

# 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

#### 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

#### Short mat Bowling Tuesdays 2.30pm

Martley Memorial Hall

#### Weight Watchers Tue 6.30pm

Martley Memorial Hall

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07710 493617

See Church Words for details of services

Mon 7 **Martley Parish Council Meeting** 8pm Memorial Hall  
**Royal British Legion meeting** 8pm The Talbot, Knightwick

Wed 9 **Martley WI: Garden Meeting** 7pm at the home of Helen and George Coombey-Jones

Sun 13 **Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce** 11am The Talbot, Knightwick  
**Martley Ramblers around Martley** to Clifton-upon-Teme Meet 2pm Church car park

Tue 15 **Wichenford Ladies Fellowship visit to Webbs Garden Centre.** Meet in the Village at 2.30pm

Thu 17 **Wichenford Wine Club** visit Frome Valley Vineyard

Sat 19 **Barn Dance at The Chantry High School** 7.30pm in aid of school funds

Mon 21 **Wichenford PCC meeting** 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

Sun 20 **Open Garden at 1 Prickley Bungalows** 2-6pm in aid of the National Gardens Scheme. *Many interesting plants for sale.*

Thu 24 **Martley & District Horticultural Society:** Evening visit to a Worcester garden. Meet 6.45pm Martley Memorial Village Hall



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# OUT AND ABOUT I N MARTLEY

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## *Martley Parish Council*

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Martley Parish Council held on Monday 10 May 2004 at the Memorial Hall. Cllr Mr. D. Cropp, Chairman.

### The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

There were no items.

### Welcome of New Councillor

The chairman welcomed Cllr. R. McHugh

### Burial Ground

It is understood that the responsible Council is Malvern Hills. However, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Parochial Parish Council to determine the up to date position in the churchyard.

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk reported that invitation posters had been sent to most village organisations. Most had agreed to come.

### Development Working Party

The Clerk reported the survey return is now up to 200. Cllr. Mr. G. Coomby-Jones thanked all involved for their help. The next step will be to prepare a report for the next meeting.

### Reports

**District Councillor's Report:** District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams read out her report. **County Councillor's Report:** County Cllr. Mr. A. Davies read out his report. **Parish Paths Warden's Report:** The Clerk read out the Parish Path Warden's report.

### Planning

04/00662/FUL 9, Mortlake Drive. No objection. 04/00629/FUL Land at (OS 7505 5819) Field 9825 Ankerdine Road. One written objection and one verbal objection had been received. It was resolved that the PC support the objections. 04/00605/FUL Heaton House. No objection. 04/00506/FUL Heaton House letter from MHDC ref. light spillage. Clerk to write in reply expressing this council's concern that complaints have been received about the existing level of light. Also received: 04/00582/LBCL, 04/00581.FUL Hillend Farm House. 04/00689/FUL, 04/00690/FUL High House Ankerdine. Approved/Rejected/With drawn: 04/00323/FUL The Crown. Granted with provisos. 04/00282 High Meadow Hobbies workshop—withdrawn.

### Finance

There were 15 cheques totalling £15828.18 for agreement and signature:

Correspondence

Included:

MHDC Draft Health & Safety Enforcement Policy; MHDC Bank holiday refuse collection, WCC Highways Partnership Newsletter, WCC Countryside Access and Recreation Strategy, Shanks Waste Solutions and Clerk's reply, BT Removal of call boxes, NSCA Seminar –Telecom Masts –NEC 8 June

Councillors Reports and Future Agenda Items

Cllr Mr. G. Taylor reported that the playground area of the playing field is in need of refurbishment. He will explore what grants may be available. Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear requested The Clerk to establish if the caravans now occupied at Lower Hollins Farm had received planning permission. The Parish Council concessionary tickets were due for re-issue. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp asked for an agenda item ref. rescinding the widening scheme for Church Lane. Also an item for a report on the withy beds.

The next meeting is on Monday 7 June 2004 at 8 p.m.

*Tom Pearsall, Clerk to the Council*  
01886 888256

The following reports are available on the Parish Council page of the Martley website ([www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk)):

- District Councillor's Report**
- County Councillor's Report**
- Parish Paths Warden's Report**

## *Specifically*

“Specifically” can be such a powerful word. We often hear people stating that they “don’t feel right”, they “can’t get enthusiastic about their work” or “they are “annoyed with their partner”. To feel more in control and to start to put the problem right, the question to ask is “What SPECIFICALLY is the problem?”. The answer might not come to mind immediately but some thought can at least identify what is NOT the problem. For instance, last week I had a day that started badly. I start on any job. What *specifically* was my problem? I realised that there was a letter that I was not looking forward to writing. The words were spinning around in my head and muddling my thinking for all my other jobs.

Once I had realised this, I made myself deal with the letter first. Once I had started, it wasn’t as difficult as I feared and the rest of the day immediately improved.

So you are annoyed at your partner, what is it SPECIFICALLY that has annoyed you? Think about it. Is it justified? Have you communicated the specific problem to your partner or are you expecting him/her to mind read? Once you both know what the problem is, you can start to find solutions. So remember, vague goals go no where and if you don’t know where you are going, how will you know when you get there? BE SPECIFIC.

*Jennie Barnes, Life Coach,*  
01886 884022

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

The Society's April meeting was an open meeting, when many people took the opportunity to come and listen to Mr Brian Draper, MBE who gave a most interesting, illustrated talk on the natural history of Scotland. Brian has held an interest in the wild life of Scotland for many years, which has meant visiting some very remote areas of moorland and forests in search of animals and rare species of birds and flowers to photograph. This has enabled him to put together a very enjoyable evening's entertainment. Thanks were expressed by Ray Ellis. A team from the Society took part in the three-way quiz that is held every two years between Inkberrow, Hartlebury and Martley Societies. This competition began in 1990; Inkberrow Society were the hosts this year. The last four times Martley has been the winner, but this year it was the turn of Inkberrow to win. They scored 51, Hartlebury 49½ and Martley 45. Martley's team were Judith O'Leary, Ian Pennell and Jack Bradley. Congratulations and many thanks to Inkberrow for their hospitality.

At the 'Open Gardens' visit to Ashton-under-Hill on Saturday 12 June, members and guests will be able to visit some 20 gardens and take tea in the Village Hall. The 12th Century church will be open, the Star Inn will serve lunches and there will be plenty

of plant sales in many of the gardens. Entrance is £3 per person. Cars will leave Martley Village Hall at 1pm. Please contact the Society Secretary, Judith O'Leary on 01886-888253 for any other information.

This year's Annual Show is on Saturday 21 August. Schedules for the show can be obtained from Martley Post Office, Central Stores or any Society Committee member. Details in the July issue of *The Villager*.

*Nellie Bradley*

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

The April meeting was well attended and a special welcome given to a member who recently travelled to Belgium for a hip replacement, quicker and cheaper than in the UK! The usual reports were made and correspondence dealt with. After some discussion it was agreed not to have a function in the Village Hall on 5 June to celebrate D-Day but instead to attend the D-Day commemoration at The National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire on 6 June. At 10am that day the service in Bayeux, France will be broadcast via satellite to a big screen at the Arboretum that will be set up specially for the event. Guests will follow the order of service and have the opportunity to join in with the various hymns and prayers. Local and RBL dignitaries will be in attendance and music will be provided by the RBL Central Band. Those attending are invited to spend the

whole day at the Arboretum and can either bring a picnic or use the catering facilities on site. Coach travel will be available from Broadwas, but at the time of filing this report I am unable to give exact times or cost. However, if you are interested in attending this special occasion, please ring me on 01886 821551 for details.

*Joyce Tyler, Hon Secretary*

### ***Georgina Helen Hinton Walford – 1946-2004***

All who have enjoyed Gina's friendship will have felt a deep sadness that the illness that coincided with her early retirement from work last summer took from her and Roy the realisation of the plans which they had made together. It was a cruel blow.

Gina and her two children, Josephine and Giles, moved to Berrow Green in 1987, and soon became strong players in the life of Martley. Among her many activities involved the Path-or-Nones and the WI, becoming President for a time and playing a leading role in some of the pantomimes enacted at the Harvest Festival Suppers. In 1996 Gina met Roy, which culminated in a blessing of their marriage in St Peter's in July that year. The great happiness they found with each other brought together their children, Jo and Giles, Luke and James. This happy and loving family and her religious convictions gave much strength to Gina through her

illness to the end. We, her friends, will miss a gracious, lovely lady and are the poorer for her early passing.



### ***Martley WI***

#### **Wednesday 9 June 7pm**

It is garden party time again and Helen and George Coombey-Jones have very kindly invited us to their home, Trecefn, Prickley Green. Here is a checklist for you. Please bring (a) yourselves plus husbands, friends and relatives, (b) a plate supper or nibbles, (c) a rose for the competition, (d) unwanted but saleable items for the auction, and most importantly (e) cash to buy them back, as our usual Auctioneer will be present to part you from your money. This is our main



fund raising occasion. Will any husband be selling himself for the day as Neil did last year? Please come and join us and find out.

*Kate King*

### ***Stop Press—Library Update***

At the time of going to press, we hear that the new martley Library Link is due to open in mid-June. Look out for information in our shop and Post Office and on the martley website.

## *Martley Ramblers*

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

This month we shall be walking around the Clifton-upon-Teme area, lead by the Two Paulines. Although near to home, there are many footpaths unvisited by the Ramblers. Last year, the walk around Clifton planned by Ray and Pauline Ellis was voted the best of the year at the AGM in November. This will be around different paths, but will the area be successful again? Recent walks around Old Storridge and Shrawley have been colourful with spring flowers and with wonderful views, and certainly contenders for Mabel. Come along and think about the winner for November AGM.

*Kate King*

## *Martley Spurs*

With the 2003/2004 season drawing to a close, not many games were played in April. The Saturday side's fixture list was already completed and there were no cup games to be played. The Sunday teams played out their final matches, too. The first weekend saw the Premier eleven beat Nelson by five goals to two but were badly beaten by New Chequers on the 17th. They really made up for it a week later by thrashing New Barbourne in a goals galore clean sweep of



ten to nil. Steve Prickett bagged five, Chris Collins got a hat trick and the other two were netted by Derek Murphy and Pete Baldwin who notched up one each. The final league tables have not yet been published, but, after a very disappointing season we are not expecting to figure very close to the top.

*Beth Williams*

## *Welcome*

Welcome to Martley to Carol and Ian Stevenson who have moved into Honeysuckle Cottage on the Hillside. We hope they have many happy years here and will be able to join in village life to the full.

## *Hello!*

My wife Hanna, young son, Casper and myself (Marcus Mulcahy) would like to thank everyone in the village for a warm welcome. We moved into The Hayloft, Martley Court Barns in February. We enjoy reading *The Villager* and have found it particularly useful for finding local tradesmen. Keep up the good work!

## *Pudford Lane*

Congratulations to Pauline and Ray Ellis who have won a house in France, near to the Dordogne area, from the Channel 5 series with Carol Smillie. Having spent four years getting their house and garden in Hillend Bridge Lane up to scratch, let us hope this

will not be too much hard work and that there will be time to enjoy the French sunshine and some of the local wines and bonhomie.

As some other inhabitants also have French Connections, perhaps we should think about forming PLTS, Pudford Lane Twinning



Society. Exchanges could be in the programmes. Surely the French would enjoy the rural views, the wild life and the roadside running streams as much as we do.

*Kate King*

### ***Broadband Internet Update***

Many people and businesses in the district have an urgent need for fast Internet connections. Small firms, one-man businesses and local people are becoming more and more reliant upon Internet connections for many of their business, personal and social needs. At present they are obliged to use slow telephone connections for e-mail and other electronic communication processes. A local campaign was started some months ago to try and rectify this so as to provide two different methods of achieving high speed electronic data transfer systems (via the Internet) in the area. After a lot of hard work, and much burning of midnight oil by the Martley website

team, the BT campaign for Wichenford exchange was brought to a successful conclusion on the night of Friday 26 April when we reached the required 200 registrations that automatically triggered the upgrade process. A couple of days later, British Telecommunications changed their policy and Wichenford Exchange had the distinction of being the very last exchange to be accepted for the old upgrade scheme. The

broadband fraternity in the parish now awaits the news of a date for the engineering work to be completed in the telephone exchange. This allowing Wichenford and most of Martley villages and surrounding area with 888 or 889 phone numbers, to enjoy broadband connections to the world wide web.

Some months earlier, a meeting was held in the Village Hall where an explanation was given to an audience of more than 50 local people of a proposed Wireless broadband system known as Airband, The presentation was given by ServIT, a Worcester based service company who had already completed installations in other parts of the county. Many people in the audience expressed an interest in Airband and signed up for a survey to evaluate the potential of a good connection at their premises once the infrastructure had been completed. Unfortunately, this type of broadband connection is restricted to those who are located in 'line of sight' to the

main transmitter. Other limitations to the system are mainly due to government regulations which limit the power output to a low safe level and the very high radio frequencies employed, which, unlike many lower frequency wavelengths do not bend or propagate around corners or pass unhindered through buildings. The main area of concentration of Airband in the parish would be concentrated mostly towards Martley village, the centre of population, Maylite business centre and an area either side of this. Many people would loose out, especially those living outside the Airband transmitter 'footprint'. If you are one of those people hoping to connect to the Airband service, we suggest you physically check that you can see from your house or premises (maybe upstairs only) the area at the back of Hope House Farm and in particular the Orange mobile telephone mast which was due to commence service in May. Incidentally, receiving a good signal from the Orange mobile phone mast does not guarantee a viable Airband signal owing to the different radio frequencies employed by each. Broadband is an ever-growing worldwide phenomenon and besides becoming absolutely essential to maintain competitiveness in business it enables private individuals to enjoy various entertainment, gaming and hobby aspects of computing. To put it bluntly, in the modern world, without broadband, we are sunk.

For those who do not yet possess a computer, but would like to join the revolution and to learn how to use one and to connect to the Internet, free lessons are available locally. Please be aware that there will be computers available for your use in the Village Hall, once our Village Library has become established. And most of the time help is at hand from the Martley website team. Just ask and surprise yourself! Thank you.

*John Layton, 10 May 2004*

### ***Village Development Survey***

On behalf of the Martley Parish Council can I take this opportunity to thank so many of you who took the time and trouble to respond to the Village Survey.

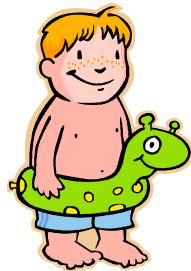
We shall shortly be issuing the response so that everyone can see the direction that has been chosen democratically for us all.

*David Cropp, Chair*

### ***One great leap for mankind, one small step for ...***

This short, true, but tragic story is brought to you by a roving reporter for *The Villager*.

Apparently, the Chairman of the Parish Council decided, in a public spirited sort of way, to help out by clearing the lake in





the Millennium Green after a number of wooden stakes had been thrown in. After successfully reaching fifteen, it is reported that he went one step too far and took a full flyer into the pond. Our reporter was too far away to hear the language as the PC Chair waded out of the shallows. Later, a line of wet footprints was seen through Hollins Lane.

## ***Stowaways Skittles Team***

### **2003-4 Season**

We know that many of you will be waiting with baited breath to find out how we did this season (*Don't bank on it - Editor*).

Well let's put it this way, we won most of our home matches.....but we didn't travel successfully this season. We shall end up in the bottom half of the Fourth Division, but at least we shan't



be relegated (*Aren't there only four divisions anyway? - Editor*).

Next season, starting in September, we hope to get a stronger and more consistent team out, and get back to winning ways. Look out for the new announcement of practice dates shortly.

## ***Introducing CARL in Martley***

Like all organisations, the Church has more than enough jargon. I would like to introduce you to the acronym "CARL" because, even though I am called "Robert", I am also CARL, or the Chaplain to Agricultural and Rural Life. Just as hospitals or schools or prisons have Chaplains, I have been appointed to be Chaplain to Agricultural and Rural Life for the Diocese of Worcester.

It has been decided that I ought to be living somewhere in the Martley, Wichenford, Lower Teme Valley area and (when not elsewhere in the Diocese) involved with the Churches in this group. So you're likely to be seeing something of me in the coming months and years as a help and support for all that is going on in these churches and villages and as a place in which I can be rooted as I go about my work in the wider area..

And what does a Chaplain to Agricultural and Rural Life do? Just as a chaplain in a hospital, school or prison tries to be with the patients, pupils or inmates helping them to make sense of their lives in the light of the Christian faith, I (with others in the chaplaincy team) aim to be with the agricultural and rural community. I shall be working with churches to help them in their engagement with agricultural and rural issues.

So as and when you see another dog collar around the villages, it's not that

Dave Sherwin has moved on or that Jennifer Whittaker has been replaced. It will be me, Robert Barlow, a.k.a. CARL.

### *In the Teme Valley*

"A few of the rarer ferns have been met with in the Teme Valley. A curious history attaches to *Asplenium viride* and its position on Ham Bridge, though the botanical interest of the locality is now, I fear, lost for ever. In 1827, when quite a young botanist, the Herbarium of the late Mr.T.B.Stretch, of Worcester, passed through my hands, and there I observed *Asplenium viride*, with the habitat of "Ham Bridge". Never having heard of this



fern growing except in mountainous spots, I took the first opportunity to go there, but found that the bridge had been r e c e n t l y whitewashed, and

there was no trace of the plant. I had almost forgotten the circumstance, when on passing the bridge in 1835, to my great surprise the beautiful little fern had re-appeared. It grew not only on the wall next to the river, but on the side close to the dusty road, strange as the fact may seem.

Here it continued on the walls of the bridge till 1853, when there was an unfortunate renovation of the structure; new brick-work was put in on the very side where the fern grew,

and it has now altogether disappeared. Its remains have however received decent sepulture, for it so happened that while the repairs were going on, Mr.Haywood, seedsman and florist of Worcester, happened to pass by, and seeing the *Asplenium prostrate* in the road among the bricks, took it up, carried it home, and it now flourishes in his fernery at Wick."

*Lees, Edwin: "The Botany of Worcestershire" (1867)*

### **MOZARTISSIMO!!!!**

Book early for this Autumn Concert and Extravaganza.

Mozartissimo will be presenting the Life and Music of Mozart, in Martley on Friday 26 November in 18th century costume.

An amazing evening - reserve your priority seats now, at an early bird price of £10.00 only for Martley and Wichford readers of *The Villager* by the end of July - when the tickets will go on general public release at £12.00

*Dave Cropp 01886 888398*



## *Knightwick and District Trefoil Guild*

### **Golden jubilee**

This year we are celebrating 50 years since the Guild was formed in Knightwick, we started off with a party in Broadwas village hall, we were joined by members from Redditch, Bromyard and Malvern Guilds. Sue Ganderton made a beautiful iced cake which two of our founder members Mary Walker and Margaret Cox cut for us. Chris Fletcher devised a quiz, a question for each of the last 50 years, very difficult and a big strain on our memories!! Members decorated the room with flowers balloons and candles, and provided lovely food, all co-ordinated by our chairman Jenny Barton. Redditch Branch have kindly invited us to join with them on a tour of Avoncroft Museum on 8 July.

*Geraldine Cooper.*



*Mrs. Margaret Cox and Miss Mary Walker at the Knightwick and District Trefoil Guild. Golden Jubilee*

## *Chantry News*

### Summer Barn Dance – 19 June

There will be a Barn Dance at the school on the 19 June. It starts at 7.30pm and finishes at 11pm. There will be an outside bar and a barbeque selling hot dogs and burgers - FIRST BURGER FREE then £2 after. Tickets are available from the school and the Martley Post Office.

ADULT TICKET £ 6.00 ea,

CHILD TICKET £ 4.00 ea,

FAMILY TICKET £ 16.00 ea (2 adults & 2 children)

### Forthcoming Events

Brass Band Concert to coincide with the hosting of a Worcestershire Youth Music Event at the beginning of September. Look out for further details in coming issues of The Villager.

### Chantry Gardens Project

It is hoped to put a suggestion box for the pupils' ideas for their Breaktime Seating Area into the school for next term.

To help the pupils translate these ideas into a graphic plan, the intention is to 'acquire' (this means beg for) some suitable computer software. Also, if any parent who has experience, or a garden design business, could act as our site estimator and/or co-ordinator for the technical issues, that would be excellent. A message can be left at the school for a member of the Friends to contact you if you can help us out with this.



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

## *Church News*

### **Altar Flowers**

6 June - Miss M Fisher  
13 June - Mrs M Pargeter  
20 June - Mrs G Birtten-Long  
27 June - Mrs Barber

### **Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting**

At the AGM of Parishioners the following Church Members were elected for the coming year: Churchwardens, Mrs C Weatherall and Mrs G Britten-Long; Secretary, Mrs C Weatherall, assisted by Mr W Pearce; Treasurer, Mr B Whyatt; Lay Chairman, Mr G Barber. The present PCC members were re-elected with the addition of Mr T Cox.

### **Committal of Ashes:**

Many of us will remember Mrs B Morgan, who once lived at Malvern View, a friendly pleasant lady. Her ashes have been committed to the Churchyard in Wichenford. Rest in Peace.



Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378

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## *Diary Dates*

15 June – Ladies Fellowship visit to Webbs Garden Centre. Meet in the Village at 2.30pm.  
21 June – Wichenford PCC meeting 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

## *Wichenford Ladies Fellowship*

The April meeting was held at the home of Mrs Molly Wall. Plans were made for the visit to Bayton in May for the annual gathering of the Association of Churchwomen's Fellowships.

In June we plan to visit Webbs Garden Centre at Wychbold. Mrs Pam Webb gave details of the recent Annual General Meeting of the PCC.

Mrs Carma Weatherall continues as Churchwarden and will be joined by Mrs Georgina Britten-Long in this office.

The audio-system will soon be in place in the church. Mrs Gwen Burnett led the prayers and Mrs Molly Wall

provided the tea. The afternoon ended with a quiz, which was won jointly by Mrs Janet Andrews, Mrs Brenda Hadfield and Mrs Jo Root.

### ***Wedding News***

Congratulations to Adam Sherman, who married Annmarie on Easter Saturday. Adam, since qualifying as a primary school teacher, has been living in Llandegly, near Llandrindod Wells. Prior to that Adam lived in Martley and Wichenford. We send them both our best wishes for a long and happy life together.



### ***Wichenford Whist Drives***

April saw the last in the series of Whist Drives for this session and as usual it was very well supported, with plenty of good prizes, good refreshments and genial company. Appreciation for the Memorial Hall Committee was shown to Mrs Hazel Nicholls, who organises the Whist Drive so efficiently. Mrs Marion Jinks and Mrs Elsie Whitehead were thanked for preparing tasty refreshments, Mr Derick Jinks for getting the hall ready and Mr John Richards for acting as MC. Hall funds will benefit greatly from their efforts and from the loyal supporters who come each month during the Whist season.

We now break for the summer, but start again on Friday 8 October. Please join us then.

### ***Farewell and Thank You***

We are sorry that Heath and Glynis Lee have left Wichenford, we shall miss them very much indeed, and thank them for all that they have done for the village. We are very pleased to learn that Heath is making an excellent recovery after his recent illness. They take with them our very best wishes for happiness in their new home and a sincere wish that they will visit us often.

Glynis & Heath Lee say "We are very sorry to say goodbye to the village of Wichenford and all the friends and acquaintances we have made over the years, although we are not far away and will be keeping in touch. Thank you for all your good wishes and prayers for Heath during his illness – he is now on the mend. We hope Mrs Arkinstall will be as happy in her new home as we were." .

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

Winning number 170. J Bennett won £112.

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

June: Bill Hylan.

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

*We are hoping to highlight the need for St Richard's Hospice to receive ongoing funding, particularly through legacies and donations in memoriam. St Richard's is largely dependent on voluntary donations and relies on funding from the local community to provide our care for patients across South Worcestershire.*

*Helen Griffie, St Richard's Hospice  
Communications Manager*

### **Make a will month**

Make a simple\* will during June for as little as £45 for a single or £60 for a double and help St Richard's Hospice in its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Just contact one of the solicitors below to make an appointment. All the fees are being donated to St Richard's by the solicitors.

We very much hope that you will use this opportunity to leave a legacy to St Richard's, however large or small, but there is no obligation for you to do so.

Participating solicitors include: Harrison Clark, Worcester, 01905 612001; Hallmarks Solicitors, Worcester 01905 726600; Evans + Webb, Malvern 01684 562526; Parkinson Wright, Droitwich 01905 775533; Parkinson Wright, Pershore 01386 554521; Parkinson Wright, Evesham 01386 41441.

\*a simple will assumes that no detailed advice on inheritance tax, etc is required and instructions are taken at the office. The solicitors' decision will be final in this respect.

### **Tea at 3**

Following the success of last year's Tea at 3 we are asking local people to consider hosting a tea party at 3pm on Friday, 18 June. Can you help? You could organise a Tea at 3 with your family, friends or work colleagues, asking for donations for tea and biscuits. With your support we can raise much needed funds for St Richard's Hospice. The Fundraising Department can produce posters and invites for your event so please give them a call on 01905 763963.

**FESTIVAL OF ART - 2004**

  
**SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS  
WORCESTER ROAD  
GREAT WITLEY**  


SATURDAY - 19th JUNE - 9.30am - 5.00pm  
SUNDAY - 20th JUNE - 10.00am - 4.30pm

  
**REFRESHMENTS**

**ADMISSION = 50p**



## ***My Dog***

*My dog moves like the wind,  
Slick and speedy.*

*Stare at her too long and,  
Her features jump out at you  
Like a Hallowe'en mask.*

*Smoothly, as you praise her,  
Her tail sweeps the floor,  
Almost as if cleaning it.*

*Her jaws may be powerful but  
Not as strong as some carnivores.*

*Her coat is silk,*

*Smooth, soft and glossy,*

*Keeping her warm in the cold seasons,  
and*

*Her mild brown eyes shining from her  
sad velvety face.*

*Her nose is one hundred times more  
powerful than mine,  
To sniff out her food.  
(My dog nose all)*

*Matthew King, (age 9)*



## ***Clifton-upon-Teme Open Gardens Day***

***Sunday 27 June 2004***

***1-5.30pm***

***£2.50 per person  
(children free)***

***Proceeds to charities and  
local organisations***



***Here's something that might make  
folks laugh. It is a true quote from a  
friend of mine who at the time had not  
heard of Broadband.***

***Q; "Hello, this is BT. Are you Broad-  
band?"***

***A; "No, but I've got big hips!"***

**AH**

## *Normandy 1944*

No, I wasn't there on D-Day, but I did go in the July, when we went ashore using the Mulberry Harbour. I was a radiographer with a 1,200-bedded Field General Hospital. We had been working in a former teachers' training college in Ormskirk, but were always destined for fieldwork.

All 450 of us went across in a 10,000 ton Liberty ship sailing at night. On arrival we walked along the floating pier in single file, being passed by single lines of vehicles. We walked up the beach and on six miles to the area around Bayeux, following the roadside pipeline carrying fuel to the front, (PLUTO – PipeLine Under The Ocean!). We slept in the open, under a hedge, for two nights before

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tents arrived. Details were sent back to Arromanche to pick up equipment. When it was my turn, I was astonished to see huge metal rafts had been floated ashore on the tide, each carrying about 300 tons of stores – but mixed loads in case any were lost. Our stores people searched for boxes carrying our markings. When they did find some, they summoned lorries that were lined up on the sand at the

top of the beach, we loaded them up and drove off! No-one checked us, no forms were signed, but it all worked well. Within two weeks of landing, all tents were up, all wards, theatres, X-ray, mess tents and cookhouse were equipped, and we had 1200 patients!

REs and REME had prepared concrete bases where needed, all wards had a deep hole drilled by special equipment (to dispose of dressings etc) – the theatres had several. We had two Royal Engineers permanently attached to run the two generators we relied on. There was heavy fighting around Caen, and convoys of ambulances would turn up in the middle of the night once or twice a week in the early days. The duty radiographer would be woken to take any necessary X-rays of those needing immediate operations. Working in a specialist unit, one only got second-hand knowledge of what was happening elsewhere. However, one couldn't fail to hear that we had 800 German casualties after the battle of Falaise Gap. I had to learn 'keep quite still' or 'take a deep breath and hold it' in German – which I've quite forgotten! In October we were, apparently quite suddenly, pulled out and sent home prior to being sent out to India. But that is another story.

*ALB*



## *Experiences in Senegal Part 2*

*Part 1 saw Angie travelling to Senegal and finding there a land very different to England.*

Opening the shutters, I am greeted by an infernal cacophony of vehicle horns drowning all but the closest birdsong. After the transcendent harmonies of the muezzin's call to prayers, my ears are assaulted. Such is the volume that some street traders resort to alerting passers by of their wares via loudhailer! Amidst all this, chaos and beauty co-exist perfectly happily.

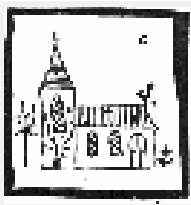
Here, time is abundant. Indifference to one another is unheard of and everyone greets one another enthusiastically, either in French, the language of the colonisers, or in Wolof, Mandinka, Malinke, Pulaar, or Futa Fula. People originating from countless African tribes live in this vast country and a sensitive ear will notice many languages and dialects. The Arabic Moslem greeting of "Salaam Aleikum", with the response "Aleikum a Salaam" is common, meaning "may peace be with you", and "may peace be



with you also". It begins with enquiries about one's health, and one's family also. Originating in a time when it was rare to see a stranger arrive in a village, certain specific questions relating to family were asked in order to ascertain whether the visitor came well intentioned. It was a type of tribal security device. If incorrect answers were given, I imagine they made a hasty exit! The greetings now take the form of ritualised, sometimes lengthy exchanges. It is worth learning some of these as such an effort made by a western visitor will be greatly appreciated by the Senegalese who are very proud of their rich cultural heritage.

There is also time for tea drinking, rivalling the sacred Japanese tea ceremony. One is offered a small glass of hot, refreshingly bittersweet mint tea after a meal, or anytime whenever hospitality is required. The water is boiled in a small, narrow spouted metal teapot, and a bunch of aromatic mint leaves added, sometimes with a pinch of Indian tea. After simmering, it is poured into a small glass, the leaves discarded. Returned to the pot, sugar is added and with great skill and accuracy the sweet brew is poured from a great height back and forth many times, the sweetness adjusted, until the desired heady froth is achieved. The glasses are rinsed, and the drinks handed to those present. The first brew is bittersweet, and subsequent ones sweeter. It is an honour to be offered tea in this manner, and not something to be rushed. This is a serious affair!

*Angie Hill*



# Church Words

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## Services for June

**W**e celebrate Trinity Sunday on 6 June when we consider our Trinitarian belief as Christians in one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. A mystery indeed and that is what God is. Yet God can be known, that is why Jesus, the Son, came - to be the image of the invisible God that we could not see and know the Fathers love for us. Then at Pentecost God sent the Holy Spirit to bring his church to birth and guide and direct us.

Some of you will have heard me explain the Trinity by saying that I am three people in one, I am a Father, I a Son, that is easy enough to explain, but a Holy Spirit? Well, if we see the Spirit of God tending, caring, and nurturing the Church then that role is similar to that of a husband, of which I am to my wife. The Trinity is indeed a mystery, but a mystery that is worth exploring for in God we will find a loving Father, an obedient Son and an empowering, enabling Holy Spirit. Let me close with the words of a famous Trinitarian prayer from the Bible.

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God (Father) and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forevermore. Amen**

<b>6 June</b>	
Wichenford	9.30am Holy Communion
Martley	11am Family Worship
Knightwick	8am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	6.30pm Evensong
<b>13 June</b>	
Wichenford	10.0am Family Worship
Martley	11am Holy Communion
Broadwas	11am Morning Worship
Cotheridge	8am Holy Communion
<b>20 June</b>	
Wichenford	6.30pm Evensong
Martley	8am Holy Communion; 11am Morning Worship
Broadwas	11am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	9am Matins
Knightwick	3pm Evening Worship
<b>27 June</b>	
Wichenford	11am Holy Communion
Martley	9.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Evening Worship
Broadwas	8am Holy Communion; 11am Family Worship

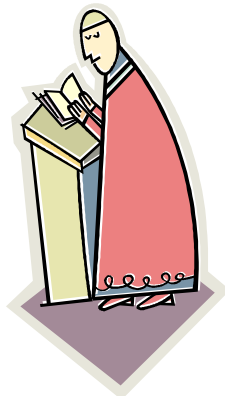
## Extra Notices

**Ordination of our new Curate** on 4 July - our Curate Jennifer Whittaker will be ordained priest at Worcester Cathedral 10.30am, followed by lunch together at Chantry High School at 1.00pm. Then at 4.00pm she will celebrate her first service of Holy Communion at St. Peter's Martley. All welcome. Let Revd.David Sherwin know if you wish to attend the Cathedral Service so that tickets can be allocated for you and for catering at the School. Thank you.

We wish Jennifer God's blessing and thank her for her ministry among us during the last 11 months.

**An Organ Recital** by Mr Liam Cartwright will be held at St. Leonard's Church Cotheridge to mark the re-siting of the organ from St. Mary's Church Knightwick. Tickets can be obtained from Revd. David Sherwin

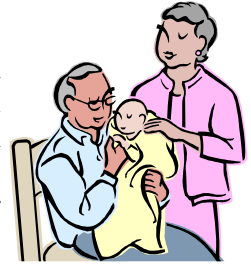
**An evening of Praise and Worship** led by the Worship Group of St. Peter's Ipsley, Redditch (one of the larger Churches in our Diocese ), is being held on Sunday 27 June. 6.30pm at St. Peter's Church Martley. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this special service.



## *Caring for Carers*

*You are a husband or wife, a parent, a son or daughter, friend or neighbour. But are you a carer too?*

Many people who are caring for a relative or friend often do not think of themselves as being a "carer" for that person.



By not making this vital connection, you could be missing out on a lot of information and support that might make your caring role easier. Carers can also often suffer health problems as a result of their caring, so making sure your GP knows you are a carer is important.

The Worcestershire Association of Carers is launching a new campaign to coincide with National Carers Week in June. We want to encourage all carers to give their GP Practice a GP Carers' Registration Card. All practices know about the Card.

If you would like a Card, or want information about carer support and activities in Carers Week, give Worcestershire Association of Carers a ring on 01905-26500 or e-mail to: [mail@carersworcs.org.uk](mailto:mail@carersworcs.org.uk).

# In the Kitchen



## Chicken and Walnut Salad

*This easy salad is perfect for outdoor eating—just make sure you order good weather to go with it!*

500g (1lb) cooked and boned chicken  
2 sticks celery, chopped  
1 large eating apple, peeled and chopped  
50g (2oz) walnuts  
6 tablespoons mayonnaise  
1-2 tablespoons single cream or natural yoghurt  
Few springs watercress

*Serves 4*

1. Cut the chicken into chunks and place in a large bowl with the celery, apple and walnuts.
2. Mix the mayonnaise with the cream or yoghurt to give a pouring consistency. Pour over the salad ingredients and mix until everything is evenly coated.
3. Turn into a service dish and garnish with watercress. If not serving at once, chill until required.



# In the Garden



## Garden Tips for June

June – the halfway-month of the year. A testing time for plants and gardeners. The number of pests on both flowers and vegetables increases rapidly in the warm weather. Action needs to be taken as soon as they appear. They are blackfly on kidney beans and broad beans and many flowering plants. Whitefly and greenfly are a particular pest in the greenhouse. Tomatoes become infested rapidly; spray well, paying attention to the underside of the leaves.

Many tomato plants produce tomatoes with ‘blossom end rot’. This appears as a black spot at the flower end of the tomato. In order to prevent this, water and feed regularly.

Potatoes will need earthing up. Runner beans will have reached the top of the sticks. Take out the top shoots to encourage side shoots lower down the plants.

Sow seeds towards the end of the month of wall flowers, forget-me-nots, foxgloves and sweet Williams. Split primrose and polyanthus roots. Replant to create new plants for next year.

*Jack Bradley*



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***Martley Parish Meeting***

On Saturday 15 May, Martley held its first Annual Parish Meeting. The Memorial Hall was open from 11am and local organisations set up displays. Your web site (www.martley.org.uk) was well-represented!

More to come in the next issue of The Villager.

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