

The Villager

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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month:

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

3rd Sunday in the month:

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

Mondays

Rhythm Time: 9.30-11.30am Martley Memorial Hall Enq. Rachel 01886 812565
Martley Parish Council: 1st Monday in the month 8pm Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling: 2.00pm Martley Memorial Hall

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

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

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

Cover photo shows hands belonging to participants in the Martley Youth Event of 26 April 2008

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



May Wedding

The wedding of Peter Baldwin and Kim Downes took place at St Peter's Martley on Saturday 3 May.

Pete and Kim grew up in the village and were childhood sweethearts when they lived next door to each other in Red House (also known as the workhouse!). They now live in the village in Hastings Close.



Above: Kim Downes with Tony Downes. Right: Kim Downes, Tony Downes and Matthew Pethybridge in a splendid 1930s Beauford Open Tourer (by Pure Platinum Executive Cars, who are based in Martley)

Martley's First Youth Event

The sun shone, the Deputy Head cooked burgers, Miss White and Cllr Emma Rothwell took bookings for activities, and most importantly of all – the youth of Martley enjoyed themselves! Children bounced on the bouncy castle, climbed the climbing wall, practiced moves on the skate ramps, had a go on the shooting range, played tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, had their faces painted and ate ice-cream. The Young Enterprise team from the school had an impressive range of craft items, including jewellery and beads, for sale and others sold Fair Trade goods as well as supplying information.

Saturday 26 April 2008 saw the first



Youth Event to be held in Martley, sponsored by £600 from Worcestershire County Council, via a grant which was awarded following an application made by Cllr Rothwell, and additional funds presented by Martley Parish Council. The event was planned to involve as many of the young people of Martley and the surrounding areas as possible in what it is hoped will become an annual occasion, providing enrichment and extending the school curriculum. The event was held in the grounds of The Chantry High School and Sport Martley. Money raised by the sale of food will be donated to the Playgroup Heating Fund.

In addition to activities for the children, various organisations were on hand to provide information likely to be of interest to youths: the NHS, who also offered first aid, SOS Divers

and Malvern Hills Youth Service, whose representative, John Tinnion, hopes to be able to provide the services of a mobile youth unit to Martley. Both attendees and organisers alike agreed that the day was highly successful and hope that this is the start of things to come for the Youth of Martley

E. Rothwell



Martley WI

Garden meeting

Wednesday 11 June 7pm

Thanks to the members who gave time over many weeks to plan the exhibits at the recent County Spring Rally and for producing such attractive craft items and tasty food. Although the top prizes did not come to Martley, Eileen Stammers got third place for her wine and the other items were all well-placed against a very large number of entries from Institutes across the county.

We are on the move again this month, but only to Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane, by kind invitation of Kate and Harry King, for our garden meeting. 7pm start to hopefully make the best of the evening warmth and sunshine. There will be the usual goings-on, garden quiz, bowling for the pig or it might be for 6 eggs, (depending on the farm gate prices at that time), and



Parish Cllr and champion of youth, Emma Rothwell, at the Youth Event in April

competition for the best rose. After supper, the fun auction, our main fund raiser of the year, will finish the evening. A professional auctioneer, (if we can get one) or a press-ganged husband will persuade members to part with pocket-money to buy items they do not really want and that other people are pleased to dispose of Please bring a chair (not to sell), friends and relatives, and items for sale. Non-members often turn-up and are always made welcome.

Kate King

Allotment Alert!

The promotion of healthier eating and the need for more exercise is hitting the news and media. Now is a great time for growing your own vegetables and fruit. We are being urged to reduce our carbon footprints, not to mention the number of miles that our food travels to arrive on our plates. We don't all have a big enough garden, and some no garden at all! But there is a way: via an allotment.

Nothing compares to the taste of a freshly-dug spud, or a sweet, juicy, newly-pulled carrot. Most of my peas last year never made it to the pot but were consumed on the spot! Delicious! Food can't get fresher than this, and there is something special about growing something to eat from a tiny seed and nursing it through to harvest. If you grow organically, it is comforting to know exactly what went



into producing that crop. There's the bonus, too, of plentiful fresh air and exercise, and community spirit amongst fellow allotmenters.

The recent popularity in allotment holding can be seen in the number of internet websites and blogs devoted purely to "growing your own". And have you seen one of the BB TV's regular gardening presenters filmed on his new allotment?

Allotment history is fascinating, originating with the Diggers, led by Gerrard Winstanley in 1649. In 1845 the General Inclosure Act was passed, and the provision of allotments was made mandatory throughout Britain.

Martley doesn't have an allotment site at present, but if there are enough people interested in having a plot, one will be found. So if you feel the need for some good old-fashioned fresh air and exercise, the taste of fresh, good quality home-grown vegetables and fruit, send your name and contact details (email address or tel. no.) to me, and I shall forward this to the relevant Parish Council member.

Angie Hill

angiehill1350@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 01886 888762

Martley Pre-School Snippets. How Does Your Garden Grow?

This month the children have enjoyed planting out vegetables, flowers and herbs into the front garden. They started them from seed in our Wellie Wednesday activities and within our topic of fairy stories, 'Jack & the

Beanstalk' gave the perfect opportunity for the children to plant beans and watch them grow. 'The Little Red Hen' saw children baking bread, and 'The Three Little Pigs'



saw them create their own pig mask and use it for role play (of course they all wanted to be the big bad wolf though!)

Our front garden is situated in an ideal position and with help from Keith, Mary and Fred Norgrove and Midwest Landscapers (who very generously donated our new fence: thank you!) it is soon to be full of produce that the children have grown at our registered eco-setting. A new ramp at our front entrance (funded by the Awards for All, National Lottery), also means that our building is now easily accessible for everyone.

A big hello to Philip Evert and Alex Mason, who both start Pre-School this month.

Heart of Martley Appeal



An Eco-School grant from Switched on Communities & Currys gave our appeal a £3000 boost, bringing our current total raised for our Heart Of Martley Appeal to over £8000. However, we are still short of our £15,000 target and need to raise this amount to safeguard the Pre-School's future. Please help us.

Heart of Martley Appeal' posters are displayed throughout the village, collection points are: Martley Post

Office, Central Stores and the Pre-School. You can also download a form from www.martleypreschool.co.uk and gift aid it too.

Thanks this month go to Darren & Kate Robson, Bradford

Building supplies, The R.D Turner Charitable trust, the William A. Cadbury trust, The Berkeley Arms good causes committee, Boss Industrial, Aspect Powder Coatings, Lifestyles UK Ltd and Jane & Nigel Hall & boys. THANK YOU for having a heart.

Don't forget

Children can attend pre-school from two years old. They will learn through play and fun activities and do not have to be out of nappies! They are entitled to 15 hours per week free care funded by the government, starting from the term after their third birthday We also provide very popular breakfast (8-9am) and after school clubs (3.15-6pm) for children aged 2 to 13 years. There are many activities available indoors and outdoors, including sports, game console, art, craft, cookery, ICT and much more. If you need any information, or would like to book a place for your child please feel free to call Kath or Lucy on 01886 889127 or visit our website www.martleypreschool.co.uk

Recycle your old mobile phone and Inkjet cartridges.

Recycle your old mobile phone and printer cartridges. Collection points are at Martley Post Office and Central stores. Every phone and cartridge

benefits the environment and Martley Pre-School and out-of-school clubs. Last year this recycling raised over £200. Thank you.

Kathryn Smith

Martley and District Horticultural Society

On 24 April John and Ann Guest from Kidderminster brought their collection of garden tools, dating from the 1800s to the Memorial Hall, and from the array of these set out in front of us, we knew it would prove to be an interesting evening. John used to collect stationary engines, but Ann got fed up with the work of this, so she branched out into buying old tools, starting with a seed drill. John began buying books, and it seemed time to acquire another shed! The garden tool

collection escalated (“the best thing that ever happened to us”) – they are still adding to it to this day, and taking the display to shows and gatherings.

Many items were made by blacksmiths from client’s drawings in the 19th and early 20th centuries. They were made to last, and are still in good working order today. Some were sent to Africa, USA and Australia – all over the world in fact. In the days of large country houses with walled gardens and several gardeners, these tools were in great demand. Sadly 50% of the young male staff was killed in World War I. One special object was actually made to fix onto a spade or fork to help a disabled soldier to cultivate his garden and so feed his family.

There were too many things on the tables to describe individually, but tools for most aspects of garden maintenance were displayed, picked up and demonstrated by John and Ann, in particular shears for grass and topiary (one excellent 1887 pair); secateurs (some made by Birmingham and Gloucester firms and a 1908 pair so easy to use); a thatcher’s needle; a brassica ‘planter-and-knife’ from USA; a briar cutter, a corkscrew dandelion remover, a long handled dead-header, a very long cider apple shaker; digging irons to fit on clogs (there were in demand for the trenches in France too); a ‘wet soil’ hoe, a rake with roller attached, various mini tools for children, a blueberry picker (stained!), a

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***KEN'S BACK WAS BENT
AT A RAKISH ANGLE.***

1960's asparagus packer (better than the modern method!); a seed fiddle (you varied the pace and therefore the output of this!); a two-man drill for walled gardens, and lots of other tools for cultivating, sowing and harvesting, also pruning – the French loved our tools for their vines.

John said don't throw away your old tools – there's only one museum for this kind of thing (London) and you will be 'Saving our Heritage'. He is at present building up a 'Lawn Care Only' display. He's always on the lookout and loves rooting in shed boxes!

Tina Steele

Dates for you diary: 11-15 June, BBC Gardener's World Live, the NEC, Birmingham

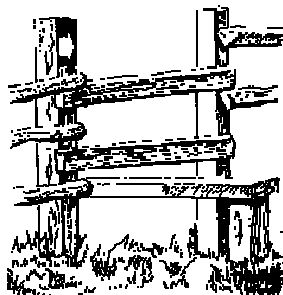
26 June, 6.30pm meet at the Village Hall for a visit to Whitlence Gardens, Hartlebury.

Martley Ramblers

8 June, 2pm Church car park

The recent walk led by Pam Bowers around Upper Areley was a slight deviation from her planned route to avoid the 22 stiles. No-one complained at the change as all enjoyed the alternative 5 miles and even the very muddy parts of the Worcestershire Way were safely negotiated.

This month we shall be a little



nearer home when we leave Church car park at 2pm to walk around Storridge, leader David Wilkes. See you there.

Kate King



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

'Leaps and Bounds' has been an extremely popular activity that has been provided by the Children's Centre for the past few years. Originally designed by Tumble Tots UK – one of the leaders in physical activities for children under seven years – the Leaps and Bounds programme was developed to give children the opportunity to explore physical activity. It develops children's skills and confidence using a system of praise, recognition and reward. Each lesson is planned carefully so that skills are built on each week and rewarded with an achievement sticker. Complex activities are broken down into smaller achievable steps, offering the children access to important stages of their development.

Avril Aldous has been running the Leaps and Bounds programme for the Children's Centre since 2006 and has done a fantastic job encouraging the children to take part in physical activity. The children who were only just walking when she started will all be going to

school in September and they have benefited greatly from her enthusiasm and encouragement.

The Children's Centre had to say goodbye to Avril just before half-term and we were all extremely sad to see her go as she has been an asset to the Children's Centre over the past few years. Alex Henshall will be replacing her and we are delighted to welcome her to the Teme Valley.

Leaps and Bounds is one of a number of activities the Children's Centre provides regularly, please find more details on our website (www.temevalley-cc.org.uk), in our monthly newsletter 'Teme Valley Views' or by contacting Sam on 01886 812982.

Martley's Past

Trouble in Martley – Special Meeting Called!

A special meeting of the Parish Council was called on Monday, 4 June 1928. At it, it was recorded by Mr H Humpherson, Clerk, that "Mr A G Pullen stated that a Railway Carriage had been dumped in the lane at Highfields between Rossers' Green and King's Green and was occupied by a man, his wife and family. He gathered that landowners and residents objected to it. The matter was brought before the District Council at their last meeting and he explained the steps they had taken.

After discussion Mr C W Hodgins proposed and Mr Pullen seconded, 'That the Parish Council of Martley wish to draw the attention of the Martley RDC that a Railway Carriage

has been placed and a lavatory erected on the Parish Boundary between King's Green and Rossers' Green. This is occupied by a man, his wife and several children. This appears to be in contravention to your notice placed there, and in the opinion of the Parish Council objectionable to the Landowners and Residents. We therefore invite the Martley RDC to take the necessary steps to remove the carriage and erection.' Carried.

Note: Carriage was still there nine months later and the subject of further correspondence from the Parish Council.

Alan Boon



Martley Web Mesh Update

Work continues apace to connect more new households to Internet broadband supplied via MWM. We have started a completely new "branch" of web mesh connections that is heading in the Newtown direction and plan soon to start trials for running connections towards Prickley Green direction.

But if you live in the centre of Martley or on the St Peter's estate, the infrastructure is already in place to connect your household (or business) to our innovative Internet delivery system.

Our recent grant award is also allowing us to replace older equipment. Unfortunately that does not include replacing the very few volunteers who are involved in running MWM and doing the

installations! If you want to find out more about Martley Web Mesh, see the broadband page on the Martley website (www.martley.org.uk) or contact John Layton 01886 888460, Richard Jackman 01886 821237, John Nicklin 01886 888318 or any member of the directors.

M Higgins

Martley Millennium Green

No news is not good news, in this case! Does anyone involved with the Millennium Green project fancy writing a bit for The Villager from time to time? It would be good to hear about the fortunes of the flora and fauna, future plans and maybe Tales from the Workforce—you are just all too modest!

You can email the Editor on editor@martley.org or leave your contribution at the Post Office in Martley.

Martley Parish Council

Draft minutes of the general meeting of the held on Monday 7 April 2008 at the Memorial Hall. Chairman opened the meeting at 20:02pm.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 March 2008:

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record. Minutes were also accepted as a true record for the Special Budget Meeting that was held on Monday 18th. February 2008.

District Councillor's report:

Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams reported that the planning application for 110 Berrow Green Road had been

approved and works are now being carried out on the property.

County Councillor's report:

Cllr. Mr. A. Davies had sent apologies and therefore there was no report.

Engagement within the community:

Cllr. Mr. N. Hall is to draft a survey to help Martley Parish Council gain a clear understanding of the main issues affecting parishioners. The survey will link to the main priorities of MHDC. The survey will ask people to identify which area of Martley they reside in so the Parish Council can see what areas identify which issues. The Clerk is to look for any previous surveys and the Local Strategic Plan. Once the draft is agreed, an approach will be made to Wichenford Parish Council to ascertain whether the survey can also include their parishioners.

Standard of Highways workmanship:

Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh reported that a date has not yet been set for the first meeting. This matter will remain on the agenda for updating at the next meeting. Councillors noted the recent presence of the jetter in Martley and asked that if anybody is aware of a drain that has been cleared on this round, but which is still not working, they should please report it immediately to ensure that the need for further jetting is re-listed.

Maps:

The Clerk confirmed that WCC Records Office is now trying to locate maps. Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh mentioned that a parishioner he had spoken to might have some and they were going

to have a look. The Clerk confirmed that neither the lengthsmen or the Parish Paths Warden were in possession of any.

Martley Housing Needs Survey:

The Clerk reported that the survey will be delivered to all Martley households at the end of April 2008, with a return date of Friday 30 May 2008. Responses will be co-ordinated by Community First, who will report findings to the Parish Council and other interested parties at a future Martley Parish Council meeting.

Address for new development:

The Clerk confirmed the postal address for the new houses is 1, 2, 3 and 4 St Peters Court, Martley, WR6 6AL. There is no mention of Jury Lane, therefore there should be no confusion.

Festival Housing Meeting at Heaton House:

The meeting took place on March 13th. 2008. Festival Housing reported that: a) in future the wardens will be known as Support Workers b) under the sheltered housing terms, residents will be visited three times a week by a Support Worker, their charges will be configured around three times a week as standard. If a need is highlighted for a particular resident to have more visits than three a week, this will be arranged and their charges will be changed to incorporate this c) the Support Worker will have a 10-15 minute chat with their client d) clients must rely more on their alarms on the days when they are not being visited by a Support Worker e) the charges

will be shown on their invoice under the heading of Support Worker, similar to that of ground maintenance f) the Support Workers will be able to spend more time helping those out in the community g) the age has been dropped to 55

Planning:

Application received March/April 2008: 08/00363/FUL Kingswood House, Kingswood, Martley. Proposed garage/store. 07/001889/FUL Admiral Rodney Inn, Berrow Green, Martley. Demolition and re-build of alley and six letting rooms. 08/00437/FUL Fair View, Pudford Lane, Martley. Proposed ground floor front, rear extn. to existing bungalow. 08/00441/FUL Penny Patch Barn, Hillside. Extension Approvals/refusals: 08/00115/FUL 110 Berrow Green Road. Approved. Pending: 08/00226/FUL Penny Patch, Hillside. 07/001889/FUL – Councillors attended a site visit at The Admiral Rodney. The Chair then attended the MHDC planning committee meeting on 2 April 2008 where the planning application was approved after a number of changes were made.

Correspondence:

Included: WCC – New Travel Scheme – poster to be put on noticeboard. Audit commission – Clement Keys; WCC – Informed status for Waste Core Strategy; MHDC – Village facilities spreadsheet; Michelle Higgins (as Editor of The Villager) – Stray dogs; West Mercia Police Authority – Proposals for police/public

consultation; e-mail re: rabbit snares; e-mail re: weight restriction on Ankerdine Hill.

Finance:

There were 7 cheques totalling £1531.70 for agreement and signature. It was resolved to adopt the accounts. Costings for youth event were agreed, cheques for food and printing are to be written and a further invoice is expected of £200 for the skate park. All to be paid from WCC grant for youth. It was accepted and agreed by the Parish Council that both rural rate relief applications would be paid in full. The Clerk confirmed that 'Other' was the opening balance each year. This item will in future be under the heading of Balance Bought Forward. It was accepted and agreed by the Parish Council that they would again fund the service and maintenance to the church clock. The Parish Council agreed to reappoint Mr Iain Selkirk as the independent internal auditor for the year ended 31 March 2008.

Parish Paths Warden's Report:

The report is attached under Addendum 1. The Parish Council feels that they have been, and are being, kept fully informed of the re-routing of the Worcestershire Way around Ham Bridge Farm.

Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

1) There is a Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Abberley Village Hall from 7.30 to 9.30pm on 16 April 2008. One of the issues to discuss is SMART water. It is an open meeting and any Councillors that attend will feed back

at the following Parish Council meeting. 2) The Clerk to send a further e-mail to WCC asking for a response regarding the footbridge. 3) The Clerk is to write to Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council about a specific overgrown hedgerow. 4) The Clerk is to chase MHDC over the costings of materials for the Highways work to Scar Bank. 5) The Clerk is to write in relation to dustman not collecting from the layby on New Road, Hillside. 6) Cllr Rothwell is to approach the football and cricket clubs to discuss storing and access to the five-a-side goals. 7) Youth Development will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Rothwell will also invite Matt Smith, the new CSO for Martley to the next Parish Council meeting. 8) Martley Pre-School funding will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Hall will invite a representative from the school to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting is on Monday 28 April 2008 at 8pm.
Meeting closed at 22:30 pm

Addendum 1: Parish Paths Warden's Report

It is some time since I provided a regular report on the state of our rights-of-way to the Parish Council. The Path-or-Nones continue to work month after month - we celebrated our 18th birthday recently. Our schedule revolves around Winter months:- replacement and refurbishing of

‘furniture’ (stiles, signposts, bridges); Summer months:-clearance.

Just occasionally, however, working parties though always enjoyable, are more memorable. For example, in March we tackled an area I had been itching to get at for years—behind Quarry Farm and (I am assured) the actual Penny Hill Quarry, a small pit adjacent to the old farm. Nine of us turned out on a wet morning, worked with gusto on new waymark posts (6), stile (1), fence moving (20 yards), much clearance and then (drum roll)



with equal or even more gusto, tackled the amazing sausage and bacon rolls, coffee and tea that Val and Peter

Weddell-Hall kindly laid on. In all our years this was a most welcome FIRST. Thank you so much; Val and Peter, may the torch you lit be handed on to like minded residents!

Progress remains slow on the re-routing of the Worcestershire Way around Ham Bridge Farm. The revised route will avoid the dangerous walk along the B4204. The whole plan envisages opening of a new route along the river, to exit at Ham Bridge. I am assured that all interested and relevant local parties are being kept fully informed, and I hope that Martley Parish Council feel that they have been.

Please use the Path-or-None’s web site (www.thepathornones.co.uk) to access 10 local walks with maps as prepared by Audrey and Keith Trumper some years ago. These are free for you to download. I would really appreciate pictures from the walks so I can provide illustrated online guides. Call me on 01886 888318 with any path problems.

Finally, a reminder. Recent complaints from several landowners suggest that some of those who use our paths are not sure of their rights and obligations and more so those applicable to dogs that accompany path-users. Walkers are obliged to keep to rights of way and are not permitted to wander around private land. Please note that no land around Martley is in the ‘Right to Roam’ area. Furthermore, dogs are to be kept under control at all times, stay on the right-of-way and lead if any farm animals are present.

John Nicklin
6 April 08

Martley Parish Council supports the comments made by John Nicklin in relation to the dogs and their owners [or walkers] straying off the footpaths throughout the parish. Martley Parish Council would also ask people to note that as a Parish Council they are within their right to prosecute pet owners who persist in not disposing of their animal’s waste in the appropriate manner.

Italian Wine and Cheese Night

A tasty venture for Martley Village Hall. Friday 10 June is just the night to savour special wines from the Southern regions of Italy that are not



obtainable over the counter at your local shop, six of them with delicious Italian cheeses. It all starts off

at 8pm. Tickets cost £7.50 each and are obtainable from The Central Stores or from Dave Cropp on 01886-888398.

Martley Spurs

The football season will be well over when you read this. The final games of last month saw the Saturday side winning 3-1 against Hallow WMC, one goal each for Carl Smith, Richard Taylor and Scott Morris which led them to the final of the Phipps Cup against University of Worcester. The next morning the Sunday Premier side lost 2-3 to Kempsey and the Reserves got beaten by Droitwich Spa.

5 April produced a good win for the Saturday side when they overcame Malvern 5-2. Then the wintry snow meant the Sunday games had to be postponed due to unplayable pitches. Over the weekend of 12/13 April the Sunday Premier eleven beat CMB

Sports and the Reserves overcame Callow End 3-0.

19 April brought the Saturday side to the final of the Martley Cup when they hammered Hanley Swan 6-1 leading to the final against Worcester YMCA. The next morning gave rise to another great away game as the Sunday Premier eleven beat Archdales 5-1, James Houston getting himself a hat trick. The Reserves also had a good win, Steve Prickett got a hat trick in their 4-2 over Droitwich Spa Reserves.

None of our three teams are at the top of their tables this season, but a couple of cup finals is not bad going for a club which has had a fairly poor season being somewhere in the middle of the league tables and, of course, with no relegations.

Beth Williams

GOOD LUCK!!

The Villager would like to wish all pupils and students good luck with their summer exams.



Martley Library Opening Hours

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

Mon 2.00-7.00pm
Wed 4.00-6.00pm
Thu 10.00am-1.00pm
Fri 2.00-4.00pm
Sat 10.00am-12 noon



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews

01886 888303

Sheila Richards

01886 888378



Flower Rota

1 June Mrs Britten-Long
8 June Mrs S Pearce – Worship
Altogether Team
15 June Mrs Wetherall
22 June Mrs Whyatt
29 June No Service

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship will meet at Jo Root's home on 17 June at 2.30pm.

Get Well Soon

We were all very sad to hear of Mrs Kay Higgins' serious accident when she fell while visiting a neighbour, resulting in a broken hip. We, in Wichenford, wish her a successful stay in hospital and eventual return home.

Thank You

Margaret Taylor and family would like to thank Mr George Webb from Wichenford for making the gates at Martley Church in memory of Don, the people that donated money towards them, Lionel and Tony for helping to transport and hang them, also Rev David Sherwin for his work

with us. We are all very pleased with the gates.

Open Garden

Mrs Britten will open her lovely garden at "Keepers Lodge" on Sunday 22 June from 2pm until 6pm. There will be a plant stall and various other stalls, and teas will be available. The profit from the event will be in aid of improvements to the hall and also to St Laurence church.

Wichenford 100 Club

April winners

112 Mark Hampton £85

And returned subscriptions to:

153 S Hill £12.00

69 V Reed £12.00

Drawn by Wade Muggleton

Well it's happened again, only not quite so co-incidentally as before! The draw was made at the start of a WLHG meeting by our visiting lecturer and the first two balls out of the bag produced absent winners. But the third ball belonged to a member of the Heritage Group sitting on the front row!

As someone pointed out, though, - if

you have a thriving Club, practically all of whom are members of the 100 Club, the odds are that one of their numbers will be picked - from time to time.

So next winter raise your chances of winning the 100 Club by joining the Heritage Group - or the Wine Club, who also can claim a high percentage of winners!

Don't miss the first ever Wichenford Blues Festival!

Saturday 5 July marks the first ever Wichenford Blues Festival, being held at The Mason's Arms, Wichenford. With nine hours of nationally-acclaimed blues music, featuring eight bands with over 30 performers, plus excellent beer, food stalls and a whole lot more, it should be a great day's entertainment!

Top of the bill will be The Big Blues Tribe, a massive blues orchestra with a full brass section, excellent vocal harmonies, all led by one of the Midlands' top blues vocalists Oliver Carpenter. Plus there is Memphis in the Meantime, with their new album out on the UK's premier blues label, acoustic Mumbo-Jumbo, gritty Latin band Alma Latina, Cracker—and lots more.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £3 for under 12s and can be ordered from the website www.wichenfordbluesfest.co.uk which also has all the details and

bands on during the day.

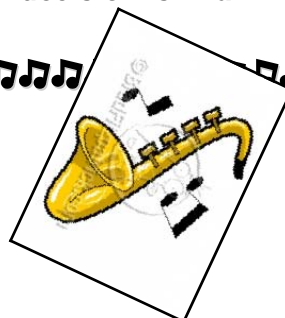
At the time of writing in early May, the organisers are also trying to get the high school involved to supply a band.

Win tickets to the Festival!

***The organisers of The First
Wichenford Blues Festival are
offering two lucky Villager
readers FREE TICKETS to the
events. Just answer the simple
question:***

***How many bands are
performing at the First
Wichenford Blues Festival?'***

***Email your answer and
address to
oliver@ocsingstheblues.co.uk
or post/drop it in to The
Masons Arms, Wichenford.
Answers must be received by
15 June and the judges
decision is final.***



Memorial Hall Whist Drives

The whist drives have now completed another successful series. For the past 10 years Hazel Nicholls has organised the whist drives and made them most enjoyable and well supported events. A presentation was made to Hazel in appreciation of all her hard work.

The chairman of the hall committee Dixon Stinton made the presentation and expressed grateful thanks to Hazel on behalf of the hall committee. He also thanked Elsie Whitehead and Marion Jinks who prepare the much enjoyed refreshments and made a presentation to them. Derrick Jinks was thanked for kindly setting out the hall in readiness for the whist drives. The committee also than John and Sheila Richards for their invaluable help.

A big thank you

Margaret Fisher would like to thank everyone who made enquiries about Dixon during his long stay due to major surgery in both Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Thank you to relatives, neighbours and friends who telephoned, sent cards and kept in constant touch during the six weeks stay in Birmingham, her telephone was red hot every night.

Special thanks go to Clive and Margot Brookes, Tom and Julie Cook and Ben and Joan Cartwright who kept everything under control at Witton Hill. After Dixon returned home they still continued to help. Margaret says "We are so lucky to have such

wonderful caring neighbours".

Dixon is now almost back to being A1, although he considers he will be better when he is a bit stronger. Many thanks everyone, once again.

Margaret Fisher

Singing joyfully with the Ferndale Singers

Are there any men out there, who can sing Bass or Tenor parts, who might be interested in joining the Ferndale Singers?



We are a community mixed choir of 24 voices, which was formed 22 years ago and we meet to rehearse every Thursday, in Broadwas Village Hall. We draw our membership from the lower Teme Valley villages, with some members coming from further afield, from Bromyard, Malvern and Worcester.

We are a friendly bunch and would welcome enquiries.

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In the Garden



In The Garden I June

Traditionally June is a sunny, dry month. As the weather warms up[!] things grow rapidly-flowers, weeds, lawn and a whole host of pests and diseases-so you need to get out there !

You will have to spend less time weeding and watering if you mulch around the base of trees, shrubs and climbers early in the month; compost, bark and gravel are all effective. Recently-planted and fast-growing plants, especially annuals, are the ones which will need most water. For best effect, water in the evening or early morning and 'soak at the bottom', don't ',sprinkle on the top'.

Aphids-greenfly and blackfly-attack the soft new growth on many plants at this time of year. Catch them early and squash, or blast them off with soapy water. Thin out overcrowded plants, which will compete for water and nutrients and will become susceptible to mildew.

In the vegetable garden in early June you can still plant peas and French beans and plant out brassicas. Tomatoes, peppers and aubergines will need regular feeding. Try a DIY feed made by soaking nettles in a bucket of

water. Shear perennial herbs - this prevents them flowering and keeps them producing until the Autumn. Late in the month fruit trees go through a natural thinning process or 'June drop'. You might want to remove even more fruit to improve the quality of the final crop. Strawberry plants are past their best after three years, so peg down a few runners from strong plants now and grow on the two or three plantlets closest to the parent plant, for new stock.

Looking for a garden visit? Local gardens open for charity this month include Orleton House, Stanford Bridge, 1 June, Worlds End Nurseries at Hallow, 8 June and Eastgrove Cottage Garden Nursery at Shrawley, 15 June.

J.Cropp



Mobile Library

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

Malvern View

10am-10.30am

Wichenford church

10.35am-11am

Kings Green Farm

11.05am-11.35am

Rosses Green

11.40am-12.10pm



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

Build Inclusive Communities

What a variety of clubs, groups, meetings and committees there are in our area! You only have to look at The Villager to discover what a wonderful choice we have. At the heart of each is a focal point: the common interest of those who choose to belong – gardening, WI, walking, sport or serving the local area – and each form their own community.

The first Christian community, which came into being as a result of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, grew into the ‘body of Christ’ - the Church. And it is at Whitsun/Pentecost that we celebrate this ‘birth’. Those who regularly attend services in our local churches feel they belong, part of a loving, caring community where God in Christ is the focal point. For those who are not used to our buildings and services, just stepping over the threshold can be daunting. Yet each person who lives within our parish boundaries is part of the ‘cure of souls’, the responsibility of our Rector, David Sherwin, and the Clergy Team, and therefore part of our care and concern.

How can we be successful in building an inclusive community, making everyone feel at home in the church? What constitutes the church is the people; therefore the Clergy of this Benefice can often be found out and about, (even in the most unlikely places)

with the object of being accessible to all. David’s work with the schools, folk nights at the pubs, and Rob Barlow’s work with the farming community and involvement with the Farmer’s Market at the Talbot, as well as all that the Pastoral Visiting Team do to bring people together with tea-parties, tea-services, the annual Advent lunch, general visiting and spreading of TLC (tender loving care) - all these build up groups who can feel at ease with one another and supported by one another. Mums with youngsters find this at Minnows while others enjoy fellowship as they arrange flowers for Festivals or help with church cleaning. All these are open to anyone who wishes to take part. Those who are already members are on a journey towards God and, through belonging, travel further along the road, deepening their spirituality as they learn more about Jesus. It is the love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ which is the foundation, of this community as well as its focal point, and it is this love which makes it open to all. Jesus welcomed everyone, even those who were considered to be outside society, and this same love, this same invitation is still at the heart of God’s church, the ‘body of Christ’, and it still says “welcome” to one and all. Did you know that the church is the only organization that exists for the benefit of those who are not or not yet its members? *Rev. Jennifer Whittaker*

Sun 1 June	8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel 10.30am HC + Healing, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Worship All-Together, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 2 June	State schools re-open after half-term 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 3 June	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Brian Woodburn
Wed 4 June	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley 7.45pm Worship All-Together Meeting at the home of Helen Walker
Thu 5 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 8 June	8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge 10.30am Worship All-Together, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 4.00pm Pets' Thanksgiving Service at St Peter, Martley
Mon 9 June	8.30am Prayer Breakfast at the Rectory
Tue 10 June	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Brian Woodburn
Wed 11 June	10.15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 12 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford 2.00pm Little Minnows – David and Goliath
Sun 15 June	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
Father's Day	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 16 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 17 June	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Brian Woodburn
Wed 18 June	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 19 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 22 June	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Worship All-Together, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Mon 23 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Wardens Meeting at the Rectory
Tue 24 June	10.00 Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Brian Woodburn
Wed 25 June	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 26 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford 2.00pm Mother's Union at the home of Jenny Barton
Sun 29 June	10.30am Ordination of Bruce Thomson at Worcester Cathedral 4.00pm Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
Mon 30 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Leonard, Cotheridge 7.30pm Martley PCC Meeting at the Rectory

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And finally ...

Magic-spell

Can you find the nine-letter word in the grid below? See how many words you can make with the letters using the centre letter in all the words and using each letter only once.

A	A	R
A	L	M
E	M	D

Answer: MARMALADE



Q. Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?

A. In case he got a hole in one.

Q. How do you make a band stand?

A. Take away their chairs.

Q. What did the mayonnaise say to the fridge?

A. Please close the door, I'm dressing.