

# 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:**

**Walking Not Working with the Path-or-Nones.** Meet 9.30am Village Hall car park to help survey the footpaths

### **Mondays**

**1st Monday in the month:**

**Martley Parish Council** 8pm Memorial Hall

### **Tuesdays**

**Short Mat Bowling** 2.30pm Martley Memorial Hall (2pm winter months)

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

### **Wednesdays**

**Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing**

7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

*Enquiries:* Jeff and Thelma 01886 821772

**Martley Folk Club:** 1st Wednesday in the month at The Admiral Rodney

**Martley WI:** 2nd Wednesday in the month 7.30pm 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

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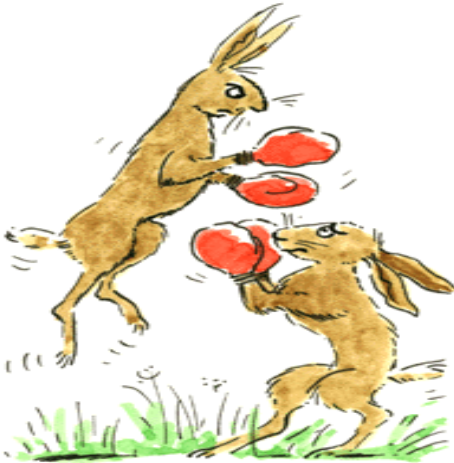
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# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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## *March – the hare facts*



*Picture by Elizabeth Knowles*

"March", according to the proverb, "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb", but what are its other proverbial associations?

March is traditionally wet and windy, so that dusty soil would be rarely seen: from the 16th century it was said that "a peck of March dust is worth a king's ransom" (a peck was a dry measure of two gallons).

It was also thought that the weather in

March could be an augury of what was to come: "So many mists in March, so many frosts in May." There is, however, one March proverb that is not to do with the weather: "On the first of March, crows begin to search" refers to the tradition that crows begin pairing on this day.

The proverbial phrase "mad as a March hare" has a similar origin: a "March hare" is a brown hare in the breeding season, noted for its leaping, boxing, and chasing in circles.

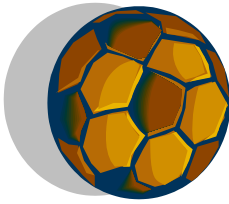
In literary terms, strong winds seem to be a constant factor. Thomas Hood in "The Bridge of Sighs" writes of his despairing heroine, "The bleak wind of March Made her tremble and shiver; But not the dark arch, Or the black flowing river."

Kipling refers to "the clanging arch of steel-grey March", and Shakespeare notes that the daffodils of early spring can "take The winds of March with beauty".

But perhaps the strongest literary and historical association of the month is not with the weather, but with the "ides", or middle day of the month, in

the ancient Roman calendar. Julius Caesar, who in Shakespeare's play unwisely ignores the soothsayer's warning, "Beware the Ides of March!", was murdered on the Ides (15th) of March in a conspiracy led by Brutus and Cassius.

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### **Martley Spurs**

The first games of 2006 saw two positive results and one negative. The Saturday Premier side

lost badly to Tolladine, while the Sunday Premier eleven beat Colwall St James 6-2, a pair of these netted by Steve Prickett. The Reserves did well too when they beat Malvern Radar 3-0, a couple coming from Luke Willetts' boot.

The 14th saw the Saturday side back to their winning ways when Steve Prickett netted a pair for their 3-0 win over Welland Athletic. The next day was, however, a black one for the Premier side losing badly to Perrywood and the Reserves not scoring either.

The 22nd was another good day for the Sunday Premier eleven, they beat Pershore Manor Rovers 7-0. The previous day was recorded as an incident-packed, high scoring game that the Spurs lost to Archdales by six goals to five, even though both Christ Collins and Steve Prickett netted twice.

The final weekend of the month was certainly not action packed. The Sun-

day Premier side had no fixture, the Reserves' game was postponed and the Saturday Premier side lost again to Tolladine.

*Beth Williams*

### **Back to Numbers**

Some time ago I wrote about pin numbers, which led me to have a wider thought about numbers, their use in general and how they came to be used as they are; why some are considered lucky, or lucky for some, while others are seen as unlucky. Six is awful, the Devil's number. Why? Thirteen has some explanation, but why is eight so important to Chinese culture?

Let's take seven and see how many things are connected in some way or other to it. There are no natural bits of our bodies connected to this number except that many animals, including man, have seven vertebrae in their necks. Numerologists say that seven represents analysis and understanding, but I don't understand why.

There are seven wonders of the ancient world (although Stonehenge was missed out of the original list), supposedly seven wonders of the modern one, too. Seven continents and seven seas, seven species of bear – maybe of



*Stonehenge*

other animals too, about which I don't know. The people of Babylon believed seven was sacred because they thought there were seven planets in the universe.

Many sports have seven players per team, there have been seven lunar landings. Seven days in a week. Snow White had seven dwarfs (one for each day of the week?) and Rome was built on seven hills. There were seven fat years and seven lean ones in the Bible, marriages often get the 'seven-year itch', and Europe had a seven years' war. There are some stars and cliffs known as the Seven Sisters – obviously because there are seven of them, as there are seven musical notes.

The film industry has used seven often; Ingmar Bergman played chess with death in the Seventh Seal, there were seven Samurai and the Magnificent Seven. We might occasionally be in seventh heaven for some reason or other. There may be reasons for many of these examples of using the number seven and there must be dozens of others with no explanation for them at all.

*Beth Williams*

### ***Martley WI – 8 March, 7.30pm at Heaton House***

We have had instructions from Simon Rogers on using our hands and facial expressions when using British Sign Language. Now we are wondering if we shall be wearing aprons and brandishing wooden spoons this month when Mrs Christine Gledhill tells us

about Jam as a craft. It certainly sounds intriguing, especially as we all thought jam was to be spread on bread and eaten when singing "Jerusalem". We shall have to wait and see. Competition is for a Reflection of Spring in any medium.

The sub-committee for planning the entries for the Spring Rally Competition in May have already met and are sorting out ideas for the various classes. If you have not yet booked your place for the dinner on March 15 at the Admiral Rodney, speak to Sheila Craker as soon as possible.

#### **Simple solutions**

*(Tips and tools from the WI on reducing your exposure to chemicals in the home).*

Conditioner for all hair types – Instead of using shop-bought conditioners (many of which contain preservatives, some of which are known carcinogens) try this alternative to make your hair shine naturally. Lightly beat two eggs mixed with some milk and run the mixture through your hair. Leave on for 5 minutes then rinse off immediately. Another alternative is to warm half a cup of olive oil, add two teaspoons of fresh ground lavender and the dry contents of two peppermint tea bags. Massage into damp hair, cover for 20 minutes and then wash out (submitted by Essex Federation WI). Please note these hints have not had trials by any member of Martley WI, but anyone willing to have a go, please send news of results to the Villager.

*Kate King*

## *Walk for Desi*

On April 1, we are organising an event to raise money in memory of Desi Green.

Many of you knew Desi and in recognition of what she meant to us all, we want to plant a small area of woodland as a lasting tribute.

Very generously, Mr and Mrs Kirby of Hope House Farm, Martley have identified a piece of land for such a purpose. This is in Martley, to the east of Hope House Land, next to their fishing pools; easily identified by the disused wind pump.

Along with John, Desi's husband, and Bede, a lot tree expert, we have visited the site and discussed the sorts of trees that might be suitable. We are awaiting a formal plan of suggested planting that will include silver birch and lime trees. Apparently, grey squirrels are the biggest pest locally to some young trees, so care, in choice of tree, is essential.

The resulting area will be known as Desi's wood and hopefully will be a long-lasting memorial to our dear friend and colleague.

The money is needed to buy the trees, their protective stakes and the planting. So, on April 1 we shall meet at 10am on the Great Witley village hall car park to follow a walk over Redmarley onto Abberley Hill, to complete a circuit back in 1-1/2 hours. On our return we shall have coffee and cakes in the village hall.



Everyone is welcome to join us. Participation is £5 per person by ticket from the surgery and includes map and refreshments.

Stout footwear and clothing appropriate to the weather is recommended.

Desi had many friends and we are aware that a lot of people may not feel able to do the walk. However, we do hope you will also feel welcome to join us just for refreshments and a chat from 11.30am – also by ticket please.

Any other donations would be welcome, although we are aware that many of you have already given very generously.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on the day.

*The Great Witley surgery  
and district nurses.*

## ***Martley Ramblers***

*12 March 2pm in the Church Car Park.*

This year, having been led around Worcester, over a golf course and under and over dual carriageway bridges on a very interesting walk led by Jill Strudwick, we were then obliged to follow Eileen and Neil Stammers the next month. This month we shall have to trust Helen and George Coombey-Jones and follow "Where ere they wander", wherever that may be. Be ready 2pm sharp at the church car park to have the mystery unravelled. Although a copy of the year's programme has been printed in the February Villager, anyone wanting further details is welcome to contact secretary Pam Bowers or the chairman, Harry King.

*Kate King*

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

Members were welcomed to the first meeting of the New Year by Ray Ellis, the vice-chairman of the Society. Everyone was thanked for making the Annual Christmas Dinner such a success. Jack and Nellie Bradley expressed their thanks to the Horticultural Society for the presentation of a life membership of the Society, for their work with the Society since its formation in 1976. The guest speaker was Mr Gordon Forrest. He has been a mem-

ber of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust for 35 years. It was interesting to hear that there are over 70 Nature Reserves in the county, and some 15,000 members of the Wildlife Trust. His talk was of particular interest to gardeners and country folk. He emphasised the constant struggle to protect and maintain wildlife in this ever-changing environment.

The Spring Show this year is on Saturday March 25 at 2pm in Martley Village Hall. There will be plants, cakes, preserves etc for sale too. The show is open for anyone to enter. Schedules are available from the village shops or a Society member.

### **Show classes are as follows:**

1. 3 Daffodils or Narcissi, single flower, mixed or one variety
2. 1 single Hyacinth
3. 3 Daffodils or Narcissi, double flower, mixed or one variety
4. 3 miniature Tulips, any species
5. 3 Daffodils or Narcissi, multi headed, mixed or one variety
6. 5 stems cultivated primroses
7. 3 miniature Daffodils or Narcissi, single headed, mixed or one variety
8. 5 stems polyanthus
9. 3 miniature Daffodils or Narcissi, multi headed, mixed or one variety
10. 6 Pansies, mixed or one variety
11. 3 miniature Daffodils or Narcissi, double flower, mixed or one variety
12. A vase of Hellebores
13. Specimen bloom – Daffodil or Narcissus
14. A vase of mixed cut Spring Flowers, excluding shrubs

15. An arrangement of Spring Flowers and Foliage
16. A vase of flowering shrubs
17. An Easter table decoration using any medium
18. A limerick about Spring

### Children's Classes

1. Collage of an Easter Chick – six years and under
2. A painting for Mothering Sunday – seven years and under
3. A lamb made from recycled material – eight years and under
4. A Spring picture using ICT – 10 years and under
5. An acrostic poem using "MOTHER" – 11 years and under
6. A decorated baseball cap – 11 years and under

An Easter Egg for the winner of each class.

At the meeting on Thursday March 30 at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall, the speaker will be Geoff Oke, his subject "Fuchias are Fun". There will be plants for sale and judging of the hyacinth bulb competition. New members very welcome.

*Nellie Bradley*

### *Martley & District Pre-School*

A Promises Auction is to be held at Plas Gwlad, Prickley Green, Martley on Sunday July 17 at 2pm. £5 per adult. Please bring your friends and your cheque book.

### *Pre-School Snippets*



Last half-term, the children had a fabulous time exploring transportation. This half-term they are having roaring fun with dinosaurs.

A big thank you to Val Weddel-Hall and Pat Finch for an excellent buffet at the Valentine's disco on February

11th. A great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Are you green fingered? We are looking for a volunteer to do a little gardening in our fantastic play area. We are also in need of helpers for pre-school sessions on Monday afternoons, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you would like to help with the behind-the-scenes work that goes on at the school, we are always happy for volunteers to join the committee. New ideas and support are always welcome. If you are interested, please contact Kath at the Pre-School.

**Congratulations Corner** - Happy Birthday to Casper Mulcahy who was three years old on the 3rd of February.

## ***Thoughts of an older person***

Remember that older folk are worth a fortune – with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their tummies. Although I am getting older, I have two gentlemen with me always. Will Power helps me out of bed and Arthur Ritis never leaves me alone. The Vicar says that at my age I should be thinking about the “hereafter”. I do that all the time. No matter where I am, in the lounge, study, kitchen or upstairs, I am always asking myself – “What am I here after”

*EC*

## ***Broadwas brownies had great fun!***

We Brownies have had an exciting Sunday afternoon at the pantomime watching Cinderella’s Dream, the pantomime was at Bromyard Conquest Theatre. It was about a beautiful girl called Cinderella who was very pretty, who had two really ugly sisters that bullied her, which also looked very funny because they were played by two men! In the break we had sweets, drinks and ice cream. Then the show carried on with Cinderella going to the prince’s ball and losing her slipper, it was a lovely ending with Cinderella in a gorgeous wedding dress marrying the prince charming.

At the end there was a very funny Russian man, who needed people from

the audience to be in his circus, and guess who was picked to go on stage? My sister Lucy! She had to hold a long stick with a spinning plate on top. I have never seen her concentrate that much in my life. We all had a great time and would like to thank Tawny Owl and Brown Owl.

*Claire Brooke*

## ***Martley Web Mesh Update***

Martley now has a mesh network of six nodes, one email server and more than 25 users listed. We also have a second “backhaul”, or signal, coming into the system, which gives it greater reliability.

We are gradually expanding the system and are currently investigating providing Web Mesh facilities at The Chantry High School. Being a wireless system, the greater the distance between nodes and/or the customers, the slower the throughput overall. What this means is that we are now concentrating on Martley village, or at least those potential installations nearest to the existing nodes, then expanding the system outwards from the centre of Martley. So if your house is in that geographical area and are thinking of moving to a broadband service, give us a call! The standard installation cost of about £100 covers the cost of a box to receive the wireless signal and all cables or antennas needed. We can supply additional equipment, such as wireless cards, at a reasonable cost.



Our customers have a good deal at £12 per month. Unlike many commercial firms, there is no restriction on download capacity or the number of computers per household and a martley.org email address is available free.

For more information call Richard Jackman (01886 821237), John Layton (01886 888460) or Tom Pearsall (01886 888256) or email [webmaster@martley.org](mailto:webmaster@martley.org)

### ***Martley Past***

Harriet Shaw, still in her first three months from college, wrote on 27 March 1871, "Punished a child for taking a girl's dinner out of her basket and giving it to a dog. I spoke to the whole school about it and impressed upon their minds the seriousness of such a crime. Having done this, I took the child into my sitting room and prayed with her that she might be led to see what a very wrong thing she had done and ask for forgiveness."

*ALB*

### ***Knightwick and district trefoil guild***

A.G.M. was held at the home of Gladys Palmer in Bromyard, the following officers were duly elected.

Chairman, Pat Bradley.

Vice-chairman, Chris Brown.

Secretary, Janet Davis.

Assistant Secretary, Sue Ganderton.

Treasurer, Sylvia Jeffreys

Public Relations, Geraldine Cooper.

An exciting programme for the coming year was planned.

*Geraldine Cooper.*

### ***Martley Parish Council***

*Held on Monday, February 6 at the Memorial Hall*

Present: Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear, Cllr. Mrs. M. Randall, Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh, Cllr. Mr. J. Slough, Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones, Cllr. Mr. M. Nott Cllr. Mr. N. Stammers.

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

In the absence of Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp, Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor took the duty of Chairman.

#### **The Democratic Period/Public Question Time**

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

A question was asked why there was no sign on the A44 showing the proposed roadworks on Ankerdine; the Clerk to write to Highways to request better signage and to ask if the "cats eyes" will be removed from the area where it is proposed to be removed the white lines.

A statement was made about the planning application for "Tarragon" Berrow Green. The Clerk explained the procedure for this application that will

come up in agenda item 9.

A question was asked about the parking situation in Mortlake Drive, where cars are being parked on the footpath. The Clerk will leave notices on the cars or through the letterboxes to explain that the obstruction of the footpath is an offence (a recent incident occurred where a pedestrian had a "narrow miss" resulting from the footpath being obstructed).

The Parish Council Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8:14 pm.

205-06 Apologies: apologies were received from Cllr. D. Cropp and were accepted.

206-06 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests: The Clerk reminded everyone of the need to declare interests and to keep their list up to date.

Cllr. G. Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 on the agenda (planning application 05/01885/FUL) and a personal interest in item 4.

Cllr.J. Slough declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 (planning application 06/00102/FUL)

207-06 Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th. January 2006: Minute 202-05 the name of Mrs. Molly Wall was incorrectly spelled. With this amendment it was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

At this point Cllr. G. Taylor stood down as chairman and Cllr G. Coombey-Jones was elected to chairman

208-06 Charitable donation in memoriam or Mr. D. Taylor: It was resolved to make donation of £10 each to Air

Ambulance, District Nurses and St. Richard Hospice.

At this point Cllr G. Taylor resumed the chair.

209-06 Village Signs and flower beds: It was resolved to move this item to next month's agenda.

210-06n District Councillor's **Report:**

District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams reported that no decision as yet had been made on the rate of council tax. Once again MHDC will be auditing their planning process and will contact this council for comments

**211-06, Correspondence:**

Correspondence for 6<sup>th</sup>. February 2006.

- 1 WCC: E-mail Mr. M. Davies ref. weight limit on Ankerdine.
2. MHDC: Precept request.
3. MHDC: Street numbering St. Peters Drive reply to out letter.
4. WCC: Highways Parish Lengthman scheme(letters crossed)
5. Mrs. R. Davidson: Copies of letters from Elgar & Severn Trent ref renumbering St. Peters Drive.
6. MHDC: Exec meeting 24<sup>th</sup>. Jan
7. FWAG: News
8. WCC: Worcestershire Highways Partnerships meeting on 25<sup>th</sup>. Jan
9. MHDC: Govt. estimate of rough sleepers on the night of 26<sup>th</sup>. Feb.
10. MHDC: Reply to request for precept.
11. WCC: Bus stop infrastructure

review, request for information.

12. WCC: Freecycle posters.

13. WCC: WCC Carriageway repairs B4197 Ankerdine Hill.

14. Email Mr. Barlow: Referring to Ankerdine.

15. MHDC/WCC: Future travel in Malvern Hills District (meeting 8th. March The Foley Arms Malvern 10am.).

16. Herefordshire C: SCI documents

17. WCC: Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

18. Glasdon: Catalogue (notice boards etc.)

19. Worc CALC: January circulation

20. Land Registry: Information

21. TeleCare: Annual report

22. MHDC: The re-use of rural buildings (SPD)...consultation draft (reply by 24th. Feb)

23. Mr. Stephen Raven: Copy of letter to MHDC Planning ref. "Tarragon" planning application. (Planning file).

24. MHDC: Vision 21 Annual update; leaflet.

25. WCC: Temporary Closure Order C2068 Hockhams Lane (6th. March for 5 days)

212-06: County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor Mr. A. Davies reported that Highways Partnership Units are to be re-organised; there are three options: 1. One central unit, 2. Three HPUs and 2. Two HPUs (Malvern & Lydiate Ash). There has not been a good budget settlement

from Government, only 2% increase, giving a funding gap of approx. £10M. Council tax rise will be recommended at approx. 4.94%. WCC has been awarded four stars in their rating system (equivalent to last year's excellent). The road signage will be improved on the B4204 including Kenswick.

#### **Planning:**

Cllr. G. Taylor relinquished the chair to Cllr. G. Coombey-Jones and left the room

05/01885/FUL Tarragon Berrow Green Road: conservatory extension; Cllr. G. Coombey-Jones; (letter received from neighbour was read out). It was resolved to object to this application.

Cllr. G. Taylor returned and resumed the chair.

06/00101/FUL Pasmead St. Peters Drive: Front ground and first floor extns; Cllr. G. Coombey-Jones; (verbal communication received). It was resolved to object to this application.

Cllr. J. Slough left the room.

06/00102/FUL Rowend Berrow Green Road: two storey extn. and new double garage; Cllr. G. Taylor. Site meeting required (Sunday 8th. Feb 10:00).

Cllr. J. Slough returned.

#### **Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn:**

05/01643/FUL Willow Green Cottage (single storey rear extension)

Withdrawn

05/01227/FUL Lower Hollins Farmhouse (instl. Of 1350L oil tank)

Approved

05/01648/FUL Sandyfields Kingswood Lane(prop.Agri workersdwelling).Withdrawn.

05/01792/LBC Horsham Court (resiting of Horsham Old Court).

Withdrawn.

05/01790/FUL Horsham Court (rebuilding Horsham Old Court with additional new wing)

Withdrawn.

05/01704/FUL Hilltop Farm Horsham (conversion of former agri. Building to form new dwelling)

Approved with conditions.

05/01710/LBC Hilltop Farm Horsham (Part demolition of former Oast House to form dwelling)

Consent granted subject to conditions

Other items: None

**Finance:**

There were 11 cheques totalling £2698.43 for agreement and signature Income December 05:Lengthman Nov & Dec 05 £700.00

Total: £700.00

Current Bank Balance Lloyds TSB 29th. Dec 05£8313.24

Actual position 6th. Feb 06  
£4357.78

Deposit Acc

£7308.60

It was resolved to accept the finances

.215-05 Waste Bins: It was agreed to link this item with the provision of village signage and flower boxes for future agendas

216-05 Parish Paths Warden Report:

The report is reproduced as addendum.

217-05 Urgent Decisions since last meeting:

Payment of BT phone for library

218-05 Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas:

1. Cllr. R. McHugh read out a statement objecting to the weight limit on B4197; this is reproduced as addendum 2

2. A list of required hedge cutting was passed to the Clerk for transmission to WCC Highways.

3. It was requested that an article be placed in The Villager reminding dog owners of their responsibility when using footpaths.

4. The Clerk was requested to ask MHDC to litter pick on the B4204 between The Kedges and Kenswick Manor.

5. It was requested that a meeting be arranged to discuss the Worcestershire Highways Partnerships (arranged for Monday 13th. 19:30 at the Memorial Hall.

**Date and time of next meeting:**

The next meeting is on Monday 6th March 2006 at 8 p.m.

Meeting closed at 22.05 hrs.

***Addendum 1***

Parish Paths Warden's Report

For January 2006

A smaller than usual working group spent the whole of January session replacing signposts removed in December by parties as yet unknown, plus a small stretch of clearance and that was that.

The highlight of January for me as Parish Paths Warden was an evening at Worcester Rugby Club with 120 from a total of 160 PPW's from Worcestershire and a goodly sprinkling of Countryside Services staff including Ian Bamforth the big chief.

This was the long-awaited opportunity to receive copies of the latest definitive map (at a scale of 1:5000) and the PPW Manual. The CS area officers each spoke as did the chap in charge of the new definitive map project. Yours truly was asked to give a short presentation on the work that the Path-or-Nones do in Martley and this seemed to go down quite well. At least everyone in the room now knows a) that Martley exists, and b) where it is. They also know we have clear paths and some old tractors lying about.

JSN 5th February 2006.

### *Addendum 2*

Statement by Cllr. R. McHugh

I would like to thank Councillor Williams for her support in trying to stop the implementation of the 18t Weight limit and traffic calming measures on Ankerdine Hill. As we all know they will have no effect on road safety, but may prevent a small amount of inconvenience for the residents.

We live in a rural area with all the problems of narrow roads and large agricultural machinery, but the restrictions put on Ankerdine will have untold costs on small local businesses at peak seasonal times, all of whom pay

their rates and road taxes.

Local farming businesses will be affected, Bulmers who have many acres of apples around Wichenford, will now have an extra 30-40 miles per journey to get to Hereford, also the potato growers have to use the alternative routes via Clifton-upon-Teme or St. Johns adding considerable time and distance to their journeys.

These people are only with us for 5-6 weeks each year but apparently they could not be tolerated. We all know that Tesco and the other big supermarkets will use any excuse to buy produce from abroad so these extra costs will have to be absorbed by the growers if they wish to continue trading in these markets.

Mccains, which is Britain's largest potato processors, already buys a large proportion of its potatoes from abroad and likewise Bulmers, which is now part of a national company will have no problem buying cheap apple juice from Eastern Europe.

On a note closer to home, the income

### *Martley Library*

Martley Village Hall, Berrow Green Road, Martley, WR66PQ.

Tel: 01886 888396

Opening hours

Mon 2.00-7.00

Wed 4.00-7.30

Thurs 10.00-1.00

Fri 2.00-4.00

Sat 10.00-12 noon

from the drivers of the potato and apple lorries will be sadly missed by your local shops. It may only add a few hundred pounds to their income, but it is all needed when Tesco will deliver your weekly groceries for £3-£4 each week. They will not, however, bring your Sunday paper or a pint of milk. So when we have totally isolated Martley and over the next few years you lose your PO your garage and your shop, you can all look back and say we helped to bring that about.

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

At the meeting in February, the Chairman and members were pleased to welcome those Poppy Appeal collectors who have been collecting locally for five or more years of continuous service. As president it was indeed a privi-

lege to present certificates to Jay Popplewell, Hugh Popplewell, Pam Ryland and Geoff Tyler. Neville and Elizabeth Hill were unable to attend, but will be presented with theirs at a future date.

The RBL depends on the Poppy Appeal collection to fund the many needs of the ex-service community, so a huge 'thank you' to our faithful band of collectors and to those who give so generously in our community. Last year's collection raised a record amount to our area £1,608. We are still hoping that someone will offer their services as Hon Secretary to the branch. Even if you are not a member of the RBL or ex-service, you would be made most welcome. The next meeting is Monday, March 4, 8m at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick.

*Joyce Tyler  
President.*

### ***Services at Martley Post Office***

**Banking Services:** On-line banking for the following banks; Alliance and Leicester, Barclays, Lloyds TSB, Co-operative Bank and UK Smile. For each of these banks you can pay money in, pay cheques in and withdraw money all free of charge. For all other banks, the use of a cashpoint is available for a small charge of £1.50.

### ***Shop Facilities***

Services: Photo copying, faxing, laminating and DVD hire.

**Film Processing:** Photos from your memory cards, CDs, 35mm and APS films all processed within 24 hours and brought to you in partnership with Bromyard Post Office.

Advertising in the shop window for a small charge.

Items for purchase: Tobacco, wine, beer, a selection of spirits, soft drinks, sweets, crisps, ice cream, 35mm and APS films, disposable cameras, batteries, torches, lottery, scratch cards, greetings cards, postcards, gifts by silver scenes.

Also available: glass hire and sale or return on alcohol (glasses come free on all purchases over £50).



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

## WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

There was a full house for the Broadheath Discussion Club Annual Dinner held at Sapey Golf Club. Nearly 100 members and guests enjoyed the traditional roast goose, cooked to perfection, and a good time was had by all.

Once again our local farmers have had a successful year and prize winners are:

- Peter Andrews 1<sup>st</sup> maize, 2<sup>nd</sup> grass ley, 3<sup>rd</sup> dairy herd.
- Trevor Pargeter 1<sup>st</sup> beef herd, 2<sup>nd</sup> maize.
- John Richards 1<sup>st</sup> dairy herd, 3<sup>rd</sup> maize.
- Helen Pargeter 1<sup>st</sup> best garden

### *Church Flowers*

- 5 March Mrs A Banks
- 12 March Lent – no flowers
- 19 March “ “
- 26 March “ “

Ladies Fellowship meet at 2.30pm in the home of Mrs J Root on March 21.

“Age Happens” – The best quotes about growing older:

“Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.”

“By the time a man is wise enough to



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watch his step, he’s too old to go anywhere.”

“Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster too.”

### *Nora Parsons’ Day Centre*

The Christmas Bazaar raised £530.83 for the Day Centre funds. Help is still needed; both drivers and help at the centre are required. If you have a little spare time you would be warmly welcomed. The centre is open on Monday and Thursday 9.30am-3.30pm. Phone Margaret Johnson on 01905-754410.

### *Woman’s World Day of Prayer*

This year the service will take place on Friday March 3 at 2.30pm at St Ed-burga Church, Leigh, the speaker will be Rev Jan Fox. Please come and bring your friends. All will be welcome.

## *Wichenford Whist*

Once again the series of whist drives organised by Mrs Hazel Nichols are going well and there is always a good attendance each month. The Christmas whist was a particularly happy occasion with the hall decorated festively by Mr Derrick Jinks. There was a beautiful array of prizes kindly donated by members of the Hall Com-

mittee, Parish Council and others to whom we are most grateful. Friends also donated mince pies that were much enjoyed at refreshment time. Thank you to all who support the whist drives, everyone who gave prizes and refreshments, Elsie Whitehead and Marion Jinks for their work in the kitchen and especially Hazel Nichols for organising the whist.

### *In memoriam: Molly Jean Wall*

Molly died suddenly at her home in Droitwich. Her death is a great loss not only to her family and friends, but to the many organisations to which she so generously gave her time,

Molly was born in London and her first connection with the countryside was when she became secretary to "The Shorthorn Cattle Breeders Society". After a time she moved to Shelsley Beauchamp where she met her future husband, Norman, to whom she was very happily married for over 50 years. They made their home at Ockeridge and had two children, Christopher and Anne. Molly soon became involved in village life particularly in Little Witley, she also worked with other nearby villages and organisations. Everything she undertook was done with a smile.

In Martley, she was secretary to the Martley Old Grammar School Foundation, and in Wichenford she served as

secretary to the Nora Parsons' Day Centre management committee. She was a keen member of the Wichenford Ladies Fellowship and became their leader. The village fete was a favourite of hers and she always ran a stall. She was a keen card player and eagerly supported the Memorial Hall Whist Drives. Molly would type out articles for The Villager magazine and ensure that they met the deadline. She was interested in the Young Farmers organisation, and was on the Advisory Committee of Abberley YFC. The British Legion also benefited from her help.

After the death of her husband, Molly moved to live in Droitwich, and although she hadn't lived there for long, she once again began giving her help where it was needed. The large number of people attending her funeral was a tribute to the esteem and affection in which she was held. We send our heartfelt sympathy to her son Chris, his wife Ann, to her daughter Anne and to her grandchildren Rachel and Tom.



## *A visit from a Missionary couple working in Africa*

One cold Sunday evening at St Mary Magdalene Broadwas we found ourselves transported to the searing heat of the African Bush. This, however, was no holiday destination.

David and Heather Sharland are our Benefice Mission Link Partners and, through pictures and tales of their experiences, they brought alive for us the difficulties and challenges that face them in Southern Sudan. They live and work in Lui, a small village, but travel frequently to Uganda.

It was during a well earned rest in England that they kindly came to talk about their work and mission. David is an agriculturist and combines biblical teaching with practical skills in food production and in making the most of natural resources in a poor area. Heather is a nurse and midwife and it is through these skills that she has encouraged a biblical approach to health, nutrition and hygiene.

The practical problems in Lui are enormous ... there is no electricity supply and the nearest water is a river 10 miles away. Although the war in Sudan is ending, there is the ever present threat of violence. With so much fighting, guns are commonplace and travelling is particularly hazardous. Even a quiet walk away from the village is not possible ... the countryside is littered with anti-personnel mines.

Despite all these problems, David and Heather have achieved much. Food is

growing in once bare ground as David has introduced new crops and trees well suited to the harsh conditions.

Goats have been brought to the village and live in sheltered corrals. These very hardy animals are proving to be of enormous benefit to the villagers.

The greatest wish of the Lui children is to "go to school." Classes are starting up in the village, but there is such a shortage of the necessary resources that little can be done as yet for these children who, up till now, knew only war and violence.

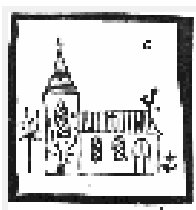
This is an area where lives have been torn apart; putting them back together again is long and difficult process. So many of the skills passed from one generation to the next have been lost and need to be regenerated. But there are encouraging signs - through a marriage blessing service there is a new commitment to faithfulness which impacts on the problem of HIV/AIDS.

How heart-warming it was to hear what two such dedicated people can achieve but, even more impressive, is the great depth of Christian love they have for the people they serve.

As a Benefice, we are very pleased to be able to support them both financially and through prayer to further their ministry among the people of Lui.

*If you would like to know more then please contact:*

*Douglas and Jennifer Whittaker on 01886 8333897 or Rev. David Sherwin on 888664.*



# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

## *'Healing'*

Healing is something we all need during our life. From birth to death, those involved in the medical profession are involved in our lives. Healing is more than just the absence of sickness much like peace is more than just the absence of war. Healing and health involves what we call wholeness. It is a sense of wellbeing that affects all aspects of our life, the way we think and act, as well as the physical and mental wellbeing of our body and mind.

In recent years, many different 'alternative' approaches to medicine have been introduced into our culture. I cannot speak for these therapies, but I can vouch for one approach that the Christian church has been involved with since the time of Christ.

Jesus encouraged his followers to follow his example and pray for the sick, to lay hands on, anoint them with oil and ask God for healing. We know from the stories of Jesus and the early church that such healing was practiced. Throughout church history there have been stories of 'saints' being given gifts of healing by God and people being healed by God through their prayers.

It is still a part of the Church's minis-

try today. We still obey Jesus's command to us to pray for the sick and to anoint with oil. In my varied ministry I have seen God do extraordinary things through prayer; I have also seen his answers in unexpected ways. I have seen that 'wholeness' of healing come to people as they have prayed even though some have not been cured of their ailment. In faith we pray and allow God to do the rest.

Our first healing service this year is on Sunday 12th March at St. Mary Magdalene Church Broadwas. If you cannot get to the service, but wish for prayer at anytime we would be more than happy to meet with you and pray for you. God bless and keep you all.

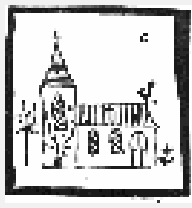
*Rev David Sherwin*

\* A note to let you know that our first two special events of the year have taken place. The youth service in January saw 50 attend, and as a result of the enthusiasm we'll now hold a youth service once a month. The First Sunday of the month, beginning with Sunday 5th March. Come and join us for worship with a difference

\* The second special was the Celebration of Marriage service; once again 50 people came and were able to thank God for their marriage. What a wonderful time we had.

## *Church Diary for March*

- Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday  
10.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford  
7.30pm, Holy Communion, St Peter Martley
- Thursday 2nd March 1.30pm Pastoral Care Meeting at the Rectory
- Friday 3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer, Leigh Church
- Saturday 4th March 8.30-10.00am Men's Breakfast at the Talbot Knightwick  
9.00 – 10.30am Benefice Prayer Group at Knightwick Chapel
- Sunday 5th March 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel  
9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford  
11.00am Family Worship, St Peter Martley  
11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge  
6.30pm Youth Service, St Peter Martley
- Week beg. 6th March 5 week Lent course begins – Life Balance
- Monday 6th March 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- Tuesday 7th March 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
11.00-12.30 Lent Course, Nora Parsons Day Centre  
8.00pm Lent Course, home of George & June Lawrence
- Wednesday 8th Mar 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House  
4.30pm Evening Prayer, St Leonard, Cotheridge
- Thursday 9th March 2.00pm Little Minnows, St Peter Martley  
7.30pm Lent Course, the Rectory
- Sunday 12th March 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge  
10.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford  
11.00am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley  
11.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
6.30pm Healing Service, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Monday 13th March 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at Half Key
- Tuesday 14th March 11.00-12.30 Lent Course, Nora Parsons Day Centre  
8.00pm Lent Course, home of George & June Lawrence
- Wednesday 15th Mar 4.30pm Evening Prayer, St Peter Martley
- Thursday 16th March 7.30pm Lent Course at the Rectory
- Sunday 19th March 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  
11.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford (cont. overleaf)



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## *Church Diary for March (cont.)*

- 3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel  
Monday 20th March 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter Martley  
Tuesday 21st March 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
11.00-12.30 Lent Course, Nora Parsons Day Centre  
4.30pm Evening Prayer at St John's Parish Church  
8.00pm Lent Course, home of George & June Lawrence  
Wednesday 22nd Mar 10.15am, Holy Communion, Heaton House  
4.30pm Evening Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford  
Thursday 23rd March 7.30pm Lent Course at the Rectory  
Saturday 25th March Go West, 10.30-4.00, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
Sunday 26th March Mothering Sunday  
8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
11.00am Family Communion, St Peter Martley  
11.00am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
11.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford  
6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter Martley  
Monday 27th March 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
7.30pm Warden's Meeting at the Rectory  
Tuesday 28th March 11.00-12.30 Lent Course, Nora Parsons Day Centre  
8.00pm Lent Course, home of George & June Lawrence  
Wednesday 29th Mar 4.30pm Evening Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
Thursday 30th March 7.30pm Lent course at the Rectory

As you will see from your diary there will be Lent Groups to be held on Tuesday mornings at the Nora Parsons Day Centre, Tuesday evenings at the home of George and June Lawrence, and on Thursday evenings at the Rectory. We would encourage you to try to take part in one of these if you can, and please let David or Jennifer know which group you would like to be part of. If you need a lift let us know, and indeed if you can give lifts please also let us know. We look forward to seeing you.

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