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March 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

Enquiries: Tracey Hopkins
07710 493617

See Church Words for details of services

- Fri 4 **Women's World Day of Prayer** 2pm
Clifton upon Teme
- Sun 6 **Mothering Sunday**
- Mon 7 **Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council Meeting** 7.45pm Wichenford Memorial Hall
Martley Parish Council Meeting 8pm
Memorial Hall
- Wed 9 **Martley WI: Mr P Findley talks about The National Trust** 7.30pm
Sport Martley
- Fri 11 **Partner Whist Drive** 8pm Wichenford Memorial Hall
- Sun 13 **Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce** 11am The Talbot, Knightwick
Martley Ramblers around Martley to Tenbury. Meet 2pm Church car park
- Thu 17 **Meeting of The Wine Club** 8pm
Wichenford Memorial Hall
- Sat 19 **Martley & District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show** 2pm
Martley Memorial Hall
- Sun 20 **Walking Not Working with the Path-or-Nones.** Meet 9.30am Village Hall car park to help survey the footpaths
- Fri 25 **Good Friday**
- Sat 26 **Open Garden at 1, Prickley Bungalows, Hockhams La.** 2-6pm
- Sun 27 **Easter Day**
Open Garden (as 26 March)
- Mon 28 **Easter Bank Holiday**
- Thu 31 **Martley & District Horticultural Society:** Jenny Worsfold, her subject "I'll be the judge of that". 7.30pm
Martley Memorial Hall

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

An ordinary meeting of the Martley Parish Council was held on Monday 7 February 2005 at the Memorial Hall. Cllr Mr. D. Cropp Chairman

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

A parishioner asked if the hedges just above the Horsham turn on the B4197, could be cut. Cllr. R. McHugh drew the attention of the Council to Sect 154 of the Highways Act. The Clerk will write to Highways requesting action. A parishioner enquired about the progress of the provision of a seat in memory of Mrs. G. Walford. The Chairman is to meet Mr. R. Walford in the spring to agree a location. Broadheath village has a pleasant village map and a parishioner asked if Martley should follow suit. This is to be investigated by the Clerk. A parishioner enquired if the large sign, recently erected adjacent to the road, by The Crown Inn, had in fact received planning permission; the Clerk to investigate. It was suggested that an external light should be provided at the library, possibly controlled by a timer; the Clerk to investigate. A parishioner

enquired about progress on the B4197 with ref. to Ankerdine and mentioned that several lorries had become stuck just before the summit. Cllr. G. Taylor reported that he had attended the Worcestershire Freight Transport meeting and a solution was unlikely until funding had been released and the Northern Ring Road (Worcester) completed. In addition, the geological survey of the hillside at Ankerdine is not yet complete.

Budget Worcestershire County Council:

The Chairman reported on his visit to this meeting. It is likely that council tax will rise by 4.25%

District Councillor's Report:

District Councillor Mrs. B. Williams was not present and no report given

County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor Mr. A. Davies reported a meeting had been arranged to discuss the Local Transport Plan on Friday 11 March at 7:30. Another meeting has been arranged by Wichenford PC at Kenswich Manor on Wednesday 16 February at 2:30 to discuss speeding on B4204. Chantry School has been awarded Specialist

College Status (Technology).

Planning:

Applications received: 04/02027/FUL The Old Barn Martley Court Barns: Conservatory. 05/00109/FUL 50 St. Peters Drive Extn. 05/00121/FUL Lone Shielding Hockhams Ln. Conservatory. 05/00158/FUL The Orchards (Worcester Road) Repl. Bungallow. Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn: 04/02030/FUL Tomkins Cottage. Approved. 04/01751/FUL Treetops Hillside. Approved. 04/01932/LBC Honeysuckle Cottage Hillside. Approved. 04/01897/FUL. Ditto. Approved.

Correspondence:

Included: Sir Michael Spicer surgery times. Office of Dep. Prime Minister: Freedom of Information Act 2000. BT Removal of pay phones. MHDC Local Plan Public Enquiry. Pre meeting on Mon 28 Feb at 2pm Priory Lodge Hall. MHDC License Memorial Hall (Cllrs. D. Cropp & N. Stammers left the room during discussion). MHDC Changes to the New Planning System. Calor “Village of the year”. MHDC “Government valuation of rough sleeping in Malvern Hills District. Reply needed by 31 March. Evertons. Re Crown Inn, their reply to lighting issue.

Finance:

There were 4 cheques totalling £794.83 for agreement and signature

Parish Paths Warden Report:

No report this month.

Road Junction B4197/B4204 Centre of Village:

No contact from Highways yet.

Ancient Hedgerows:

No response as yet from MHDC Planning

Malvern Hills District Local Plan:

Notice of the Public Enquiry has been received. The Clerk to write setting out this Council’s position.

Urgent Decisions since last meeting:

Cheque for BT (library) signed prior to this meeting.

List of Suggested Grants:

The list was amended to account for those items which are covered by other finances.

Replacement of Lengthman:

The Clerk reported that one application had been received and that the applicant had “shadowed” the Lengthman for one day.

Councillor Training:

The Clerk outlined proposals to link with several adjacent parishes to offer training, possible in Martley Memorial Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk should proceed with the arrangements.

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas:

Following complaints regarding bonfires, it was agreed to request the editor of The Villager to include this article in a convenient issue. Several landowners had reported persons running at night causing some concern. Cllr.M. Nott had determined that the group is called “The Hash Harriers” and that they organise night runs in different parishes along footpaths. It was felt that “The Hash Harriers” should give

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Joan Campbell Grant

We are very sad to hear of the death of Joan Campbell Grant on 19 January. Joan, along with Canon Bill Richards, started The Villager magazine in 1992, with Joan becoming its first Editor. There will be a tribute to Joan in next month's issue of The Villager.

Thank You

Jeremy Campbell Grant wishes to thank all those who so kindly sent him helpful and touching messages on the death of his beloved wife, Joan.

Fundraisers from Martley

Martin Hill swam 52 metres in 56 minutes at Droitwich Pool in January to raise funds for the Tsunami Appeal. His father, John, attempting to keep up, swam 38 metres. Between them they raised nearly £200. Well Done!



Martley WI

Wednesday 9 March Sport Martley

We are getting settled into our new meeting place and are very appreciative of the welcome we have been given. This month the speaker will be Mr P Findley talking about the National Trust and some of its parks and gardens. As membership of the Trust is so popular and many of us pay

our yearly sub, it will be interesting to renew acquaintance with favourite haunts and perhaps make notes for new visits this summer. The competition is for a spring flower arrangement.

The annual dinner will be at the Live and Let Live, Whitbourne on 16 March; names to Sheila Craker.

Members were so sorry to hear of the death of Joan Campbell Grant, a staunch member of our WI until she and Jeremy moved to Malvern a few years ago. We have happy memories of being invited to have our garden meeting in the lovely grounds of their home at The Old Hall.

Kate King

Martley & District Horticultural Society

At the first meeting of the new year, a good attendance was welcomed by the chairman of the Society, Barbara Kirby. She thanked everyone for making the Annual Christmas Dinner such a success, also for help with the Society's stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair. The guest speaker for the evening was Maurice Bracher from Burford House Gardens at Tenbury Wells, who gave an interesting talk with slides on shrubs and climbing plants. The clematis formed the greater part of the talk, for which Burford House is well known, being the home of one of the greatest collections of these plants. Maurice enlightened the audience on the proper

time of the year and the need for the pruning of clematis and all evergreen plants. The Spring Flower Show will be held in Martley Village Hall on Saturday 19 March at 2pm (not on 26 March as previously stated). There will be plants, cakes and preserves for sale too. The show is open for anyone to enter. Entries on the day accepted between 9.45 and 11.15 am. Schedules from the village shops or a Society member. Show Classes 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 Bunny using any medium
18. A Limerick about Spring

Children’s Classes:

1. A bunch of Spring flowers in a jam jar
2. A scarecrow based on a wooden spoon
3. A painting of ‘The Easter Bunny’
4. A garden insect made from recycled material
5. An acrostic poem using the word ‘SPRING’
6. A poem about Easter
(An Easter Egg for the winner of each class)

At the meeting on Thursday 31 March at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall, the speaker will be Jenny Worsfold, her subject “I’ll be the judge of that”. She will also judge the hyacinth competition. New members very welcome.

Nellie Bradley

***Knightswick and District
Trefoil Guild***

We met at the home of Sue Ganderton for our Annual General Meeting. There were ten members present. All officers were re-elected. Money collected in lieu of Christmas cards came to £60,60 this has been donated to "Walk for the World", which supports Girl Guides.

Members came along with plenty of ideas for the forthcoming year, so we have an exciting programme to look forward to.

Seven members became "Ladies who Lunch" when we attended a New Year

Lunch at The Hundred House, Gt. Wtley. This was organised by The Girl Guides Association and Friends of Blackmore. We enjoyed the opportunity to meeting members from across the county of Worcestershire.

Geraldine Cooper

Martley Show and Fete

Martley Show and Fete will take place this year on Saturday 20 August and the committee are looking for volunteers (e.g. families) to assist in running the side shows. An opportunity to have fun and get involved.

Please contact either our chairman Ray Ellis on 01886 888874 or our secretary Helen Coombey Jones on 01886 888294

Martley Ramblers

Sunday 13 March 2pm

Now that the afternoons are lengthening, we can venture further afield so, this month, we will be leaving at 2pm prompt to head for Tenbury. Pam and Anthony will be leading around an area we have not visited for some time. The first walk in January around Worcester, was on a sunny but cool afternoon. It is always interesting to see the back side of the Faithful City, quite different from the touristy Severn side. The 5 miles without stiles or hills were a quite easy introduction to the new season.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

The arrival of Spring and the Spring lambs are eagerly awaited although some of the Spring flowers have been in bloom for some weeks now. There were roadside primroses shining at the end of January. The usual mini-streams running down the Lane have probably helped by providing a constant supply of nutrients and moisture. The woolly lambs tails (hazel catkins) have mostly gone now – not in great numbers this year with the tidy hedgerows cut back before the hazels could bloom. The squirrels will be hoping for another good walnut harvest.

At the time of the Big Garden Birdwatch, the driver delivering our frequent supply of CJ Birdfood was highly amazed and amused at the line up of tits, greenfinches and sparrows awaiting their breakfast. The RSPB will never believe the numbers quoted. Hopefully, the Dept for Work and Pensions is not aware of where the majority of our pension is spent.

Royal British Legion

The January meeting was well attended and four of our five new members welcomed. As usual several items of business were discussed as were ideas for social events – no details yet but watch this space!! One event has been fixed, a Beetle Drive at Heaton House, Martley on Thursday 17 March at 7pm, entrance £1.50 which will include refreshments. Proceeds

from the Drive will go towards Christmas parcels. We would like to thank all who collected and contributed to the Poppy Appeal, helping us to raise £800.

If you are interested in the work of the Royal British Legion please talk to me or any member known to you.

*Joyce Tyler, Hon Secretary
01886-821551*

Martley Spurs

January started off really well when our boys won both their featured games on Sunday 2nd. In their Katherine Rayer Cup Tie against Colwall St.James, the Premier side came up with a couple of goals to win 2 - 0. The Reserves beat All Blacks 3 - 0 in their Second Division match. The next weekend saw another cup game, this time the semi-final of the Nursing Junior Cup which the Spurs lost. Archdales managed to net one in a game of good goal keeping in which the Spurs were definitely the better team yet managed to miss several fine chances. The Sunday eleven beat AFC Barbourne 2 - 3, Chris Collins notching a pair to his name.

More woes in another cup game were to come on the 15th when the Saturday Premier side lost to Tolladine Sports in their Baylis Group One match. No luck the next morning either when the Sunday Premier eleven lost 4 - 0 to Archdales. However the Reserves did much better by beating Droitwich Spa Reserves by three goals to nil. The

22nd saw the Saturday team beat Welland Athletics 1 - 0 Chris Collins getting those three points for his side. Luke Willetts netted a couple of the Reserves' 4 - 1 win over New Inn Claines while the Premier side lost their Katherine Rayer Cup tie in a high scoring game in which Wayne Baldwin scored two of Martley's three against a storming Archdales' six. The final weekend of the month brought in a wealth of goals. The Baylis Cup Group One game against Goodrest ended with the Spurs netting 7 to Goodrest's 2, both Chris Collins and Steve Pritchett getting a brace. On Sunday the Reserves really thrashed The Vine netting 12 to their opponents 2 with hat tricks for both Luke Willetts and Phil Edwards.

The Sunday League tables, published in the middle of the month, saw the Sunday Premier Eleven in fourth place and the Reserves, in the Second Division, lying fifth. The Spurs send their Easter wishes to all their members, followers and fans.

Beth Williams

Local Convenience

I am a self-professed bookworm and have spent a fortune on books; every bit of shelf space in my house is covered with reading material. While I was living abroad, buying books in English emptied my wallet.

From now on, the annual fete and other fund-raising events are going to suffer from the lack of my literary

offerings, that is piles of books I have bought and read and have no more space to store, because I can now pop down to my local library and pick up anything I fancy from the shelves or order any book, even the latest best seller, I feel I might enjoy. This library has no parking problems, no fines even if a book is a wee bit over due, it is open at some time every day except Tuesdays and Sundays, and even has computers I can use when I like.

Where is this fantastic source of pleasure and information where I can browse, choose or order any book which suits my taste or mood and even have a chat with other bookworms? It is in the COMMITTEE ROOM in Martley Village Hall.

Beth Williams.

Will there be a fatality?

Will there be a fatality on the B4204 (Worcester to Martley Road) before people slow down?

You certainly put your life in your hands when travelling this road, be it in a car or on foot – people fly past you at phenomenal speeds blatantly disregarding the speed restrictions and the layout of the road. People forget that you must continually adjust your speed so that you can stop within the distance that you can see to be clear. This doesn't mean flat out around the corner and just hope that nothing is obstructing the road.

This is a matter that I feel very strongly about, not only am I a

resident along this road but I also have children to take to the Martley Pre-School. I live only 300 yards from the school, but as the road is so dangerous and there is no footpath – I refuse to put my families life at risk by walking to the Pre-School and instead travel this short distance by car.

The 30mph restriction approaching the school might as well not be there. In a period of ONE WEEK five cars had accidents on one corner which is within this limit – Why? – Well, we all know the answer to that one! It's not big or clever to screech your tyres on the corners, people don't think "Hey! That kid is cool!" People look at you and think – PRAT.

So everyone, young or old, this road is not a racetrack, it could be one of your family or friends coming in the opposite direction or going for a walk. Start treating this road with some respect and slow down because the next accident might be a fatality and it might be YOU, or a member of your family. Do you want to be responsible for killing them?

Helen Taylor

Area Co-ordinator Motorway

Guidance Scheme

Institute of Advanced Motorists

PS On behalf of everyone that Ian Draper (postman) delivers to – we would like to wish him a very speedy recovery after being hit by a car on Saturday 15 January 2005, whilst delivering post on the B4204.

Open Garden

This year Megan Griffiths will be opening her garden at 1, Prickley Bungalows, Hockhams Lane on the following dates:

Sat & Sun 27-28 March

Sun 17 April

Sun & Mon 1-2 May & 29-30 May

Sun 12, 26 June

Sun 10 July

The garden is open as part of The National Gardens Scheme. Opening times are 2-6pm. Megan's garden has many interesting herbaceous perennials, a woodland area, a gravel garden and a wildlife pond, amongst other delights.

Also open by appointment. Details from Meg on 01886 821523.

100 Years Ago in Martley

March

March was reported as a very wet and stormy month by the schoolmaster, but the average attendance was 45.5 (91 percent). On the 17th he wrote "A --- D--- was this morning caught in the act of taking a boy's dinner. He was punished and a note of explanation sent to his mother".

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notice to the area where they intend running. If an address can be determined they will be contacted. The letter referring to the bus route for school runs to be replied to to emphasise the danger of a bus filled with children, going down Ankerdine. It has been noticed that an increasing number of residents are placing obstacles on the road verges to deter parking and/or turning. It is considered that these represent a danger to vehicles. The Clerk to write to Highways with specific cases. The land adjacent to the substation in the car park off St. Peters still is not cleared; the Clerk to write again to determine ownership.

A complaint was received about cars are parking on the footpath adjacent to the playing field and blocking it and a pregnant lady nearly suffered a fall trying to circumnavigate the blockage. The Clerk to write to Highways to determine if some sort of barrier can be affixed to the kerb stones. It was considered that additional car parking should be provided on the playing fields by means of a special "grass friendly" surface; Cllr G. Taylor to consider this.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Monday 7 March 2005 at 8 p.m.

Tom Pearsall, Clerk
01886 888256



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Wichenford Church News

Flower Rota

7 March Lent. No flowers
13 March Lent No flowers
20 March Palm Sunday
27 March Easter decorations

The will be a change of service times
this month, these are as follows:

Sunday 6 March – Mothering Sunday.

All Age Service 10am

Sunday 13 March – 9.30am Holy
Communion

Sunday 20 March – Benefice Service
for Palm Sunday, 11am Laylocks
Nursery, Cotheridge

Sunday 27 March – Easter Day, Holy
Communion 11 am

Church flowers

Additional help is sought to join the
team who decorate the church
windows for special occasions (eg.
Easter/Christmas). Anyone interested
should contact
Jenny on 01886-
888306.



Janet Andrews

01886 888303

Sheila Richards

01886 888378

Our Sympathy

Thomas Herbert Fothergill Banks (Tony)

We are so sorry to hear that Tony has
died since our last issue. We send our
deepest sympathy to his wife Joan, and
to all the family in their sad loss. Tony
was known to so many of us and is
remembered with respect and
affection. Wichenford has lost a true
friend. Tribute to follow.

Donald John Bakewell

Sadly we have also lost Don, a popular
local figure. We send our heartfelt
sympathy to his wife Pam, and to all
the family. He will be sadly missed by
all who knew him.

Day Centre Christmas Sale

The Christmas Sale raised a grand
total of £670.57. This will be used for
running the Day Centre. Our thanks
are due to the organisers who worked
so hard to achieve this splendid result.

Note for Your Diary

An evening with Philip Serrell (antiques expert) at the Wichenford Memorial Hall on Thursday 12 May at 7.30pm.

Donald John Bakewell 1924-2005

Don died at Newtown Hospital on 18 January 2005 after a long and painful illness patiently borne. He was born at Naunton Beauchamp together with a twin sister Dorothy on 16 September 1924. He was educated at the Worcester Royal Grammar School and then joined his father to help run the family fruit farm in the Pershore area, but always longed to own his own farm. In 1948 he married his wife Pam at Worcester Cathedral, and they moved into Woodend at Wichenford, an almost derelict house and run-down farm. His son Nicholas was born in 1950 and daughter Amanda four years later. His joy was his milking herd and after starting with twelve shorthorn cows in 1948, by 1978 was milking 250 Friesians, plus fifty followers. He and one cowman coped with it all. Twenty-four hour days, slurry, muck and mud! In 1980 he decided that the time had come to diversify, and at the age of 56 he founded an Industrial Steam Cleaning and Sand Blasting business – learning by experience all along the way. He, and usually only one man to help him, cleaned almost every large building of repute for

miles around. The Fownes Hotel, The Shirehall, The Records Office, St George's Catholic Church, St Nicholas Church, St Mary's Church, Lea and Perrins factory, the Police Headquarters at Hindlip, Kays offices, Ebenezer Bayliss Printers and many, many more. He and a team of men cleaned the canal at Worcester and the canal and all the locks between Birmingham and Spaghetti Junction. He considered himself to be an expert at grass seeding, being a keen member of the Grassland Association, and, as a sideline, went in for Fencing and Grass seeding. One of his larger contracts was for 32 miles of fencing and grass seeding at Biddulph Moor, Stoke-on-Trent.

Don loved and was so proud of his home and his children – Amanda with her successful career with horses and in show jumping, and Nicholas with the way he has built up his own flourishing business. He was proud too of his grandson Robert aged 19, who is away at University. Don was the kindest of men. He loved his way of life, and he loved meeting and talking to people. He was a great teller of stories – always true, never exaggerated, but usually amusing. In latter years he turned the old cow yards and sheds into a thriving caravan storage business. There he made so many new acquaintances and friends and was liked by them all. He adored his family and his beloved Woodend, and will be so sorely missed by us all.

Wichenford 100 Club

January winner: J Bennett. No. 170. £112.

Millennium Green Tidying & Inspection Rota

March: Mervyn Mitchard.

Hospice Collectors Wanted

Are you able to spare an hour every now and then to help St Richard's Hospice? The hospice is looking for people who would be available to act as a collector in stores and streets in the area on tin collecting days. No great commitment is necessary, just the willingness to be available occasionally. It's a great way to help your local hospice. If you think you can help or would like more information, please call the hospice Fundraising Team on 01905 763963

Pennies Add Up For Hospice

Are you always finding pennies and loose change lying around the house? Do you want to put them to good use? St Richard's Hospice is looking for individuals to give homes to their loose change boxes as part of their 2005 Loose Change Appeal. Last year St Richard's Hospice cared for over 1,400 patients and families living with cancer and other life-threatening illness. All its services are free but the hospice needs to raise £2m a year to provide a wide range of care both in-

patients homes and at Day Hospice. Last year, £4,000 of loose change was collected and we hope to top £5,000 in 2005. If you would like a box, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01905 763963.

Wichenford Nursing Association

The Wichenford Nursing Association was initiated in the 1940s by the Hon. Mrs. Britten to assist the work of the District Nurse during the war in the parishes of Wichenford and Lower Broadheath. In those days, Mrs Britten was to be seen on her "sit up and beg" bicycle peddling around the village with a bottle of port in her pannier! The Nursing Association has recently been amalgamated with the Village Charity, set up during the First World War to provide boots and coal to those in need!

The committee who administer it now are Mrs. Susan. Britten, Georgina Britten-Long, Pam Webb, Janet Andrews, Margaret Fisher, who brought us the Village Charity and the District Nurse, Helen Wooley. Ken Randall is our Treasurer.

Each Christmas small gifts of flowers or biscuits etc. are given to those in the Parish who have suffered a loss, bereavement, or illness during the year. The WNA purchased a reclining chair three years ago, which has been much in use throughout the Parish. We are sometimes given donations by grateful users! Last year the fund has

contributed £150 towards the Audio Loop system in Wichenford Church. It has also given £300 to the District Nurse for pressure-relief cushions and TENS machines to be used in the community. Prompted by the tragic loss of two parishioners in the Tsunami disaster, we have sent £200 directly to a friend of Georgina Britten Long in Phuket, who has set up a fund there. This will be administered directly to help several of the fishing families who lived in the south of the island going again. These families have lost everything including their livelihoods, and may well have to wait for some time for any other funding. Our small donation will help them directly to rebuild their lives.

It is sad to learn of the recent death of Tony Banks. He had been using the riser/recliner chair for some time, but it will now be put to good use by someone else who is much in need.

We have also recently given a donation of £200 to a new appeal at the surgery for a mobile Blood Pressure machine.

GBL

January 2005

Kenswick And Wichenford Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 13 December 2004 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

REPORTS

P.C Naulls reported that very few

incidents occurred. The most complaints received have been for mud on the road. Landowners have an obligation to clean up the roads and to put out warning signs. The clerk was asked to put the information regarding Data Link in The Villager magazine.

District and County Councillor Reports.

County Councillor Hickling reported that Worcestershire County Council is one of the top ten losers in a national funding review, which sees the government take back more than £1 million. A meeting will be held on how this affects the budget for 2005/06.

The CROW Act 2000 provides increased access for the public to mountain, moor, heath, down and registered common land. However there will be no general Right to Roam. The public will have no new rights to access the vast majority of agricultural land in Worcestershire. The new rights come into effect in October 2005 in Worcestershire. We envisage a small area of land will become available such as the few limited areas of Bredon Hill. The County Council Countryside service will most likely appoint existing staff as wardens to manage public access and provide signage. Local Plan- re gypsy sites. Councillors asked if the district council provide any of these. Malvern Hills is considering setting up sites. Most of the travellers are coming from Herefordshire as they are getting rid of their sites. Heaton House has

been relaunched today. It has 18 flats and 4 bungalows. Martley is reviewing the 30mph area behind the Chantry at Barbers lane.

PROGRESS REPORTS

1) Lengths man Scheme.

J Clay was introduced to the parish councillors. The lengthman was given a work schedule, copies of the gully maps and road numbers.

2) Salt on Highways.

The Highways Dept are happy for the parish council to have salt where they like providing they have containers to put it in and it is not on the verge near a water course or hedgerow.

3) Elgar Housing.

The clerk reported that Elgar Housing are aware of the problem behind the garages and will get it sorted.

PLANNING

Applications received for comment. Newland Cottage, Witton Hill Wichenford. Erection of a garage block for units 1, 2, 3, Rimmers Farm.. Decisions made by MHDC Erection of garage at The Tallet, Cockshoot Farm—granted. Erection of garage at barn A, Cockshoot Farm—passed. Extension on side of barn. Barn C, Cockshoot Farm—granted.

FINANCE

The income and expenditure account s were adopted. £4,382.00 has been spent to date. The council approved 2 cheques. A cheque for the Pathfinders had been authorised totalling £546.36 for equipment already purchased.

Annual Budget/Precept 2005/2006

Although the budget was discussed at

the November meeting the clerk expressed some concern over the agreed budget and precept. The parish council are reluctant to increase the precept for 2005/06, which means we will have expenditure over income. It was decided to cut £500.00 from the Memorial Hall allowance, £50.00 from training, and £100.00 from councillor's expenses, cutting the proposed budget expenditure by £650.00. It was resolved to ask for a precept of £6,500 for 2005/06. Millennium Green. Donation to be discussed at the January meeting.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The parish council have had several complaints that the litterbins in the village are not being emptied. The clerk was asked to write another letter of complaint to Malvern Hills.

VILLAGE POST BOX

The letterbox by the old post office was not visible due to an overgrown hedge. Now that the hedge has been cut the parish council resolved to keep the letterbox where it is.

CORRESPONDENCE

For decision by the Parish Council. No one could attend the Budget Consultation Meeting on 20 January. For information only. All correspondence listed on the agenda has been circulated.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

The footpaths of Kenswick and Wichenford are at the top of the list for maintenance. A meeting was arranged to discuss how and what to do. Footpath 17 is completely marked

up and 1 bridge is required on this path. Footpath 19 is marked up and a new gate is to be provided on this path. It is evident that no work has ever been done on the parish footpaths. Footpath 18 and 21 is partially done and a small amount of FP 10. Most of the equipment needed has now been purchased.

All in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.
Shirley Sanders Clerk to the Council
(01886 888302)

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS

7 March 2005 at 7.30pm

18 April 2005 at 7.30pm

25 April 2005 Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45/8pm.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm (to be re-arranged)

18 July 2005 at 7.30pm.

For hire
The two All Season Pavilions as used at Martley Show 2004, 6 x 3 meters each at £20 per unit day.
Contact Neil on 01886-888513

To the Parishioners of Kenswick and Wichenford

The parish precept is the money we receive from your council tax. We use it to support village societies i.e The Nora Parsons Day Centre, Wichenford Millennium Green, The Memorial Hall and Church. We also fund the pensioners' coach and contribute to the Parish Link Bus.

It also pays the clerk's salary and expenses, insurance, subscriptions and audit fees.

We would like to know if:

- (a) You agree with how it's used, and
- (b) What you would like to see it used for.

The Annual Parish Meeting on 25 April at 7.45/8pm is your opportunity to tell the parish council **HOW YOU WOULD LIKE THE PRECEPT SPENT.**

We would like your suggestions and ideas for the next financial year.

Either contact the clerk on 01886 888302 or come to the Annual Meeting on 25 April at the Memorial Hall

What Next?

In November 2004 I left teaching after 22 years. No, I haven't retired. I've joined the ever-growing group of people who have had enough of whatever it is they've been doing and want to do things differently! So what does someone who has worked for the County Music Service for most of her working life do next? A very good question and if you know the answer I'd be pleased to hear from you!

The careers consultant I went to was very good and I came away with lots of ideas. I have worked at and refined my list of ideas and although my final list is still quite long and seemingly quite diverse, there is a common theme running through. I have a lot of experience, numerous transferable skills, an interest in a variety of subjects, I'm reliable and hardworking. Add all this together and you get someone who could teach flute and singing, voice finding, theory and aural to anyone who will pay me! My interest in personality types, learning methods, how we learn, confidence building and motivation then spills over into these lessons and also into helping anyone who is currently having problems with learning. Add to this some life-coaching combined with helping busy people sort out any issues currently bothering them (e.g. how to get a new look, life-laundry your house, find time for yourself). Finally the pièce de

résistance is motivational and team building workshops for businesses based around singing. Forget NVQ-management and raft-building get singing!

So what am I going to be doing next? In the immediate future I am part of a team working with the library service to develop Early Years sessions based around a little monkey called Melody. Oh, and I'm helping out as a volunteer at the Oxfam bookshop in Worcester. That is all very part-time, however, so the rest of the time I'll be following up leads and networking! I'm learning to think outside the box (after all my CV isn't exactly a common one) but am finding a lot of enquiries end in stalemate because those I speak to obviously don't think outside the box. I can't say that setting up in business was part of my training but I'm learning fast so I'm off to see a friend who designs websites and my business cards and leaflets will be ready just as soon as I can come up with a whacky name. I had thought of Good Vibrations but my husband said my website might get interest from the wrong sort!

Being in the middle of a mid-life career change is certainly not dull but there are a lot more questions than What Next?

LC

(Lesley Cox can be contacted on 01886 888157)



NOMAD are a local three-piece Rock Band comprising Jay Lawson-Pearce lead singer and guitar, Josh Thirlwell bass guitar and backing vocals and William Dimment drums and backing vocals.

The lads are all pupils at the local Chantry High School and got together and formed the band over various lunchtime practice sessions in the schools Music Room, they all live locally in the Clifton on Teme area.

Their main musical influence is Nirvana and this shows in their music and particularly their NIRVANA cover versions but this is not the full extent of their talent. They write their own music and songs and play covers by The Undertones, Greenday, The Troggs, The Who, Metallica and Jimi Hendrix to name but a few!

They practice most nights and by the time this article is out they will have played at the Clifton on Teme Primary School for the Tsunami Disaster fund and The Fox Inn at Hanley Broadheath.

**They will be at the Lion Inn at Clifton on Teme on
Saturday 12 March and**

**MARTLEY VILLAGE HALL on Saturday 26 March
complete with a full support act.**

Doors open at 8.00 pm till 11 pm

All ages are welcome! Bring your Mom and your sister!

Full bar available but please note any person who appears to be under the age of 18 and wishes to be served at the bar will be asked for full photo i.d otherwise service at the bar will be refused.

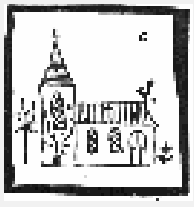
Tickets are available on the door at £2.00 per head for all ages
or in advance at £1.50 for all ages.

Advance tickets can be obtained direct from the lads at the high school, from the manager on 01886 853007 (daytime) or the local shop at Martley, numbers will be limited so to avoid disappointment it is best to book in advance.

You can also book tickets in advance from the address below and if you choose this method please make your cheque out to MRS L Lawson Pearce.

Come along and enjoy yourselves and in the words of Kurt Cobain and Nirvana, "Come as you are".

You can visit the band's web site on www.nomadrock.com



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

Victory was what everyone wanted who took part in the Scalextric Grand Prix at the end of January. Although for every race there were three losers, they all went away happy. Victory is something that every sports man or woman desires, to be the best in their field. For every sports team it is their aim to win and be champions. I support a football team that has struggled to win this season, yet I still support them.

Victory was the name of a Chapel I used to attend Sunday school as a child and church as a teenager. It was called Victory Gospel Hall. It puzzled me often as to why it was called this but as I grew to understand what God had done for me through Jesus, it became clear. For Jesus cried cries not only of anguish from the cross but cries of Victory too. Of the 7 sayings that Jesus cried out, 'Father forgive them, Today you will be with me in Paradise, My God My God why...., I thirst, Into your hand I commend my Spirit', the cry of 'It is Finished', was one of Victory, not defeat. The words speak of an accomplished task, a completion of a plan, the defeat of an enemy. For Christ death was not a defeat but a victory.

To many it would seem like a defeat,

to die for others, yet, Christ's example has been followed by many since, their sacrifice is surely not defeat. In this season of Lent let us seek to defeat those things in our lives we see the need to conquer with the help of Christ. Victory over things that beset us stems from one won 2000 years ago on a cross, As St. Paul said, "Thanks be to God who gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

A Joyful Easter to you All

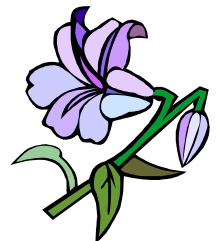
Revd David Sherwin

Check out the Martley website (martley.org.uk) for a photo of the Scalextric Grand Prix in progress.

Easter Lilies

St Peter's Church, Martley

Easter Sunday is 27 March and traditionally Arum Lilies are placed upon the altar. These special flowers are quite expensive and therefore anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of a loved-one is asked to contact Jenny Underhill on 01886-888306.



Church Diary for March

- Tues 1st March** 10am HC St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
Fri 4th March 2pm Womens World Day of Prayer St Kenelm Clifton upon Teme,
Speaker Revd Jennifer Whittaker
Sat 5th March 3.30pm St Peter Martley Bell Ringers
Service for Worcester Bell Ringing South Branch
Sun 6th March **Mothering Sunday**
8am HC Knightwick Chapel
10am FW St Laurence Wichenford
11am FW St Peter Martley
11am MW St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
6.30pm Evensong St Leonard Cotheridge
Mon 7th March 9am MP St Laurence Wichenford
1.30-3.15pm Lent Fellowship Group The Orchard, Newtown, Martley
7.30pm LTV PCC at home of Chris and Ursula Baker
Wed 9th March 10.15am HC Heaton House
Thurs 10th March Friends of St Laurence
7.30pm AGM in Church
Sun 13th March **Passion Sunday**
8am HC St Leonard Cotheridge
9.30am HC St Laurence Wichenford
11am HC St Peter Martley
11am MW St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
Mon 14th March 8.30-10am Prayer Breakfast at home of Jennifer Whittaker
Tues 15th March 10am HC St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
Wed 16th March 2pm Easter HC for Martley Primary School In St Peter Martley
Sun 20th March **Palm Sunday**
11am All Age Special at Laylocks Garden Centre
6.30pm Benefice HC St Peter Martley
Mon 21st March 9pm Compline St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
9-12noon Holy Week meditations at Knightwick Chapel
Tues 22nd March 10am Wichenford FW Planning Meeting
9pm Compline, St Peter Martley
Wed 23rd March 9pm Compline, St Laurence Wichenford
Thurs 24th March **Maundy Thursday**
12 noon Chrism Eucharist, Cathedral
7.30pm HC St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
Fri 25th March **Good Friday**
12-3pm Devotions around the Cross, M'ley
9pm Compline St Leonard Cotheridge
9pm Vigil Service Knightwick Chapel
Sat 26th March **Easter Day** (*British Summer Time begins*)
Sun 27th March 8am HC Knightwick Chapel
9am HC St Leonard Cotheridge
11am FC St Peter Martley
11am HC St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
11 HC St Laurence Wichenford
6.30pm EW St Peter Martley

Apologies for the
small print—it's a
busy month! (Ed.)

In the Garden



Garden tips for March

Sprinkle sulphate of potash around the base of fruit trees and fruit bushes. Cover gooseberry and currant bushes with netting to prevent birds taking the new buds. Prune dogwood quite hard; this will produce young growth that will make colourful stems for next winter. Lift and transplant snowdrops now if you require more plants. Sow seeds of marigolds, petunias and lobelia. These need a warm greenhouse or propagator. Trim winter flowering heathers when they have finished blooming.

Carrots can be sown for early crop under some protection such as frames, cloches, polythene or fleece. Sow broad beans; the seed needs to be sown about two inches deep and four inches apart in rows. Have you planted your onion sets and shallots? Sow indoors cauliflower, celery, Summer cabbage and tomato seed. Sow outdoor with some protection, the seed of beetroot, Brussel sprouts, lettuce, radish, spring onions, parsnips and peas.

Jack Bradley

Stop Press!

The Chantry High School

The recent bid for Specialist Technology College Status for the Chantry High School has been granted.

As from September 2005, the status and the extra funding it attracts will be available to the school. The governors, staff and pupils of the school would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all the parents and generous sponsors who have helped us to achieve our goal.

Ms Browne (Headteacher)

Forthcoming School Events

The School is putting on the show "Sweet Charity" on Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 April. The shows are always professional and tickets are expected to sell very quickly. Don't miss out! The tickets will be 'Donation Tickets' with the opportunity to elect them as 'Gift Aid', which means the school can claim back the tax that you pay.

Next Friends Meeting

The next meeting of the Friends will be on Thursday 3 March at 8pm in the Staff Room. During the meeting it is proposed that the recent CPSE day is discussed. Ms Browne and her staff are keen to get the parents' feedback. This is an open meeting for any parent to attend.

*Parish Council Meetings
Records of the Parish Council meetings in the two parishes published in this magazine are not intended to be full minutes. Minutes of meetings can be seen by contacting the respective Clerks to the Councils*

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