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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month:

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

3rd Sunday in the month:

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

Mondays

Rhythm Time: 9.30-11.30am Martley Memorial Hall Enq. Rachel 01886 812565

Martley Parish Council: 1st Monday in the month 8pm Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling: 2.00pm Martley

Memorial Hall

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

Martley Toddler Group: 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays (term time) 10.30am Martley Memorial Hall

Wednesdays

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

Martley Folk Club: 1st Wednesday in the month at The Talbot, Knightwick and 3rd Wednesday at The Admiral Rodney

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

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

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

See Church Words p. 27 for details of services

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



Martley Local Policing News

West Mercia Police are currently looking for nominations for the 'Good Citizen's 2011' award. It aims to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of young people in the community, such as fund raising activities, showing an exemplary unselfishness in their attitude towards others. I would really like to receive some nominations for this award, no matter how little or big the achievement is. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a child from our policing area won it?

Please contact me for a nominations form at martley.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Andy Hood

Sadly, this month we said goodbye

to our Local Policing Officer Andy Hood. Andy has policed the area for a good number of years and many of you will know him. He was hard working and highly thought of, we shall all miss him at Tenbury Police Station. Interviews are currently underway for a new LPO in Martley and we will let The Villager know the result soon.

CSO Helen Wendy Cooper

Teme Valley Childrens Centre



National Family Week

National Family Week runs from Monday 30 May to Sunday 5 June 2011, and now with it being in its third year of running, National Family Week is the biggest annual celebration of families and family life in the UK. It is backed by all major political parties and over 180 national and thousands of not-for-profit organisations showcasing

their work and support of families in their community, throughout the country and around the world. The week creates a wealth of opportunity for families to spend time together and works with brand partners and a network of not-for-profit organisations to provide fun activities and useful resources that actively combat the biggest barriers to positive family life. National Family Week 2010 saw over 5,000 events take place all over the country attracting more than 500,000 family members. Teme Valley Children's Centre are holding three family picnics over half term in 3 different locations for families and all to attend. There will be lots of fun games and activities for families to take part in together, as well as time to enjoy a nice picnic lunch. The picnic events will be at The Burgage, Tenbury on Tuesday 31 May, Clifton Playing Fields on Thursday 2 June and Lower Broadheath playing field on Friday 3 June 2011. If you would like more details on National Family Week or about the picnics then please contact the children's centre on (01886) 812982 or email sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk.

Martley 100 Club

Our March winner is Pat Fowler with number 38 who wins £40.

Congratulations Pat, your second '100 Club' win!

New Musical in June



MADs next production is another new venture for the club. We are going to put on a children's musical "Sourpuss", which will be written and produced by our very own talented Ruth Mace. It is a short musical and it will be performed on 2 and 3 June. Please come along and show your support for our youngsters as they are putting lots of hard work and effort into this production. Your children will be transported into the magic world of the toy box and we are sure they will not be disappointed. We are also hoping to run Mad Kidz the very popular stage school for children again for 2 weeks during August, session times 9am until 1pm. Any child is welcome to join us who is between the ages of 8 to 14 years. Please email martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk for all the relevant details.

Ever fancied playing bowls?

Did You Know that Martley has a short mat bowling club which meets in the village hall every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm

and 4pm, come rain or shine? We are always looking for new members, everyone is welcome to join us and no one is too old!. We have the bowls so you only have to bring yourself and no previous experience is necessary. We are not professional players, we just like to have a little exercise, a cup of tea, a chat and some fun, so please just drop by on any Tuesday afternoon and give it a try!



Photograph Competition

George Coombey-Jones' picture of a ploughed field, which was last year's winner of the village hall photograph competition, is now proudly on display in the village hall. The committee thought that this would be a wonderful competition to run as an annual event and would enable us to brighten up some of the plain white walls in the village hall. The competition is now open and I would be grateful if you could forward me your high-resolution digital photos for consideration. A winner will be decided at the August meeting, so lots of time to get those summer photos taken. All pictures must be taken within this Parish please. Email your pictures to villagehall@martley.org together with your name, address

and telephone contact details.

Annette Smith

Martley VH Committee Secretary

Barn Dance

We are holding a Barn Dance to raise funds which will help us to continue with the refurbishment of the hall. This will be held on Saturday June 4 at 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy the evening, entertainment will be provided by the Eve Evans experience, so we are sure a good evening is to be guaranteed! A fish and chip supper is also included in your ticket price and a bar will be available to purchase drinks. Tickets are priced at only £8 which is fantastic value and are available from Dave Cropp or any member of the village hall committee. We have to submit our orders in for the supper at least 24 hours before, so please order your tickets in plenty of time.

Neil

Martley WI

Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm Heaton House

Preparations for our 90th Birthday Celebrations are well underway. Suggestions for raising cash to help fund this celebration could include a sponsored parachute jump, or abseiling, car boot sales, a summer garden tea party and Irish raffles. Pole dancing was an idea but the

facilities at Heaton House are limited! No-one can say that WI life is dull these days! This month we shall be discussing the resolutions for the national AGM in June. The competition is for a 'fun' resolution, an example could be, how about a resolution to ban all 'man flu'? There will be plenty to do and chat about in the social time when the business is finished,



so please feel free to come along and join in the evening – all welcome.

Kate King

Martley Ramblers

It has been unfortunate that there have been two changes to the programme this year, one due to the bad weather conditions and one due to the ill health of the leader for that month, thanks must go to Pauline and Richard Mills who



stepped in for March and lead us around Clifton. The views were amazing and well worth the climb. Let's hope that the rest of the year runs smoothly and is 'hitch-free'. The annual dinner was held at The Fox, Bransford with some very good food served by attentive and

helpful staff and excellent planning and organisational skills by Pauline and Richard ensured a lovely evening. A presentation and thanks were expressed to Pam Bowers who has now retired after 10 years as our very able Treasurer/Secretary. There was also a quiz which was won by Reg Snow and the evening finished with a rendition of "What shall we do with a Martley Rambler on a muddy Sunday morning". We were very well behaved and were not asked to leave for being too rowdy! This month, Sunday 29 May, Gill Gough will be leading around Chaddesley, cars will be leaving the church car park at 2pm. All are welcome to join in, just meet at church car park

Kate King

Pudford Lane Tweets

After a quiet month, March really did turn around the old saying, "going out like a lion" with the winds shredding the fruit blossom before the insects could fertilise it.



The naturalised "cottage garden" daffodils in the orchard have not done very well this year, perhaps the extreme winter cold harmed them, but there is still a lovely show of other types. Wonder what the orchids will do this year? Currently we have pair

of muntjac deers in the orchard that are busy setting up home in a boundary ditch. Although a threat to other wildlife and vegetation, we do not intend to tussle with them, as even only about 2 ft high, they can be very fierce especially when protecting their offspring. Some rare plants, including orchids are a favourite food of theirs too. The venison is said to taste like spring lamb, but we will ignore that really and also try to ignore the dog-like barking at night, no doubt keeping us all awake!

Kate King

Martley's Past

Some of you readers may remember Mr Coleman (Head of Boys School) taking over the older boys and girls together on the 5 October 1874 after Miss Grant suddenly died (or left). He and his wife and the pupils teacher continued running the school all through the months of October and November until 18 December, when, with only 3 girls present, the school broke up at 12 noon for the Christmas holidays. By the 4 January 1875, a new head mistress had been appointed. Her first log book entry read: "I, Ellen A Mercy, commenced my duties as mistress of this school. The attendance was very poor owing to the severity of the weather. Mr Hastings visited

the school in the morning." Her first inspector's report on the 5 May 1875 which said, "the school is in very good condition as regards discipline and seems likely to become efficient as to instruction under Miss Mercy who has been in charge only 3 months. The needlework deserves much praise, but the arithmetic is very inferior. A box of form and colour, some more pictures of animals and a new copy of the Regulations should be provided."

Alan Boon

Malvern Hill District Council Elections

You may be aware that there are local elections this year across the Country for both Parish and District Councils. I have been your Martley Ward member now for 16 years and have represented you at Malvern Hills on the District Council, I am very pleased to say that my seat has been uncontested and therefore I have been elected again unopposed. If you wish to speak with me on any issues with regard to my role as District Councillor, I can be contacted via the Malvern Hills District Councils website or on my own e-mail, bjblinds@btconnect.com. You can of course contact me at home on (01886) 853377 or my mobile 07860 179144. I will be happy to hear from you.

Cllr Barbara Williams

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Desperate to play in Martley

We may be well on our way to securing a grant from the National Lottery Big Lottery Awards which will go towards our project 'Desperate to Play in Martley'. We should hear more news soon so an article will appear in June with all the details. Thanks to everyone for their support with this.

Pat Owen

Martley and District



Horticultural Society

Spring Show

As usual this was a very colourful and cheerful village get-together. The children's classes were delightful with the youngest group's decorated hats a pretty even lot with chicks much in evidence with bows and tinsel too! 'Rowan' Class made jewellery, huge pearls, pretty beads, sapphires and diamonds to die for! 'Maple' Class tackled table centres, paper shaped flowers with sparkly bits added, the pastel colours giving a sweet pea effect. Gomez Class created crosses which were 'Oak's' effort, illustrated divisions on crosses showing important elements in the children's lives;

these colourful paintings portrayed school, family, sport, hobbies and pets (and sweets!). The mini gardens (9 and under) were all very individual, with lawns, flowerbeds, pools and, garden furniture. There were even desert and Jurassic ones! A massive thanks to all you parents for supporting your children.

As for the grown-ups, quality showed in abundance as usual. A stunning tall orchid, lovely arrangements of spring flowers, gorgeous vases of hellebores, specimens of daffodils and many other bulbs, flowering shrubs and mixed green foliage really meant the long cold winter was a thing of the past. A for sale stall of mixed plants was an added bonus too! Special thanks to all those who helped on the day, without you all this popular show could not go ahead.

Tina Steele

March Horticultural meeting

There was an excellent attendance for the 31 March meeting. Our Chairman Mike Dunnett thanked all who had helped at the previous Saturday's Spring show. Entries were slightly up on previous years and the serving of teas meant a better profit too for the club. Mike requested that members bring plants to the Plant Sale on 21 May. Mike also showed a dahlia tuber and advised on its cultivation.

More tubers were given out for the members' competition at the Fete and Flower Show on 20 August, the prize is a dahlia, of course! Mike also brought a selection of pansy and viola flowers; he gave their names and remarked how well they stood up to bitter cold. Two beautiful Japanese acers he also showed were much admired and advice on their care was absorbed. Garth Lowe, an RSPB member and a real wild bird enthusiast, was our main speaker on 'Garden Birds'. His first slide was of an avocet (featured on the RSPB's famous logo), these actually visit the reserve near Webb's Garden Centre (lovely combination for a day out!), as the briny water there suits them. Garth continued with many more excellent slides of coastal, inland and then garden birds of all sorts, telling of habitat problems the birds face and how we can help preserve them with suitable spaces and food. He told of the work of RSPB here in the UK and abroad, and of catching birds to ring them. He mentioned trees and shrubs which have fruit and berries suitable for various species, also showed nest boxes and anti-squirrel devices for bird tables. Garth packed a lot into his talk and it was much enjoyed by everyone. Questions followed and then he

judged the Members' Hyacinth Competition. 1st place went to Pauline Smith, 2nd Rachelle Wolfe, and 3rd to Margaret Jackson. Congratulations to you all! On 10 May members will be visiting Roy Strong's garden in Much Birch and then Weston Hall, Weston-under-Penyard. Shared cars and help with fuel is the plan on the day. The Plant Sale is 21 May, and a request for donated plants was made! If you have any spare plastic bags or cardboard boxes, they will be very gratefully received. Please take them along to the village hall on the day of the plant sale.

Tina Steele

Martley Parish Council
Edited draft unapproved record of
the meeting of Martley Parish
Council held on Monday 7th March
2011 at the Memorial Hall

**The Democratic Period/Public
Question Time**

A letter was read out regarding allotments, and the Clerk will investigate more thoroughly the area for the allotments and report back at the next meeting.

Confirmation was given that an Awards for All grant application has been submitted for improvements to the playing field by the Recreation Association.

Year 10 pupils from Chantry High School are planning to attend a future Parish Council meeting to request assistance regarding planters in the village. Confirmation was given that

donations for Nora Parsons Day Centre will be considered in 2011/2012. The Councillors will look at repairing the damaged bin in the centre of the village that was recently hit by a car.

The clearing of the layby at Hillside was discussed. The Lengthsman will clear what rubbish he can and the Clerk will report all other items for clearance to the Hub. Representatives of the Hall committee confirmed that in general the income meets the expenditure, the usage of the library increased by 22% last year and volunteers cover the library and there is free intranet access. The village hall now has WiFi.

Outstanding actions from previous minutes:

The notice for the cars causing an obstruction outside Heaton House will be displayed shortly.

Progress Reports:

The Clerk

Highways have been contacted regarding the empty grit bin on Pudford Lane.

Councillors and parishioners are to advise the Clerk of any recent or future accidents within the village. Tyres at Hillside and in the corner of Hollins Lane have been reported, Martley webmasters will look to updating the pages for Martley Parish Council and the clerk will investigate setting up a page on Worcester County Councils My Parish site. An e-mail had been received from the Chairman at Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council requesting a donation for

Nora Parsons Day Centre. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. The Clerk will also advertise the change in published meeting dates. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will now take place on Monday 16th May 2011, The Annual Meeting of the Parish will now take place on Saturday 21st May 2011. PC Hood update via the Clerk as he was unable to attend the meeting. Sheldon House – the lorries being used by the contractors were too big for the access, alternative lorries will be used in future where possible. Other measures were identified by Police to alleviate the blockage. Ankerdine speed review is now pending whilst Worcester County Council conduct their speed review. PC Hood referred to a meeting held last week on the review at Little Witley with strong opinion voiced against the findings of the review. PC Hood suggested it might be worth approaching Safety Camera Partnership to see if Martley could use any of their equipment. The Youth Forum has been passed to CSO Cooper.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman submitted his invoice and work schedule for the work completed in February 2011. The list for this month reads, Clear lay-by at Hillside (monthly), repair grips opposite Shingledale, Hillside, clear leaves from Pudford Lane and remove low hanging branch from tree on Barbers Lane.

Councillors Councillor Gale reported that a recent meeting with the

Recreation Association had gone well. A number of Parish Councillors met with County Councillor Davies recently to discuss the County Councils speed review. The review looks to increase speed restrictions in some areas of Martley from 30 to 40MPH. The main areas of concern were Hillside and Berrow Green. Councillor McHugh asked some of the residents who live in this area for their concerns, however, the majority of those asked did not have a concern with the proposed increase.

**Committee reports,
recommendations and items
requiring full approval**

Finance Committee gained full approval to use the services of Iain Selkirk to conduct the internal audit for the financial year 2010/2011

**District and County Councillor's
reports**

District Councillor Williams reported that council's budget protects front line services – MHDC has now formally approved its budget for 2011-12, which ensures front line services are protected. We have kept our Council tax down with no increase. Malvern Hills village halls offered £1,500 to be more energy efficient. Act on Energy has joined forces with Malvern Hills District Council to offer free energy audits to village halls across the region – which will highlight where energy savings can be made, and they're offering £1,500 grants towards carrying out recommended energy efficiency measures. The council funded audits

will draw attention to badly insulated walls, roofs and windows, inefficient heating and lighting and point out ways to make limited funds go further for more information visit www.actonenergy.org.uk or call Allan Warnock on ext 2402.

Providing materials for planters in the Village, an estimate of cost was given to be £20 each. The requirement would be for 4, a planter at each access point into the village. Councillor Gale would liaise with School Governor, Mrs Owen. Pupils will attend a Parish Council meeting in the future with more details.

Planning

New

11/00137/FUL Tomkins Farm, Hope House Lane – Siting of static caravan

11/00196/HOU The Old Granary, Martley – Replacement patio doors, new window to ground floor, replace existing window frames and internal modifications.

11/00271/LBC 3 Lorien, Martley Court Barns - Replacement patio doors, new window to ground floor, replace existing window frames and internal modifications.

Pending

11/00098/FUL Tomkins Farm, Hope House Lane – Upgrading and alterations to farmhouse. Conversion of attached barn to form granny annexe and alterations of adjacent barn to form bat roost with storage under.

11/00073/FUL Land at The Stables, Willow Road – Conversion and

extension to form live/work unit.

11/00022/HOU Bramblewood, Hipplecote – Construction of new garage and hard standing.

Approved

11/00018/HOU Quarry Cottage, Pudford Lane – Construction of porch to existing dwelling. Demolition of existing garage and construction of 3 bay garage with home office space over.

11/00011/FUL Hawkenest Barn, Easinghope Lane – Vary condition 10 of planning permission 05/01208/FUL to allow alternate species hedge planting.

Withdrawn by applicant

10/01508/HOU Charcam Gables, Martley – Increase roof height to provide first floor accommodation above existing ground floor.

Appeal (on-going)

10/01074/HOU White Cottage, Kingswood – Erection of replacement garage and store.

(10/01172/HOU White Cottage, Kingswood – Erection of extensions and swimming pool approved).

Finance:

The accounts for February were issued. There were 5 cheques totalling £1059.59 for payment. Payment of the invoice for the electricity for the Weighbridge was agreed. Payment of the invoice for the speed sign and its accessories was agreed. The Village Hall Committee are in the process of seeking grant assistance for an air to air heating system. This would reduce the heating costs considerably. The Parish Council agreed to continue

meeting the costs until the new heating system is in place when they will review the position.

Urgent decisions since the last meeting: No urgent decisions have been made since the last meeting.

Councillors reports and items for future agenda:

The Clerk is to contact Police HQ to change the contact details for Martley Neighbourhood Watch contact. A litter pick day with volunteers from the village, possibly in conjunction with Wichford is being investigated. Pot holes were raised at Hope House Lane, outside New House Farm, between Tomkins Farm and Hope House Cottage, on Hollins Lane, St. Peters Drive, Ankerdine and outside Brook Court.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th April 2011.

Martley Library Opening Times

Monday 2—7 pm

Wednesday 4—6 pm

Thursday 10am -1 pm

Friday 2 - 4 pm

Saturday 10am -12 noon

01886 888396 (*opening hours only*)





Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Edited draft unapproved record of the meeting of Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council held on Monday 28 February 2011 at the Memorial Hall, Wichenford

District and County Councillors Report

Councillor B Williams reported that MHDC has now formally approved its budget for 2011-12, which ensures that front line services are protected. A 15.2% reduction in government grants will result in the council having to make savings of £818,610. £250,000 will be saved by working alongside other local councils and a saving of over £300,000 will be saved through efficiency savings. County Councillor A Davies reported that Council tax rates have been frozen, which means no increase this financial year. The Chairman asked about the Localism Bill. It appears that parish councils will have more input on planning issues.

Progress Report

Tree Trimming, is now complete. Invoice will be presented under finance. The damaged railings are still awaiting repair/replacement. The clerk

was requested to follow this up with the Worcestershire hub.

Planning

Applications considered since the last meeting, 11/00040/HOU The Firs, Wichenford, The parish council has no objection to this proposal.

Applications approved, refused, withdrawn, 10/00032/HOU

Glynheath Wichenford, permission granted for single storey extension
Applications to be considered, Footpath Diversion 507. The parish council approve of the new proposal of a link between Woodhouse and Cob house. They are also in favour of the extinguishment of the footpaths surrounding Cob house Farm for security reasons. Letters of concern were read out regarding the work being done at Crabtree Orchard, but as this is out of the council's hands, any concerns should be addressed to Malvern Hills District Council.

Finance

The balance for the 31st January 2011 stands at £12,103.64. There were 5 cheques totalling £2,922.81 for agreement and signature which included the clerk's salary and expenses, tree work, BT and NPDC.

Wichenford Memorial Hall, We are

still waiting for the outcome of the grant application submitted for a new kitchen for the village hall. The boiler has broken; it is irreparable and a new one is needed, probably with some radiators, we are awaiting costings.

Nora Parsons Day Centre, work has been agreed and costs to be met by the council for work on the oak tree at the centre. The council has kindly agreed to fund the cost of a new commercial dishwasher for the Centre, the cost will be £1400. Adjacent Parish Councils that use the day centre to contribute to this cost wherever possible.

To report any urgent decisions since the last meeting, nothing to report.

Correspondence, All correspondence has been passed to councillors for their comments.

Councillors Report and Items For Future Agendas

The council have contacted Malvern Hills planning in respect of Cob House Fisheries. Clarification has been requested around events and the necessary planning requirements.

Stones on the highway

Under The Highways Act 1980 Section 149, anything left on the highway verges is considered an obstruction and can be removed by the Highways Authority. If it is believed to be dangerous then it can be removed without notice and any costs can be recovered through the courts. If any damage/injury is done to a vehicle, person or animal

the person who placed the stones are liable for any costs incurred also. Section 161 also states that anything placed within a highway in consequence of which a user of the highway is injured or endangered that that person is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine.

Shirley Sanders

Wichenford 100 Club

Congratulations to our March winners, especially to our 1st prize winner Margaret who has already won once this year! 1st number 57 Margaret Fisher, 2nd prize is number 116 D Jinks, 3rd number 154 Liz Hill. The lucky winners were drawn by Lydia Corbett.

Royal Wedding

Sadly we had to cancel the proposed party we were going to hold at the Millennium Green in Wichenford on the Royal Wedding Day, as so many people seemed to be away or busy. However, the Wichenford Parish Council has purchased some Royal Wedding Mugs to give to the children of school age who live in the Parish of Kenswick and Wichenford. Anyone who has a child who would like to receive a mug, should ring Heather Rendall on (01886) 888239 or Georgina Britten Long on (01886) 888678

Georgina

Hanging Baskets and Pots

Some of you may remember my dad, David Mills who recently passed away. He was a renowned plants man and used to sell plants at the Wichenford Open Garden weekends and at other times throughout the year. I have decided to carry on this tradition mainly in the form of hanging baskets and planters. I have a variety of hanging baskets and planters of which some are suitable for window boxes (no plastic). I will be donating £1.00 from every item sold to St.Richards Hospice where my father was cared for so well. Please contact me for more details on (01886) 888327 or 07790 406354.

Dawn Wheatley-Mills

Nora Parsons Day Centre



Nora Parsons Day Centre

The Day Centre continues to thrive and is very busy! We will be holding an open coffee morning on Monday 16 May alongside the opening by Cath Mackie of our new garden area, which has been provided by a grant from WCC. Alary Designs of Wichenford has designed and built the garden and it is truly lovely. Please come along and have a coffee and chat and see what happens at Nora Parsons on a

weekly basis. We have a busy day on 12 May as the members will be going on the first of two outings this year, firstly a river trip along the Severn with a fish and chip lunch on board, let's hope it's a nice sunny day. Many thanks must go to the Kenswick & Wichenford Parish Council who have provided a commercial dishwasher. As we usually have a full house on both of our opening days it will be very well used and a very welcome asset to us all! The day centre is really vibrant and we are almost up to the maximum numbers, so if you would like to come along and enjoy a sociable day's entertainment and meet new people please contact us as soon as possible as places are getting booked up. We are also looking for people who would be willing to come along and give a talk on their life experiences, this could be an interesting job, a round the world trip or just talk about an interesting hobby. We are still looking for volunteers to collect our members and bring them to the day centre. We are also looking for anybody to help on the days we are open. Any offers of help will be very gratefully received. Please contact us on (01886) 888374.

Janet Dale, Secretary

Friends of the Elderly

A new service will be opening at

Nora Parsons for people with dementia. This will be held each Wednesday commencing May 25 at the centre. Among Friends Wichenford will operate one day a week and self referrals can be made, along with referrals from professionals and other community workers. The two staff, Shirley Bradley and Amy Russell are fully trained and experienced in working with people with dementia and will provide personalised support in a safe, secure and fun environment. For more information please contact Shirley Bradley on 07825 805 708

Church Flowers

1 May Easter Flowers
8 May Mrs Britten Long
15 May Mrs Williams
22 May Mrs Randall
29 May No Service in
Wichenford

Ladies Fellowship

There will be a Ladies Fellowship meeting on Tuesday 17 May, all welcome.

Wichenford Open Gardens

The gardens will again be open on the weekend of 26 and 26 June and this promises to be the best yet! If you have any surplus plants and would like to donate them for us to sell, we would be very grateful. Please ring Judith O'Leary on (01886) 888253 with your details.

We also need offers of help during the weekend to serve food and cakes for the afternoon teas, this help would be much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer then please contact Alan Green on (01886) 888158.

Engagement

Congratulations to Mark Andrews and Sara Nerunchon, who are now engaged. Congratulations and very best wishes to them both from family, friends and the team at The Villager.

Top Score

At a recent Wichenford Whist Drive, Margaret and Peter Jackson took the first prize with a magnificent score of 189. This has to be a record, as the average top score is a trifling 175. Well done to Margaret and Peter, all we ask is to give the rest of us a chance!

Help for Heroes

A Charity Weekend. On the 30 April, 1 and 2 May 2011 will be held in honour of our service men and women, Lots of activities and fun for all the family. See the website for more details, www.cobhousefisheries.co.uk

Wichenfords History

Lost Washborune Memorials

Neither of these memorials have survived, so it is useful to have such detailed descriptions. The text is taken from John Moulding's booklet WRO 009.1 2636/52 44028 and is

taken practically verbatim from Habington History of Worcestershire pages 505-506. This proves that Moulding had access somewhere and somehow to Habington's at that time still unpublished manuscripts. The notes in the margins and in brackets must be Moulding's own. The original Habington text differs somewhat, Moulding has paraphrased obsolete terms or added additional material, but not much. The reason for the underlining is not clear.

Written in 1744

1. In the North side of the chancel is an ancient tomb of alabaster on the ground. Upon it was delineated a man armed, all but his head, under which lyeth his helmet with a wreath and thereon a flame of fire; at his feet a lion. On his right hand his wife with a little dog at her feet. Between them the Washbourne's arms impaling a chevron. The inscription on it (but round the extremities of the stone) *note: these inscriptions were copied about 1640 or about 100 years ago*

Hic jacunt Corpora Johannis Washbourne Armigeri & Margeriae Powere uxoris sua. Necnon et Elizabeth uxoris de Bradley in Com. Derbia qui obiit 13 Mai 1454

This tomb sheweth the match of Washborn with Pohere's Co-heiress, which brought the name of Washbourne first into Wichenford.. On the south side of the chancel there is another monument of alabaster (on the ground also) in the same Fashion, a man armed as before with the wife on the right hand; the arms much

defaced but still so discernable as to shew the arms of the Washbournes. *note:* It is now removed more to the north side and nearer to the Communion Rails to make room for a large slate stone [inserted above: for a person?] of not great signification. Tis pity the remove was suffered.]

The inscription

***Hic iacet Johannes Washborne Arm
r filius et Hieres Normanni
Washborne Armigeri, qui quidem
fillius obiit die mensis AD *******

Note: I take this gentleman to be the Mr Washbourne who was Sheriff of Worcestershire 20 R 2 ano 1397, Fuller's Worthies p 17 and father to the John Washbourne in the opposite page.

Thanks

I have around 465 Villager magazines delivered each month. Recently I have been unable to drive due to a knee operation and I would like say a big thank you to Dot Fletcher who has delivered them for me. Also my thanks to Jenny Salter for taking me to the physiotherapist for the past six weeks, and to Jean who helped me with the soup lunch. People have been so kind with their cards & flowers and I really appreciate the help and show of care from them all.

June Lawrence

Don't forget the Bluebell ride



Wichenford, Saturday 7 May 2011.
First entry 10am (last entry 1pm) - raising funds for St Richards

Hospice. Contact gblwichenford@aol.com, or phone 07767 788 273 (see April Villager for full page advert and all the details)

In the Garden



May is a great month for gardeners, the weather is really warming up and by the end of the month the danger of frost has past. If you are intending to move spring flowering bulbs, now is the time. In general, bulbs should be left for about six weeks after flowering so they can build up for the next year. Spring-flowering trailing plants such as alyssum, aubretia and arabis need trimming back after they have flowered, fresh new growth soon appears and this keeps the plants compact. After trimming, add some fertiliser and mulch with gravel or grit. Cut the foliage off mildewed pulmonarias, new leaves will soon grow. At the same time you can lift and divide any large clumps. Prune early-flowering shrubs such as forsythia and spiraea. Next year's

flowers will form on the new growth, so if you cut it back later in the year you will lose those flowering shoots. Cut back Clematis Montana varieties after flowering, as it easily gets out of hand. Wall trained Pyracanthus needs trimming now, remove any shoots going back towards the wall or coming straight out and then trim the rest to around 3 inches. You should then have short spurs with tight clusters of flowers and, later, berries. Evergreen hedges can also be clipped now. Lots of tempting summer bedding will be on sale now, try to leave plants outside in a sheltered spot for a while, to adjust to cool night-time temperatures before planting out, the same applies to hanging baskets. If you are looking for bargains, try Martley Spring Plant Sale at the Village Hall, Saturday 21 May. Vegetable growers can sow courgettes, marrows, squashes, runner beans, french beans and sweetcorn. Plants sown indoors in early May will be ready before those sown outdoors at the end of the month, so why not try both and get a succession of crops rather than a glut. Remove runners from strawberry plants or you will get lots of new plants and not many berries. We can get very hot days in May, be sure to keep those young vegetable plants well watered.



Church Words

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May 2011

Easter holidays, Bank holidays, Easter Celebrations and a Royal Wedding are all now in the past, even though there are more holidays to look forward to, but it does seem that the last few weeks have been rather unusual especially with the Easter break happening before Easter. Many have said how confusing it has been but of course the date of Easter is what we call 'a moveable feast'.

The reason for this variation in the date of Easter is based on the lunar calendar (moon) rather than our more well-known solar one.

Easter always falls on the first Sunday following the full Moon (the Paschal Full Moon) after 21 March. If the Full Moon falls on a Sunday then Easter is the next Sunday. For centuries the church discussed when the date of Easter should be and to this day there are still major differences between the eastern and western churches.

Easter coincides with gardens bursting into life and as we move into May the gardens are in bloom,

your trees may be blossoming or that blossom now gone, yet we now look forward to the summer months. Easter certainly was different, not just this year, but right at the beginning an event of world changing magnitude took place. Jesus rose from the dead. Like the blossoming of May when we see new life, so it was at that unusual event of the first Easter, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead brought people hope of new life and resurrection which is also for us today. May the joy of Easter bring us hope even today. May the blessings of Easter continue to go with you both now and in the days ahead.

David

Sunday 1 May 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene
 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
 Tuesday 3 May 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene
 7.30pm Church Wardens meeting, The Rectory, Martley
 Wed 4 May 12Noon (Prayer at the Heart), Knightwick Chapel
Sunday 8 May 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
 10.30am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene
 Tuesday 10 May 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene
 Wed 11 May 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Sunday 15 May 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
 9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene
 3.00pm Special Service, Dedication of Knightwick Chapel
 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
 Monday 16 May 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
 Tuesday 17 May 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene
 Saturday 21 May 8.30am Men's Breakfast at Cob House Fisheries
Sunday 22 May 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene
 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
 Monday 23 May 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm Charities Meeting at The Talbot
 Tuesday 24 May 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene
 Wed 25 May 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
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 Tuesday 31st May 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene



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And finally ...

Little Witley Film Society

Another very successful season is coming to an end! As last year, we plan to celebrate this with an end of season party on Saturday 14 May. Everyone is welcome to join us for a great evening which will include supper and a golden oldie film, Breakfast at Tiffanys. This evening is free to members of the Society and only £5 for everyone else! We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Jean on (01886) 888122.

Searching for, can you help?

My great grandparents, Argaretta and William Barnes lived in Berrow Green during the 1930s and eventually moved to Woodmanton Lodge and Clifton in the 1950`s. One of my aunts, Beatrice Rose Perkins lived in Willow Lane Martley in 1950`s with her husband Frederick. I am trying to trace Sheila (Bradburn?), Margaret (Powell?), Dorothy (Married name unknown could be Tippen?), and Sylvia (married name unknown). If you can help with this family search then please contact me at ianbarnes30@gmail.com, or call me on 07875374256 or 01245 257683

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