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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

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 (2nd Monday Bank Holiday months)

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 WI: 1st Wednesday in the month
7.30pm Sport Martley

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

See Church Words pages for details of services

See articles inside for details of special events AND changes of times or dates 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)

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Martley Parish Council

Draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Martley Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2005 at the Memorial Hall. Cllr Mr. D. Cropp Chairman.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business: A question was asked about the progress of low-cost housing. The Chairman explained the circumstances of the failed planning application of the Taylor's Yard and that this Council's need will not now be realised in the near future. A question was asked about the road junction opposite the Post Office. Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones gave a resume of the report submitted by this Council. It was met with a good response by WCC Highways, but funding for this location is low priority because of the low accident rate. A traffic survey has taken place.

The Parish Council Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8:15 pm who explained that at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council it was necessary to elect the chairman and

other officers for the forthcoming year.

Election of Chairman: It was resolved to elect Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp as chairman and Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor as vice chairman.

Election of other Officers: The following were elected. a. Finance Committee: Cllrs. G. Taylor, G. Coombey-Jones, N. Stammers. b. Planning Committee: Cllrs. G. Coombey-Jones, J. Slough, R. McHugh, M. Nott, D. Goodyear, D. Cropp. c. Salaries and Personnel Committee: All councillors. d. Old Grammar School Foundation: Cllrs. D. Cropp, G. Taylor. e. Penny Hill Tip Liaison Committee: Cllr. D. Goodyear. f. Playing Fields Association: Cllr. G. Taylor. g. Memorial Hall Liaison: Cllrs. N. Stammers, J. Slough. h. Heaton House Liaison: Cllr. D. Goodyear. i. Environment Officer: Cllr. M. Nott. j. Sport Martley: Cllr. G. Taylor. k. Nora Parsons Day Centre: Cllr. D. Goodyear. l. Martley In Need Relief: D. Cllr. B. Williams

Annual Report by The Chairman: Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp gave a report

which is attached as appendix a.

Annual Parish Meeting:

The Clerk reported that he had not received any firm bookings, but Martley Web and The Path-or-Nones would provide a display. It was then reported by councillors that several other organisations had confirmed that they would attend. The actual Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 17:00 Hrs

District Councillor's Report:

District Councillor Mrs. B. Williams delivered her annual report which is attached as appendix b

County Councillor's Report:

The Chairman congratulated County Councillor Mr. A. Davies on his re-election. C. Cllr. Mr. A. Davies gave a report in which he stated that although the County Council has been rated excellent in the CPA, there are a number of problems still to contend with including education which currently is funded at a low level. Speeding in villages continues to be an issue and will be reviewed. Recycling still needs to be pushed hard. They will endeavour to keep Council Tax low.

Correspondence:

Included - MHDC reply ref. The Crown lighting. MMHDC reply Ancient Hedgerows Martley. WCC Parish Paths Partnership(P3) application form for next year's scheme. MHDC housing strategy reply needed by 9th. May. Trafalgar Weekend promotion of ..21st.-23rd. October 2005. Supported by NALC.

MHDC Local Plan-Omission sites Parish Link Financial and operating reports. WCC Parish Lengthman scheme confirmation of allocation of funds for 2005/6. CPRE Farm walk 11th. June & news letter Rogers Coaches agreement to terms for free coach. FWAG Habitat management meeting 10th. May. WCC education transport reply to our comments ref. school bus down Ankerdine.

Planning:

05/00510/FU Cherry Orchard Newtown Conservatory & Garage extn. Cllr. Mr. M. Nott; no comments. 05/00615/FUL Mardon Martley extn & new garage. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp; site meeting arranged for Saturday 14 May 09:00. Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn: 05/00121/FUL Lower Sheilding Ockeridge approved. Other issues: Special Planning Committee 25. April, 12 May.

Finance:

It was resolved to adopt the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2005. The audit dates have not yet been agreed although the appointment letter has been sent. There were 11 cheques totalling £ 13,635.42 for agreement and signature

Parish Paths Warden Report:

The Clerk read out the report which is attached as appendix c

Urgent Decisions since last meeting:

The Chairman and Clerk had inspected a gully outside 49 St. Peters Drive following a report of oil

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Martley & District Horticultural Society

The guest speaker for the April meeting of the Society was Mrs Judy Berrow, who illustrated her talk with interesting slides depicting her subject "Starting a new garden from scratch". Having purchased a derelict building in the village of Chaddesley Corbett, the building being listed meant that the original character had to be adhered to. A tremendous task to restore a building so dilapidated.

After restoring the building, the task to create a garden from scratch was a further challenge. Judy's main interest in flowers has been old-fashioned roses that appear, from the slides, to have grown very well in the soil of the new garden; a further feature being the introduction of a small lake to attract wild life such as wild ducks that have been attracted to the water.

On 30 June there will be an evening visit and meeting at Scar Cottage, the home of Ian Pennell and Pam Spokes. Meet at Martley Village Hall at 6.45pm.

Annual Show

This year's Annual Show is on **Saturday 20 August**. Schedules for the show can be obtained from Martley Post Office, Central Stores or any Society Committee member; details in next month's Villager.

Nellie Bradley



Martley WI

Thursday 9 June at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane at 7pm

Looking back, most members agree that we did enjoy hosting the Group Meeting didn't we? Thanks to President Pat, the committee and everyone who worked so hard. What can one say about the main speaker Dave Bradley? In spite of, or perhaps



because of, being born on a table top in Old Martley (sorry Nellie, we know it is not true but it sounds good)

he had us in constant laughter with tales of his youth here and later life further afield. The varied musical entertainment by The Ballard Singers was much appreciated, but their skit on a typical (?) WI meeting was a killer. If that is how our WI meetings appear, we must try harder.

This month we meet on THURSDAY 9 June at the earlier time of 7pm, for our garden meeting at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane. Weather permitting, there will be outdoor activities, including bowling for the pig, subject to DEFRA regs. The usual fun auction will be held to raise funds. The auctioneer has stated he will not re-

auction anything that has been sold in previous years. Sorry Neil. All members past and present and families, partners, whatever are



w e l c o m e .
P l e a s e
remember to
bring items for
the auction and
cash to buy
them back. See
you there!

Kate King

The Royal British Legion

The April meeting was extremely well attended and the usual items of business were discussed. A trip has been arranged to visit the Violette Zsabo Museum at Wormelow on 26 June. For more information please contact Joyce Tyler on 01886-821551. A service will be held at Broadwas Church on 10 July at 11am to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the end of World War II. Do join us at either of these events; you will be made most welcome.

*Sue Ganderton
(Asst Secretary)*

Chantry's Musical Production 'Loves Quest'

A Resounding Success

If the applause and appreciative comments of the audience of The Chantry's latest musical production, 'Loves Quest', was the judge of its

success, then this show certainly hit the mark.

On April 27, 28 and 29 this colourful and energetic adaptation of love found and then lost was staged at the school. The story is based around the female leads search for an alternative, more respectable, lifestyle to her present one as a Dancer at the Fan-Dango Dance Hall. An innocent of heart, in somewhat salubrious surroundings, she searches for love, thinks she has found it, but is jilted by her 'Beau' when he cannot get past her 'past'. Our delicate and big-heated heroine is left alone to continue her search for happiness.

The whole production was very professional, with slick staging, quality wardrobe and a musical score featuring recognizable songs delivered to a note.

Each of the cast gave enthusiastic performances that lifted the audience along through the plot. Both performances from the two leading ladies, Verity Kalinowski and Lauren Keer, captured that certain vulnerable charm of the heroine with Chris Diment, playing her 'hapless, square', love interest also delivering a creditable performance.

The other 'Dancers' deserve a special mention for so obviously enjoying their roles and strutting their stuff with such enthusiasm. They whirled across the stage with high kicks equal to any Broadway chorus line.

No performance is complete without supporting cast and extras and this was

no exception. Right down to the smallest walk-on part each added their contribution to three nights of very professional and enjoyable entertainment.

IW

St Peter's Plaque

A reader writes: "I would like to hear from anyone who knows anything about a plaque that was attached to the West Gate of St Peter's Church, Martley, many years ago. It was dedicated to an Ida, or Ada Wakefield. The gate that gives onto Church Lane has long since been replaced and the plaque has disappeared. Who was Ada/Ida Wakefield? Hopefully someone reading this will be able to throw light upon the mystery."

If anyone has any information about this lady, please get in touch with The Villager (see page 29). Messages will be forwarded to Ray.

Martley Spurs

The first Saturday in April saw Chris Collons score the only goal when The Premier eleven beat Pershore Manor Reserves. The following morning our Reserves drew with Claines one all. 9 April was another good day for the Premier side who beat Lamb and Flag 6 - 3, while there were no fixtures on the Sunday. Another great whitewash came on the 16th when the Saturday Premier side thrashed Goodrest Sports 6 - 0, However, the Sunday Premier team did not come off very well the

next morning when they lost 5 - 2 to Blackpole. The Reserves did a bit better by drawing three all with AFC Severnside. The Reserves were at home for their match, the only fixture of the weekend, against Oakapple on the 24th which they beat by six goals to two with Pat Jinks netting a hat trick. Another single fixture came on 1 May, once again the Reserves were on the field but this time they lost 1 - 4, the four being bagged by Worcester Juniors. The last published tables showed all three teams well placed. The Saturday Premier eleven in joint second place, The Sunday Premier were lying fifth and the Reserves third. The Reserves also had a cup victory this month but more about that in our next issue. (*But there won't be a "next issue" for much longer if a new Editor does not step forward soon – Editor.*)

Beth Williams

Martley Web Mesh

The Martley Website team are in the process of launching a new community co-operative venture—an innovative project that can provide a high-speed wireless broadband, at very reasonable cost, to the people of Martley and surrounding areas.

As more local people and businesses join the scheme, the lower the cost to each household could become.

Rest assured this is a reliable, tried-and-tested system, but does depend for its ultimate long-term success upon reasonable numbers participating.

Martley Wireless Mesh is NOT limited to those living in Martley village centre but can be extended to cover surrounding areas and villages in most directions. It relies on point-to-point-wireless links which ultimately form a mesh configuration. No connection to your telephone line is required. The service could be used as a replacement or backup to your existing broadband connection.

Become one of the first in the county to enjoy all the benefits of high-speed Community Wireless Internet access. Join the team. Tell your neighbours. We have the know-how and can provide all the expertise and equipment!

If you are interested in joining the project, please send an e-mail to news@martley.org.uk with Mesh on the subject line. It would help if you could also supply your address or NGR (national grid reference). We need to know your location to help develop the mesh. Any correspondence received will not be divulged to others.

For more details, see the Martley website at www.martley.org.uk

John Layton

Martley Ramblers

**Sunday 12 June to Hanley Castle
2pm Church car park &
Wednesday 22 June, 7pm
Ravenshill Wood and pub**

The recent walk, led by Irene and Alex Walker, around Newnham Bridge and

Frith Common was one of the loveliest we have done. The cherry and plum blossom was glorious and the views terrific. It would be well worth doing again when more Ramblers can be present.

Two walks this month as we have our usual Sunday one and the annual Midsummer evening one. On Sunday we shall be departing from the church car park at 2pm to drive to Hanley Castle and on Wednesday 22 June, Alex Walker will be leading us around Ravenshill Wood with a stop afterwards for refreshment at a local hostelry. Departure time 7pm by car.

The heading in The Villager Diary "Martley Ramblers around Martley" seems to have been misleading and causing a drop off in numbers. The group is "Martley Ramblers" and although we do a proportion of local walks, we try to balance the programme with out-of-area ones as well. We did not walk from the church car park to Frith Common as was recently thought. We have no joining ceremony, just turn up at the appointed time, no cost for walks, no restrictions on age. The annual sub is £1 per head, £2 per family.

No details have been finalised for the summer BBQ. Please contact secretary Sue Hoskins with suggestions for venue and preferred dates.

Kate King

Girl Guiding

Teme Valley District (including Broadwas, Clifton, Tenbury and surrounding villages)

Do you like having fun and meeting people? Do you want to give something back to the community? Do you want to learn new skills? Do you have skills you can share? If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, then why not offer to help Girl Guiding? Whatever time you can give we have a role to fit:

- occasional helper, sharing a skill, looking after unit accounts,
- unit helper (helping at meetings),
- adult leader (wearing uniform and helping run a unit).

All helpers are checked by the Criminal Records Bureau.

Interested? Please contact Sue Ganderton on 01886-821303.

Pudford Lane

Summer visitors have re-appeared; chiff chaffs, swallows and swifts have all popped up to say "Hello" and the hedges are beautiful with Ramsons and Queen Ann's Lace. It is a shame people complain about the restricted visibility as the flowering period is only for such a short time, and this is not a motor-way. The wetness continues to run down the tarmac so the red plastic netting erected by RCS has not proved a deterrent. Most inhabitants have been behaving themselves, but perhaps warning

notices should be erected re Kamikaze blackbirds erupting from hedges, heedless smaller birds searching for food for nestlings and Lucy, Charlie and love-rival Sebastian. Just how stupid can pheasants be? Screeching brakes are quite common as the two cocks square up to each other and are unable to decide which hedge hole to go through. Oh well, it is springtime. C'est la vie!

Kate King

Martley Folk Club

Following the success of the St George's night, which unearthed some marvellous local folk music talent, a regular folk session has been suggested on the first Wednesday of every month.

The premier night will be on 1 June, start time 8.30pm at The Admiral Rodney pub.

Any villagers interested in folk music that want to play, sing or just listen, please come along.



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being tipped. The Clerk has reported this to Environmental Services at MHDC who will investigate and arrange for the gully to be cleansed. The Chairman drew attention to the pollution dangers of such practices and the possibility of prosecution.

Councillor Training:

The clerk reported an excellent turnout at Little Witley Village Hall and announced a probable date for the next session as 27 June at Martley, however the venue has to be confirmed.

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas:

It was noted that a parishioner is cleaning the village on a voluntary basis and it was felt that she should be acknowledged in some way. The Clerk to write to Young Farmers to see if they were interested in organising a village clean up. An agenda item is required to discuss animals on the playing field. The road surface is in poor condition on the bend just before the lay-bye, the Clerk to report to Highways. Visibility trimming is required on the junction of Ankerdine road cross roads. The caravans at Lower Hollins farm are still being used, the Clerk to follow up. The road near The Vicarage is regularly flooded due to blocked gullies; the Clerk to ask the Lengthman to investigate. Rubbish has been tipped in the entrance to the silage pit in Hollins Lane; the Clerk to report.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Monday 6 June 2005 at 8 p.m.

Tom Pearsall, Clerk
01886 888256

Three appendices were attached. These can be seen on application to the Clerk to the Council or online on the Parish Council page at www.martley.org.uk

Some Interesting Anagrams

DORMITORY:
DIRTY ROOM

PRESBYTERIAN:
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:
MOON STARER

DESPERATION:
A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES:
THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE:
HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES:
CASH LOST IN ME

ELECTION RESULTS:
LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

*Thanks to A. Hill for sending these to
The Editor*



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS



Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378

Flower Rota

5 June Miss M Fisher
12 June Mrs Pargeter
19 June Mrs Britten-Long
26 June Mrs Barber

Ladies Fellowship

Tuesday 21 June at the home of Mrs
Andrews at 2.30pm

Wichenford Open Gardens

Wichenford Gardens will be open on
25 and 26 June from 11am to 6pm, in
aid of St Richard's Hospice and
Wichenford Church. Don't miss these
beautiful gardens, come and enjoy
super lunches and teas. Also bric-a-
brac, book and plant stalls. Our lovely
church is also open.

Wichenford 100 Club

April winner: H Sparkes. Ticket no.
201. £112.

Millennium Green Tidying & Inspection Rota

June: Bill Hylan

Wichenford Millennium Green Trust

Refurbishment of the Millennium Green

Dear Villagers

You may already be aware that
following an inspection and a report
by RoSPA in March, we have had to
take down both the goal posts and the
climbing frame on the Green for safety
reasons.

The goal posts are being re-worked to
make them safe and secure and, once
new nets have been purchased, will be
re-erected as soon as possible.

We plan to erect a toddler swing and
another item for toddlers in the spot
where the climbing frame stood.

We are also having to extend the fall
areas round the various items of
equipment to satisfy the requirements
set down by RoSPA.

All of this is costing a large amount of
money and will seriously deplete our
funds. However, in the interests of
safety, the work has to be done.

We have already received a generous

donation from the former W.I. towards the toddler swing and are now asking whether you too could contribute whatever you can, to help improve and make safe the Green so that the children can continue to use the play equipment. Donations should be handed to Trustees Alistair Webster or David Woodward or to me.

With grateful thanks

*Heather Rendall
(Hon Sec)*

Heritage Society

Members were delighted with the fascinating talk given by David Burton-Pey MBE. His subject was buildings of interest. He covered churches, country houses and follies. He showed some superb slides and members thoroughly enjoyed the evening. On Saturday 2 July Tim Bridges will lead a group on a visit to local churches: Alfrick, Bransford, Leigh and Newland. If you wish to join the group they will meet at Wichenford Memorial Hall at 1.50pm for a 2 pm start. Please ring 01886-888431 or 01886-888519.

Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting

At the AGM of Parishioners, the following Church members were elected for the coming year: Churchwarden, Mrs C Wetherall; Deanery Synod Representative, Mr W Pearce; Secretary, Mrs C Wetherall,

assisted by Mr W Pearce; Treasurer, Mr R Whyatt; Lay Chairman, Mrs P Webb. In addition, the following were elected to the PCC: Mrs J Andrews, Mrs A Banks, Mrs E Britten, Mrs G Britten-Long, Mr T Cox, Mr S Pearce, Mrs S Richards.

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 8 July 2005.

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 April 2005 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Wichenford. Chair Councillor Britten-Long.

REPORTS

District and County Councillor Reports.

County Councillors Report. In her last report, County Councillor Hickling wrote that parish councils work in partnership with the county council's countryside service to look after local paths, for which they receive a grant.

This year there will be improvements to the scheme in the areas of: insurance cover, training and information. Parish Councils must complete an application form and six monthly progress reports. These grants may not be used to pay contractors for work considered to be the responsibility of the landowner. She has spoken to Maurice Carless re B4204 and after speed measurements taken, he is considering advisory signs of 25mph on the bends and 40mph at other areas.

District Councillors Report

It has been a very quiet time at Malvern Hills District Council. Cllr Williams reported that the Local Plan is in its final stages and will be submitted on 24 May. She also gave an update on the Masons Arms after receiving numerous enquiries.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Barbers Lane

A letter was received from the Highways Department regarding erecting signs stating 'Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles' at either end of Barbers Lane. There is no possibility at the moment of a weight restriction or 30mph limit on these lanes. The clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department stating that they would like the blue advisory notices seen in other parts of the country stating 'Single Track Lane with No Passing Places' and do not require any other notices ordered by the Highways Department.

Refuse Collection Vehicle

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Bill requesting that the use of the smaller, caged vehicle be kept in abeyance and considered at the earliest convenience.

PLANNING

Applications received for comment since the last meeting. 05/00499/ful. Steel Portal framed building to go over existing silage clamp at Buryend Town Farm. No objection. Decisions made by MHDC. 04/00696/ful. Domestic extension to bungalow at 4 Abingdons Bungalow. Appeal dismissed.

Masons Arms Public House

The Pub has been privately purchased and the applicant is following the approved plans No 03/00992/ful. The Parish Council were unhappy at the removal of the large pear trees at the front of the building, they had requested that they remain on the land. The applicant intends to re-landscape and will replant some more. The applicant explained that the gateway at the side is only temporary to allow access to the back of the property, and once building work commences the gateway will be removed and the hedge re-instated. The Tree Preservation Officer will visit the property to establish what other trees are on it. Cllr Wells asked if anyone had noticed that the telephone box had disappeared.

FINANCE

The end of year accounts were accepted. The council has an excess of income over expenditure of £3,475.73

September 2005

Will this be the date of the last ever issue of

Yes. Not
presenter weeks.

The to

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putting together the community magazine for
the parishes of Martley and Wichenford,
please contact the current Editor,
Michelle Higgins (01886 888344), or the
Treasurer, Jim Sandison (01886 888393)

Censored by a member of The Villager management team

due to WCC granting £2,000 on 31 March for Kingsgreen and £900.00 for the Pathfinders. VAT reclaimed: £313.63. Cheques for payment and signature: £1,342.54. These included Clerks expenses, Rogers Coaches, Worcestershire Calc (Subscriptions). £90.00 paid to the lengthman. WCC BACS payment of £155.00 for the lengthman has been received. WCC BACS P3 Payment for £2,000.00 for Kingsgreen has been received. Insurance. The clerk will speak to NALC regarding insurance. Insurance has risen by 24% this year. The clerk will get two more quotes and withhold payment until the May meeting.

LENGTHSMAN REVIEW

The lengthsmen will be offered a permanent contract. Worcestershire County Council has allocated our parish £2000.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Included -DEFRA Broadband Letter, Countryside Voice Magazine, Quality Parish Information, NALC Annual Conference, CiLCA Surgeries, Clerks Gathering, Calc Magazine, The Councils Charter, MHDC Draft Statement of Community Involvement.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

Cllr Rendall reported that the temporary TRO on Guises Lane and Rosses Lane end in July. The clerk will write to the County Council for a decision on these lanes, and to request extension of the TRO's by a further 18 months.

NPDC

Cllr Stinton has contacted the chairman of the Day Centre Committee regarding amalgamation. If the management committee packs up, the Parish Council would be liable for all costs.

*Shirley Sanders Clerk to the Council
(01886 888302)*

***Definitions of
Grandmothers and
Grandfathers
from primary-age children
from many schools***

***“A Grandmother corrects your
grammar and wipes imaginary dirt
from your cheeks”.***

***“Your Granny loves you, no matter
what you do”.***

***“My Great-Grandad has a habit of
buying me sweets and then eating
them”.***

***“My Grandad can fix nearly
everything”.***

***“Grandmothers sometimes lock the
door when they come out and
when they get to the garden gate,
they go back to make sure they
have!”***

Martley WI Spring Group Meeting



Hon. President Pat Crook with Dave Bradley at a beautifully-decorated table

Monday 18 April was the day of the Elgar Group Meeting. There are 10 Women's Institutes within the Group and it was Martley's responsibility to ensure the invited members from each Institute were entertained by our Guest Speakers followed by a light supper. The hall looked splendid with the able assistance of three WI husbands namely, Reg Snow, Harry King and Neil Stammers. The tables were laid with bright-green table cloths and white china, coloured napkins and floral decorations to depict our theme, 'The Seasons'. There was also an abundance of delicious food for the finger buffet and assorted sweets to follow.

Suzanne Owen spoke briefly about her time as County Chairman and brought

us up to date about County events and our main Speaker, Dave Bradley had us all laughing telling us tales about his Grandad (most of them untrue!) and an account of his life with BBC Hereford and Worcester local radio.

The Ballard Singers entertained us with lovely songs from classical to jazz and ended with a most amusing musical skit on the WI.

It was a real team effort by all members of Martley WI who ensured our guests had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Thank you all for your time and effort on the day and evening and for providing the delicious food. Thank you to Janet Denny and Sheila Craker for the gorgeous flowers and a big thank you to Reg Snow, Harry King and Neil Stammers for helping us to prepare the room on the day and to Neil for wearing his Car Park Attendant's Hat - and doing the washing up.

*Pat Crook
Hon. President
Martley WI*

***St Richard's Hospice "Make a Will" Month
in South Worcestershire***

Have you made your will? If not, then don't delay any longer.

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 at the same time. Just contact your local participating solicitors (see below) to make an appointment.

All the fees are being donated to St Richard's by the solicitors.

Malvern: Evans Webb, Sterling Lodge, 287 Worcester Road, Malvern.
Tel 01684 562526.

Worcester: Hallmarks Solicitors, 4 & 5 Sansome Place, Worcester. Tel
01905 726600.

Worcester: Harrison Clark, 5 Deansway, Worcester. Tel 01905 612001

Evesham: Atter Mackenzie & Co, 64 Bridge Street, Evesham. 01386
425300.

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

For further information please contact St Richard's Hospice
Fundraising Team on 01905 763963.



**TREASURER URGENTLY
REQUIRED**

On a voluntary basis for Martley
& District Pre-School

If you are able to help, please
call Jane Hall on 01886 888079
or Helen Taylor on 01886 888697
or email

martleypreschool@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you

www.buy.at/martleypreschool

Sudan Correspondent - Part 5

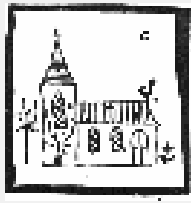
It is one o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone here becomes lethargic during the middle of the day when the heat outside is at its fiercest. Today I have decided to stay indoors and do nothing. Totally, utterly and completely nothing. The wireless (BBC World Service) keeps me up to date with what's been going on in Sudan. Oh yes, and the UK! It's my first day off in over a fortnight. So much for the thirty-seven and a half hour week! Being a Friday, there are relatively few people or vehicles in the streets. Only a few strategic personnel are at work in the aid agencies offices, such as the managers, the guards and the radio room staff, who are constantly monitoring essential traffic moving around the region servicing the refugee and displaced persons camps.

It happened two nights after I arrived in Nyala and it happened again last night - someone moving around the streets at 4am in the morning, banging a very large tin drum. The rhythmic marching sound carries for a considerable distance, finally fading away as the player moves further away though the streets of the town. I have never heard a similar noise before, and am pretty sure it does not occur everywhere, but I believe it is to awake everyone, which it certainly does, so that they have time before dawn to take a meal. The custom here in this Moslem country is to fast in daylight hours during Ramadan. Not long after the drum beating is over, the faithful are called to prayer. I'm sure it would go down well in Martley on a Sunday morning before daylight!

Tomorrow I will be visiting Garsila in Western Darfur where facilities, I am told, hover between the basic and non-existent. So what's new? At least here we have a mobile phone network. Normally I work in areas where no such luxuries exist. We have Internet connections of sorts here as well. An attempt was made to download The Villager off the Martley website but I eventually gave up after twenty-five minutes when the connection timed out. Life here is full of surprises and challenges and not just a bed of roses.

The journey to Garsila can be accomplished by road, it's a good days journey by truck, normally undertaken in convoy and virtually impossible during the wet season. It is, however, considered wiser and more prudent to travel by WFP helicopter. Any delay with the equipment or hold-up with the work and it means an extra five days with nothing being done before returning back to base. The helicopter makes only a couple of passenger trips every week. The rest of the time it delivers food to the camps. After that I leave the southern region and head towards El Fasher in Northern Darfur followed later by a journey westwards to work in the El Geneina area, located fairly close to the western borders of Sudan. The electricity went off a few minutes ago so will have to 'save and close' before the battery gives out.

John Layton



Do you like Songs of Praise? Do you have a favourite hymn or Christian song? We all have favourites for different reasons, the tune, the words, association with a particular place, person or event. Maybe a baptism, wedding or even a funeral is associated with the hymn or song. Whatever it is, these tunes and words become part of our life and are important to us. Behind these hymns and songs lie stories of why they were written. For example, the hymn 'Amazing Grace', was penned by John Newton, a slave-trader who turned to God and found his life transformed. That God should care about a person like him was simply, 'Amazing'. We too can own such words for ourselves and maybe we do, they become part of our life because the one whom we sing about becomes important to us. From time to time there are services like 'songs of praise' in our local churches where people choose their favourites, its great to hear why and an encouragement to us all, just like when we hear them on radio or TV.

Talking of radio, there will be an outside broadcast coming from this Benefice of Churches on Sunday 24 July at 7.00am. The recording will take place on Wednesday 6 July at St. Peter's Martley. All are welcome, but

Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

if you wish to be in the congregation you will need to be seated by 7.00pm. You too could be an encouragement to others as we sing hymns and song, and read from God's word on the radio. Whether you come to the service or not, you will be able to hear it on Radio Hereford and Worcester. God Bless.

Rev'd David Sherwin

St Peters Church Martley Mission partners

We are pleased to advise that the PCC have agreed to make donations of £1000 to be divided between international, national and local charities: £250 to be sent to David and Heather Sharland (Sudan), £250 to Colin Dean, £250 to St Richard's Hospice and the remainder to be decided at the next PCC meeting.

Workhouse Chapel

I was recently given a plaque that used to lie in the workhouse chapel in Martley. I would be interested to know if anyone has any photographs of the chapel, inside or out, so that we may display them at an appropriate time. If you have any other memories of the chapel, were baptised there, or even weddings or funerals (I do not know if there ever were any) then would you please let me know. Thank you.

Rev'd David Sherwin

Church Diary for June

Weekend 4th/5th June – Giving Weekend for the Lower Teme Valley

Vestry/Belltower Redevelopment further details to be given shortly

Sun 5th June 8.00am Holy Communion Knightwick Chapel
9.30am Holy Communion St Laurence Wichenford
11.00am Family Worship St Peter Martley
11am Morning Worship St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
6.30pm Evensong St Leonard Cotheridge

Tue 7th June 10.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene Broadwas

Wed 8th June 10.15am Holy Communion Heaton House

Sat 11th June 9.30am Church Cleaning Day St Peter Martley, all welcome

Sun 12th June 8.00am Holy Communion St Leonard Cotheridge
10.00am Family Worship St Laurence Wichenford
11.00am Holy communion St Peter Martley
11.00am Morning Worship St Mary Magdalene Broadwas

6.30pm Youth Meeting, Martley Rectory

Mon 13th June 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at The Rectory

Wed 15th June Deanery Synod Meeting St John in Bedwardine

17th-19th June Three Counties Show – Rob Barlow involved

Sat 18th June Martley Primary School fete

Sun 19th June (Mothers Union Induction Day)

Fathers Day 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
6.30pm Youth Meeting, Martley Rectory

Tue 21st June 10.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene Broadwas

Wed 22nd June 10.15 Holy Communion Heaton House

Thu 23rd June 12.30 Mothers Union Holy Communion, and Guest Speaker Angela Lilly. See Muriel Coombes for more information.

25th & 26th June Wichenford Open Gardens

Sun 26th June (Petertide celebrations at Martley)

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

Mon 27th June Budget consultation for Deanery Synod members and Parish Treasurers at The Old Palace (tbc)

In the Garden



Garden Tips for June

June – the month of colour in the garden with roses, foxgloves, perennials, shrubs and bedding plants in flower. Tender and half-hardy bedding plants may still need some protection at night. Take cuttings of pelargoniums, fuchsias and hydrangeas. Prune spring flowering shrubs including forsythia, pieris and weigela. Divide hardy primulas and polyanthus. Dig up clumps and split into pieces with roots and replant as quickly as possible to prevent plants drying out.

Plant out marrows and courgettes towards the end of the month. Potatoes will need moulding up. This encourages roots to develop from the stem and will increase the yield. Plant out leeks. Take the tops out of broad beans to help prevent black fly.

If you grow sweetcorn, sow seed this month. Sow seed of cabbage, runner beans, beetroot, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, radish, swede and turnips. Sow wallflower seed.

It is a constant job, hoeing to help retain moisture and control weeds. Pests can become a problem with the

warmer weather. Keep a look out for black fly, greenfly and gooseberry sawfly. Spray roses to prevent black spot and mildew with a suitable fungicide.

Jack Bradley

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