge Jury Lane Approved
3. 06/00201/FUL Willow Cottage Willow Green Approved
4. 06/00492/FUL The Cottage Jury

Lane Withdrawn

Other items: Notice of MHDC Pre committee visit to Tee Farm 6th. June.

Finance: There were 5 cheques totalling £1150.37 for agreement and signature

Income April 06: £350.00

Current Bank Balance Lloyds TSB
19th. May 2006 £7382.03

Actual position 5th. June 2006

£6396.35

Deposit Acc

£7308.60

It was resolved to adopt the finances.

Parish Paths Warden Report:

The report was read out and is attached as addendum 1

Urgent Decisions since last meeting:
There was none.

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas:

1. An agenda item is required to discuss dog fouling on the green in Nash Close.
2. The caravans at Hollins Lane are still occupied, The Clerk to follow up with MHDC enforcement.
3. The grass cutting at Heaton House is not being completed and a BT van is parking in the parking areas for the residents, The Clerk to write to Elgar Housing.
4. There are several pot holes down Ankerdine Hill; the Clerk to write to Highways.
5. It was requested that an article be prepared for The Villager to ex-

plain to the parishioners what are the advantages of a Quality Parish Council.

6. The Clerk to request the Lengthman to trim the hedge alongside the foot path from the Hall to the Remedial School.

7. An agenda item was requested to consider the proliferation of road signs in the parish.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Monday 3rd.. July 2006 at 8 p.m. (Finance committee at 7:30 p.m.).

Meeting closed at 22:35 hrs.

Addendum 1

Parish Paths Warden's Report

May 2006

An extremely wet day with a good turn out, although one or two sloped off early (in a good cause)

Clearance work – Some stiles (at roadside) – more to be cleared in the next two weeks;

off B4197 by Mr Farmer's) 200m cleared, but the encroachment of spill from neighbouring landfill etc needs resolution by County

Kirby's lands South of the church, past VE seat (725, 726, 728) where these are field edge

Ditch crossing on 728 (path off lane below Lower Hollings) destroyed by ditch diggers--need to replace

Behind church across towards Laugherne Park (719/720/ 724) 350m South of Upper Hollins (750 100m).

Events in July

NT Event Croome Park - Bat Walk

Venue: Croome Park
Phone: 01905 371006
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/pci0>
From: 1 July 2006
To: 1 July 2006

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb - Invited championships & Vintage meeting

Venue: Shelsley Walsh
E-Mail:
Phone: 01886 812211
Website: <http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/2006.htm>
From: 1 July 2006
To: 2 July 2006

Witley Court Event - Witley

Victorian Weekend
Venue:
E-Mail:
Phone: 01299 896636
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/q7b2>
From: 1 July 2006
To: 2 July 2006

Musical - Cole Porter's Anything Goes

Venue: Malvern Theatres
E-Mail:
Phone: 01684 892277
Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>
From: 3 July 2006

To: 8 July 2006

Witley Court Event - Romeo & Juliet

Venue: Witley Court
E-Mail:
Phone: 01299 896636
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/q7b2>
From: 5 July 2006
To: 6 July 2006

Ledbury Poetry Festival -

Venue: Ledbury
Phone: 0845 458 1743
Website: <http://www.poetry-festival.com/>
From: 7 July 2006
To: 16 July 2006

Antiques Fair -

Venue: Three Counties Showground
E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk
Phone: 01636 702326
Website: <http://www.dmgantiquefairs.com>
From: 9 July 2006
To: 9 July 2006

Upton Blues Festival -

Venue: Upton Upon Severn
E-Mail: info@uptonbluesfestival.org.uk
Phone: 01684 592146
Website: <http://www.uptonbluesfestival.org.uk>
From: 14 July 2006
To: 16 July 2006

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb - Member's Competition Day & Classic Meeting

Venue: Shelsley Walsh
Phone: 01886 812211
Website: <http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/2006.htm>
From: 15 July 2006
To: 16 July 2006

NT Event Croome Park - History & Archaeology Weekend

Venue: Croome Park
Phone: 01905 371006
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/pci0>
From: 15 July 2006
To: 16 July 2006

Priory Organ Recital - Angelo Castaldo

Venue: Great Malvern Priory
E-Mail:
Phone: 01684 892289
Website: <http://www.malvernprioryorgan.org.uk>
From: 15 July 2006
To: 15 July 2006

Witley Court Event - The Railway Children

Venue: Witley Court
Phone: 01299 896636
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/q7b2>
From: 20 July 2006
To: 21 July 2006

Concert - CBSO: Here Come the Proms! conducted by Carl Davis

Venue: Malvern Theatres
Phone: 01684 892277
Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>
22 July 2006

Eastnor: Garden Games & Knight's Maze Challenge -

Venue: Eastnor Castle, nr. Ledbury
Phone: 01531 633160
Website: <http://www.eastnorcastle.com>
23 July 2006

Malvern in Bloom Judging Day -
Heart of England Judges inspect Priory & Chase Wards

Venue: Malvern
Phone: 01684 566667
From: 26 July 2006
To: 26 July 2006

Arab Horse Show -

Venue: Three Counties Showground
Phone: 01672 520782
Website: <http://www.arabhorsesociety.org.uk>
From: 27 July 2006
To: 29 July 2006

Welland Steam Rally -

Venue: Woodside Farm, Welland
E-Mail:
Phone: 01531 890417
Website:
From: 28 July 2006
To: 30 July 2006

Eastnor: Children's Bug Hunts & Nature Trails -

Venue: Eastnor Castle, nr. Ledbury
Phone: 01531 633160
Website: <http://www.eastnorcastle.com>
30 July 2006



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Wichenford Fete

This year the fete is to be held on Saturday 29 July at 2pm. Do come and enjoy the many stalls and sideshows. If you have any items that we can sell, please let us know on 01886-888303. We can collect.



Janet Andrews
01886 888303

Sheila Richards
01886 888378

Wichenford 100 Club

May winner: Bella Kemp Roberts. Ticket 62. £108

Millennium green tidying and inspection rota

July: Mark Andrews

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to Mr & Mrs Higgins who have become great grandparents. Mr & Mrs Higgins have been married for 61 years, and we send them our best wishes for many more happy years.

In memoriam

Ivy Smith—We are so sorry that Ivy has died, she had lived in Wichenford for nearly 50 years. Ivy was a popular

member of the Nora Parsons Day Centre and is sadly missed. We send our deepest sympathy to her sons Harold, Denis and Terry and to their families.

Marion Fidoe – 1920-2006-06-02.

It is with regret that I have to announce the death of my Mother, Mrs Marion Fidoe on 3 May 2006. She formerly lived at Tillshots, Wants Green. She passed away peacefully at Redhill Nursing Home, London Road, Worcester. She is sadly missed by family and friends.

A E Fidoe (01886-821466)

Flower Rota

2 July	Mrs Andrews
9 July	Mrs Richards
16 July	Mrs Whyatt
23 July	Mrs A Banks
30 July	No Service

PCC Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is to be held on 10 July in the Memorial Hall

at 7.45pm.

Thank you

Thank you everyone who supported Pam & George by buying compost recently at their sale in aid of the Church spire repairs. A final sum of £200 will have been made when the last few bags go.

Violet Wilby Memorial Music Award

Applications are invited for the Violet Wilby Memorial Music Award. Applicants must be at school or college, reside in the Parish of Wichenford and be studying music in one form or another. Letters of application should be sent to Mrs C Wetherall, Abingdon Cottage, Wichenford WR6 6XY before the closing date of 10 July 2006.

Benefice Mission, Sudan.

David and Heather Sharland have now returned to Africa after a well earned rest in England during which time they visited us at Broadwas.

Their journey took them first back to Uganda where they met up with old friends and assessed the difficulty of returning to their African home in the village of Lui, Southern Sudan.

The road through Uganda to Sudan is still very dangerous with members of the "Lord's Revolutionary Army" at large and ready to ambush travellers, either robbing them or worse.

David and Heather are hoping that the arrival of the UN peace keepers in the area will make travelling safer.

Much work needs to be done at Lui. The war in Sudan is officially ended but many young soldiers are still wondering around, unpaid, hungry and still armed. They need to return to normal society, but in a country where drought continues, the greatest threat is still famine and disease.

Despite all this, David and Heather are optimistic about the future. As they say: "The Lord travels with us."

I don't suppose there are many of us who would want to swap rural Worcestershire for the Sudan, but as a Benefice we are proud to support this remarkable couple through financial giving and prayer.

If you would like to know more and receive the latest news, please contact: Doug Whittaker 01886 833897 or David Sherwin 01886 888664

Firewood

Cordwood

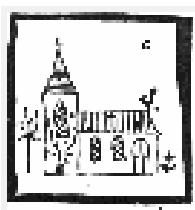
Hardwood cordwood for collection in Wichenford for £25 a cord. Local delivery by arrangement at cost.

Hardwood logs

at £50 a pickup load. Local delivery by arrangement at cost.

Poplar and willow for wood burners also available.

Telephone 0777 186 7961



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

We recently had an overseas visitor to St. Mary Magdalene Broadwas. As we were leaving a service they came in, as many visitors do. The surprise came when they said that they were visiting the church, because they had, 'read the book'. The Bible perhaps? No, The Davinci Code!

The bestselling book, and now movie, has certainly caused a stir, I have had many a conversation about my opinion of the book. It has, I am told, made some people question the 'facts' of their faith and the reliability of the scriptures it is based upon. I think this highlights the need for us to search the scriptures and understand our faith in Jesus.

The claims made by the Da Vinci code are that Jesus was not divine, that he got married to Mary Magdalene, they had a daughter called Sarah, whose descendants became Kings and queens of France, and Constantine proposed that Jesus be upgraded to a deity at the council of Nicea in 325AD. Not only have Christian scholars repudiated these claims, but even TV programmes have exposed flaws and errors.

Whilst I have not the space to go into detail here, I must say that some of the claims made by the Da Vinci code are

based upon documents that were written later than the gospel material included in the Bible. These documents were questioned as to their reliability even by the early Church, hence they did not make it into the canon of scripture we call the New Testament.

Whilst training at theological college, we were encouraged to 'critically' study scripture, looking at the dates author and context into which it was written. This process has been going on since the reformation and enlightenment period. I found that my faith in Christ was strengthened, rather than weakened, as I examined the scriptures in detail.

As a thriller, it is a bestseller, but it has a long way to go to beat the best seller it questions, The Bible. The claims of which stand the tests of time, that Jesus is the Son of God, who died rose again and ascended into heaven. Leaving his church to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God, an open Gospel for all, not hidden secrets for the chosen few.

Thank you

Everyone who helped make the St. Peter's Spring fayre a success, despite the rain. Your gifts, donations, time and energy were appreciated. We hope all who came enjoyed themselves, people and their pets. Rev David Sher-

Church diary for July

- 30 June - 2 July WARM weekend, Top Barn Farm, Holt Heath
Renewal ... the call to transformational Leadership
Speaker: Canon George Kovoor
- Saturday 1 July 9-10.30am Benefice Prayer Group, St Peter Martley
2.00pm Cotheridge Fete
- Sunday 2 July 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
6.30pm Youth Service, St Peter, Martley
- Monday 3 July 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- Tuesday 4 July 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Thursday 6 July 1.30 Pastoral Care Meeting at the home of Sue Ganderton
- Sunday 9 July 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
10.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
11.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
6.30pm Songs of Praise Top Ten, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Monday 10 July 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at The Rectory
7.45pm Wichenford PCC, Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 11 July 7.30pm LTV PCC at Knightwick
- Wednesday 12 July 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thursday 13 July 2.00pm Little Minnows – picnic
- Saturday 15 July Organ recital concert with Liam Cartwright St. Leonard's
Cotheridge 7.30pm
- Sunday 16 July 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 17 July 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
7.30pm Wardens Meeting at The Rectory
- Tuesday 18 July 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Wednesday 19 July 2.00pm Martley Primary School Leavers Service, St
Peter's Martley (**Continued on page 28**)

In the Garden



Trim clematis

Trim [Clematis montana](#) if large and overgrown.

Prune flowers

Pinch out the growing tips of basket and container plants to encourage them to produce bushy even growth and lots of flowers. Encourage chrysanthemum shoots to branch out and carry more blooms by pinching out

shoot tips from June to early July.

Biennials, such as foxgloves, sweet williams, Canterbury bells and forget-me-nots, should be sown as soon as fresh seed is available.

Pests and diseases

Use a forceful jet from a garden hose to knock aphids off water lilies and other garden plants. Spray roses to protect them against problems with mildew, blackspot or rust.

Divide bearded iris

Lift and divide bearded irises once they have finished flowering. Remove any dormant sections from the centre of the clump and replant the fresh new shoots.

Church diary for July

- Thursday 20 July 9.00am Broadwas School Leavers Service, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Saturday 22 July Cheese and Puddings at Westwinds, Little green, Broadwas 6.30pm
- Sunday 23 July 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley
11.00am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
11.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter Martley
- Monday 24 July 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Tuesday 25 July 4.30pm Evening Prayer at St Johns Parish Church
- Wednesday 26 July 10.15am, Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thursday 27 July 12.00 Martley Mother's Union at the home of Muriel Coombe
- Saturday 29 July 2.00pm Wichenford Village Fete
- Sunday 30 July 11.00am – 1.30pm: The big-little Church
Event in Severn Hall at the Three Counties Showground
Led by Revd Rob Barlow
- Monday 31 July 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Leonard Cotheridge

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