

# 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

**2nd 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

See Church Words for details of services

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

See the Diary page on [www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk) for a complete listing of all forthcoming events (that the Diary page Editor knows about)

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

# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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## *History lessons*

Pupils at Chantry High are appealing to local residents to help them out with a unique recording project. The school is one of four in Worcestershire taking part in a pilot programme, which hopes to improve children's listening and speaking skills. Each school has received digital recording equipment, thanks to funding from the Regional Council for Museums, Libraries and Archives.

"Over the next few weeks the students need to find someone to interview," says Chantry's Head of History, Ian Richards. "The idea is that they will question a relative or member of the community about their memories and experiences, focussing particularly on how things have changed for better or worse since 1945."

The interviews will then be edited and used as a history resource for other classes.

"This term we're looking at how things like health, the role of women, technology, food and transport have changed since the war. By recording the memories of local people, the students will get first-hand accounts, rele-

vant to our community."

The best interviews may also be featured on the school's website and possibly broadcast on the local radio station, BBC Hereford and Worcester.

One group of students is also taking part in an international project called 'Comenius'. Their interviews, which will focus on a local person, will be shared with children in several other countries via the Internet. They are looking for volunteers who have had an interesting or terrifying experience in their lives. This may be connected to a war.

Former BBC Producer Julia Letts has just spent a day at Chantry training a group of Year 8 and 9 students. "There's fantastic enthusiasm in the group," she says. "They were very quick to understand the value of oral history, and improve the way they asked questions. Now they want to have a go on their own. We are hoping that members of the community will put themselves forward. We often grumble that children these days never sit down and listen to their grandparents' generation. Well, here's a chance to rectify that."

## *How locals can help*

If you are interested in taking part in the project, please could you email or write to Julia Letts at Glen Ryn, Ladywood Rd, Martin Hussingtree, Worcester, WR3 7SX. Email [neil.mackintosh@virgin.net](mailto:neil.mackintosh@virgin.net).

One group wants people to come forward who are happy to talk about their memories and experiences of change in any of the following areas: health, childhood and growing up, women's role, farming, food, transport and travel, homes, the local area.

The other group wants people to come forward to talk about themselves. They are particularly interested in those who've lived in the area all their lives, those who've experienced a major change in their lives, or those



who've taken part in a momentous event.

The interviews will take place in November/ December and will probably be held at Chantry High.

Students have written their own articles, to persuade local people to come forward. Below are three examples.

I am in Year 8 and we are making recordings for an international project called Comenius. It is not just for people in England. Schools in Germany Poland and Bulgaria are also involved. Our theme is local heroes and we are looking for people who can help us. If you have any interesting stories and you do not mind being interviewed, then please get in touch. **Sam Corbett**

My name is **Stella Card** and I am a pupil at Chantry High School. We have been chosen to look into the past and see how it has changed from 1945 to how it is today. We will be recording your story. I would like someone to come forward with a story on what childhood was like after 1945. Were you adopted? What toys did you have? What was your house like?

My name is **Emily Griffin**. I am 13. As a pupil of Chantry High School, I am honoured to be chosen to help with this recording project. We have been given a wonderful piece of equipment, a CD recorder, to record our historic interviews with you, the locals. I am looking for someone who has experience of how sport has changed since 1945, how teams have changed or the uniform or the games themselves.

## ***Ghost hunting with Bob Dylan***

*Kevin Gammond, a caller to BBC Hereford and Worcester's breakfast-time programme on 24 Sept 2005 was heard by Martley-ite Michelle Higgins. He had an interesting story! During the early '60s he was a musician and jammed with the like of Steve Winwood and Jim Capaldi who later founded the band Traffic. Kevin told listeners that Bob Dylan, whilst he was on tour in the UK and playing in the West Midlands, met up with his band. After the session, at about 3 o'clock in the morning, Dylan joined Kevin and his mates to go ghost-hunting at Witley Court.*

The following story of how the legendary Bob Dylan went ghost hunting in Worcestershire in the 1960s, told by one of the people who was with him.

Kevin Gammond has spent a lifetime rubbing shoulders with rock legends. As part of the music scene in Kidderminster in 1960s he played in the Band of Joy, alongside Robert Plant and John Bonham, who went on to conquer the world as Led Zeppelin.

He also played with many other musicians who went on to form famous bands, including Jim Capaldi and Dave Mason, founder members with Steve Winwood of Traffic.

A jam session with Capaldi and Mason at a Birmingham club led to a meeting with the Bob Dylan, and a trip to a ruined stately home in Worcestershire to look for ghosts.



*Bob Dylan in the 1960s*

"I was in a group called The Shake-down, and Dave Mason and the gang used to come and jam at a club called The Elbow Room until about three in the morning.

"I think it was about the time of the first tour Dylan came over, in the mid-'60s.

"We were 17 or 18 and he was in his 20s and was a good pal of Steve Winwood."

### **Elbow room**

"He turned up at the Elbow Room and we'd all been jamming - Dylan didn't actually join in - and when we'd finished playing we all headed off to Witley Court to go ghost hunting."

The ruins of the stately home, which was gutted by a fire in 1937, are the ideal place to go hunting for spooks, particularly at four in the morning.

Kevin says they didn't find any ghosts, but had a wild time looking for them.

I wonder if Dylan is Witley Court's most famous still-living visitor?

## ***Martley Ramblers***

*Sunday 6 November, 1pm Church car park.*

This is the last walk of the year, so we are hoping for good weather and a good turn out. Don't forget this is a week early to avoid clashing with Remembrance Sunday and 1pm start as the afternoons are short. Jenny Underhill will be leading us around the Cleobury Mortimer area.

The AGM is on Monday 14 November, 8pm at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane. We want to arrange the programme for 2006, to find out if we are still solvent and, most importantly, to present Mabel to the leader/s of the most enjoyable walk in 2005. So be thinking of that, of where you would like to walk in 2006 and if you would care to lead a walk.

*Kate King*

## ***Pudford Lane***

A few late leaves are hanging on the trees and bushes and a few berries are around for hungry wild life. The summer migrants have long flown away but the swallows did flock onto the electricity line to say goodbye, always a sad occasion. Modesty forbids mentioning the inhabitants who were rewarded by English Nature for 30 years conservation of the SSS! There were 19 awards in total for England and the presentation was held in the Cabinet War Rooms in Whitehall. It was a very pleasant occasion. The slight downside was having to give inter-

views for BBC Radio and for Worcester News, (including photographs for the latter). It helped to make worthwhile all the hours of back-breaking, old fashioned haymaking, the cutting, turning, rowing up, all with a watchful eye on the weather, to be eventually baled by a very kind, helpful farmer. The owners refused requests to be photographed holding an Olde Father Time scythe (especially as no fee was offered). The weight loss resulting from all the hours of work is reward enough. Kate King

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

Chairman, Barbara Kirby opened the September meeting by paying a tribute to Julie Jeffries. She was a first class cook and flower arranger and won many trophies at Martley and other local shows. Julie died after a short illness. She was the daughter of Robert and Sylvia Jeffries. Sylvia has been show secretary of the Martley show for a number of years. The sympathy of the society was expressed to the family.

Thanks were also expressed to all members for making the Annual Show such a success.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Brian Draper MBE, a local lad and well-known speaker on birds and rivers. This is an art that he has perfected over the years, having been interested in wild life from an early age. His subject was "The Wild Life of a City",

this being the city of Worcester. The subject was well illustrated with slides of birds, rodents, reptiles, butterflies and bats. With a walk along the canal side, the inevitable fish were displayed. This talk was very interesting and created a lot of questions from the assembled company. Ray Ellis gave the vote of thanks. The next meeting on Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall will be the Annual General Meeting. New members welcome. The Society's Annual Christmas Dinner is on Friday 2 December at 7 for 7.30pm. Final details in the December Villager.

*Nellie Bradley*

### ***Martley Spurs***

The new season started on Saturday 3 September with the Premier side playing away to Powick. They got off to a good start to their challenge with a healthy 4-2 win. However, both the Sunday Division elevens still had not got into winning ways, the Premier side lost their away game with Kempsey and the Reserves, now in Division One, lost to Kays. The 10th saw the Premier eleven win again by beating Hallow by 3 goals to 2, a pair of these netted by Wayne Baldwin. The Sunday Premier side missed out again losing to Trinity Sports while the reserves got a point by drawing three all with The Bridge. The 17th brought a one all draw with Tolladine for the Premier side but their Sunday equivalent were beaten again, this time

by Callow End. The final weekend of the month saw few league fixtures as most teams were involved with early rounds of the various cups.

*Beth Williams*

### ***Charity Auction***

On November 26, a charity auction is to be held in Martley Village Hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief, Worcestershire Appeal. Tickets are £5 and this includes a glass of wine, a turkey roast and mince pies. The evening starts at 7pm and a bar will be available. Some of the lots will be perfect for the run up to Christmas – with gifts, a Christmas cake and a turkey all on offer. All are welcome and it promises to be a fantastic evening. For more information/tickets or if you would like to donate something to the auction, please call either Laura Smith on 01299-896894 or Anne-Marie Bray on 07870-248773.

### ***Martley WI***

*Wednesday 9 November, 7.30pm at Joy Snow's, Stoneybridge House, Martley.*

AGM time again. A look back on all we have done over the last 12 months, where we have been and what we have achieved. It is always a little breath-taking when we hear the secretary's report. It is a chance to thank President Pat and the committee for all their hard work and, in fact, to thank everyone for participating in everything with enthusiasm and good will. It has



## *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.

**Travel Products:** The new ECIH card, which replaces the E111. This is a card to provide free medical cover in all EEC countries. Low cost travel insurance with kids go free offer and annual cover all issued over the counter; 0% commission on all foreign currency and travellers cheques (excluding sterling travellers cheques which incur a 1.5% commission); currency and travellers cheques available within 24 hours.

**Insurance products:** The post office now does home insurance and car insurance, a free phone number is available and free quotation provided. Leaflets are provided at the post office.

**New services:** Post office credit cards and loans are available subject to guidelines.

**Phone Services:** Post office home phone where line rental is guaranteed to be cheaper, a leaflet is available in the post office. Top up cards for pay and go, also E top ups and the new 3 top ups; also cards for landlines for cheaper calls.

**Flowers and gift cards:** These are new services, information available at the post office.

## *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).

all been good fun. Every speaker may not appeal to everyone but who knows what new interest could be sparked off. The new committee will be presented, and there will be a surprise

social time. Members who attended the recent Group meeting, hosted by Clifton-upon-Teme, had a most enjoyable evening and particular enjoyed the “doggy bags” they were given to

take home. I didn't hear if they included a balloon and a squeaky toy. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wants to give us a try. Please just turn up or ask a committee member or this correspondent if a lift is needed.

*Kate King*

### ***Martley YFC***

Martley YFC (Young Farmers Club) is always on the look out for new members between the ages of 10-26 and you DON'T have to be a farmer or know anything about farming to join. We meet on Wednesdays and at the weekends for discos; we have a disco at Upper Sapey Village Hall on 4 November starting at 9pm. Our Wednesday night meetings are varied – recently we have played volleyball, been on trips to laser quest, ice-skating. If you are interested call Anne-Marie 01886-888724 (after 6pm)

*Nellie Bradley*

### ***Charity Shoot***

Saturday 3 September turned out to be a perfect day for clay pigeon shooting. We held our annual Charity Shoot at Rodge Hill Farm, Martley, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Caspar Tiarks. The Shoot, held in aid of the Air Ambulance and the local Doctors Surgeries' Equipment Fund, raised £2,217. In excess of 70 guns took part. The "Brockhill" team won the Andrew Williams Memorial Cup, "The Game Birds 2" won the Ladies Cup. Michael Russell won a bottle of

whisky as Top Gun as did Nick Frazier who came out best in "Down the Line". The highest individual scorer, Gerald Salmon, won a bottle of gin.

The shoot was followed by an auction, donations for this were made by Chris Moule, a bottle of whisky, a "one hundred bird" day's shoot by Don Taylor, a further day's shoot by Arthur Dennis of Brook Farm, a Highland holiday by George and Wendy Haywood and David Banks donated a case of French wine.

I wish to thank Mr and Mrs Tiarks for allowing us the use of their land; the committee, Neville Jones, Don Taylor, Trevor Keegan and Robert Bridgewater; my sister-in-law Beth Williams for taking bookings; my daughter Ruby for providing such delicious refreshments; all those who manned the traps and those who did the scoring as well as everyone who not only helped on the day, but also lent a hand to clean up the following morning.

*Barbara Williams*

### ***Royal British Legion Knightwick, Broadwas & Cotheridge with Martley***

The October meeting was well attended and much business discussed.

On November 11, 11 a.m. we will be at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick to observe the two minutes silence. This is not just for members, so please join us if you wish. Following this short Act of Remembrance some are booked for (continues on page 18)



## *IN MEMORIAM*

**DESEREE [Desi] ELIZABETH  
JOSENA GREEN, 1945 - 2005.**

It is a common saying that a light has gone out, but with Desi's death, I feel that a lighthouse has been extinguished. She brightened up so many lives with her warmth, love for everyone, understanding and continuing concern.

Desi was born into a farming family near Oswestry. Her ambition to be a nurse was kindled at the age of four by an encounter with a district nurse. In 1962, she started as a nurse cadet at Nottingham and passed her finals in 1966, gaining the silver medal. That same year she met her future husband, John and married him later that year.

Her nursing career flourished with their move to Birmingham. She became a senior nurse at Dudley Road Hospital where she gained her Diploma in Nursing and her Clinical Instructor's certificate.

After the birth of her daughter, Lara, she spent a few years at home before returning to work as a Community Nursing Sister for the Martley, Great Witley and Knightwick areas and remained with us for the next 20 years.

During that time, she touched so many of us with her wonderful human qualities as well as her exceptional clinical skills. So many people were given the confidence to remain in their own homes despite the need for hospital

nursing skills and equipment because of her ability to coordinate and negotiate with other professionals.

Such was her reputation amongst all grades of clinical staff, however senior, that any request from Desi on behalf of her patients was instantly granted. Patients and their families were given confidence by her infinite concern for their welfare and unstinting efforts on their behalf.

Her exceptional qualities were rewarded by the honour of the MBE. The video of the presentation revealed Desi's lighter side. On leaving the presentation room, Desi gave way to a leap of relief and delight only to find it recorded for posterity.

For relaxation, Desi cycled and climbed mountains but not just any old mountain – she walked and climbed in the Alps, Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Nepali Himalayas, The Peruvian Andes, and the Northwest Pacific area of the U.S.A. For a weekend outing, she would cycle to France and back.

As well as all this, she built a happy home and was very proud of her daughter Lara's achievements. She raised money for various charities involving her family, friends and colleagues. Many of us of all ages, sizes and shapes found ourselves dangling at the end of an abseiling rope being cheered on by Desi.

It is impossible to encapsulate Desi. She was a wonderful friend, colleague, nurse, wife and mother. She touched and loved us all and will live on in our memories.

lunch at the Talbot. If you wish to join us please ring me. The next meeting is Monday, 7 November 7.30 p.m. followed by the A.G.M.

### ***Remembrance***

On Sunday 13 November we will be at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas for the annual Service of Remembrance commencing at 10.45 a.m. – not only is this service to honour the dead of two world wars, but also those who have died in the service of our country in “peacetime”.

British service people are in action around the world everyday. They know that if they need support – now or in the future – the Legion is always on active duty for them. Last year alone, the Royal British Legion spent more than £54 million carrying out welfare work among the ex-service community. This was largely funded by the kind donations and fundraising efforts of its supporters and of course the Poppy Appeal. The country will blossom with red poppies this November – everyone from toddlers to granies will be wearing one.

By Remembrance Day more than 33 million are expected to be sold by an army of volunteers. The money raised will help our ex-service people and their dependants. To achieve all that takes more than “flower power”!! So please give what you can and WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE!

Joyce Tyler

Hon. Secretary 01886 821551

### ***Thank you***

The Committee of Martley Memorial Village Hall would thank Bromsgrove Hire Center for their kind support in donating the use of equipment to enable us to paint the white and yellow lines outside the Village Hall – designating all the allocated car parking spaces. Bromsgrove Hire Center has kindly offered a 20% discount to all customers who mention the Village Hall and/or Neil Stammers.

They can be reached at Golden Cross Lane, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Birmingham, B61 0JZ Tel: 01527 874788.

### ***Recycling***

The Royal Oak, Broadwas  
The Royal Oak Pub, Hallow.  
Top Barn Farm, Holt  
The Plough Inn, Broadheath.  
Broomfields Farm Shop at  
Holt Heath.

### ***Business start up programme***

7th November and or w/c 12th December in your area and it's free. Please phone in the first instance for further information.

The Business Development Centre (Worcester College of Technology).

01905 612412 - Lesley Welch

## *Martley Parish Council*

Monday September 3, 2005 at the memorial hall.

Present: Cllr Mr. D. Cropp, chairman, Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor, Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh, Cllr. Mr. J. Slough, Cllr Mr. G. Coombey-Jones, Cllr. Mr. M. Nott Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear, Cllr. Mrs. M. Randall, Cllr. Mr. N. Stammers.

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

### **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:

- St. Peter's Drive house numbering. There are repeats of numbers 18, 19, 20 & 21, which is causing confusion; the Clerk to write to MHDC.
- B4197 Ankerdine Hill road calming measures, the clerk to follow up.
- The proposed seat on the green by the notice board will be followed up by Cllr. D. Cropp.

The parish council meeting was opened by the chairman at 8:25 pm.

Apologies: There were no apologies; all councillors present.

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. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones declared a prejudicial interest in item seven on

the agenda (planning), specifically applications 05/01208/FUL and 05/01405/FUL (Hawkenest Farm); Cllr Mr. N. Stammers declared a personal interest in the same items.

Minutes of the last meeting held on September 5, 2005: It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

District Councillor's Report: District Councillor Mrs. B. Williams announced that the sports hall had been granted £150,000 towards refurbishment.

Schools will now be included in the recycling scheme in the near future.

The proposed changes to the MHDC planning committee seem to be moving back to the original proposals; a forum due on the October 10.

County Councillor's Report: County Councillor Mr. A. Davies has sent in his apologies thus no report was given.

Correspondence:

1. Worcs. CALC Worc Mail and notification of meeting with MHDC 29th. Sept 7.30pm.
2. CPRE "Fieldwork".
3. Mr. Alan Boon: thank you letter.
4. MHDC; parish and town council workshops 3rd & 17th Oct.
5. MHDC: Best value review of Planning Services.
6. WCC: Waste core strategy workshops October, reply by 28th Sept. and consultation document.
7. MHDC: Exec committee 27th. Sept (1. Shared services, 2. Recycling for schools, 3. Commercial waste, 4. Recycling, future development, 5.

Housing strategy, 6. Review of property services and technical services, 7. Telephony infrastructure, 8. Review of organisational vision and values, 9. European foundation for quality management).

8. Community Action: request from Kenswick PC to join with them ref community transport meeting.

9. WCC: B4197 Ankerdine Hill request for meeting

10. WCC: Provision of local transport plan—workshops.

11. DEFRA: email to join “Rural social and communities programme” consultation event Sept 27.

12. MHDC: Best Value Briefing paper.

13. Martley Recreation Association: Letter ref. the play area and suggestion the Martley Parish Council take over the responsibility.

14. LaMIS: Aerial photography (does this PC require this service?)

15. Worcs. FWAG: AGM 27th. Oct, also meeting on 12th. Oct.

16. Marches housing: Changes in the Business Development Section .

17. Worcs CALC email ref. fixed penalty notices.

18. Community First: invitation to AGM 26th. Oct 5pm.

19. MHDC: Customer satisfaction form re. Local Plan.

20. Community First: Newsletter “Parish Plan” also details of grant from DFRA for Parish Plans.

21. Mr & Mrs. J. Bradley:  
Letter conveying thanks for the Freedom of Martley.

**Planning: applications received:**  
Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones left the room while items 5-6 were discussed.

1. 05/01326/FUL The Vineyard Hillside, enlarge existing ancillary accommodation. Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear (returned with comments).

2. 05/00678/FUL Notification of appeal (APP/J1860/A/05/1188096).

3. 05/01331/FUL High View Hipplecote, proposed extn. to garage block. Cllr. Mr G. Taylor.

4. 05/01361/FUL The Orchards, Martley (Worcester Rd.). Replacement bungalow; Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp. Returned no comment.

5. 05/01208/FUL Hawkesnest Fm Broadwas revised plans Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor.

6. 05/01405/FUL Hawkesnest Fm. Broadwas, extn. to existing dwelling. Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor.

7. 05/01422/FUL High House, Ankerdine, single story kitchen extn.. Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor

**Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn:**

Notification from MHDC re Chantry High School extn to Technology Block (their comments). 05/01214/FUL White Cottage approved.

Other issues: Proposals for formation of one Planning Committee(MHDC).

Letter from Mr. Jennings MHDC enforcement ref. The Crown notice board.

**Finance:**

There were seven cheques totalling £1,287.89 for agreement and signature.

### **Income September 05:**

Lengthman July05 & Aug05 £700  
HM Customs & Excise VAT £323.69  
Community First Calor Award £50.00  
MHDC Second half precept, £4250.00  
Total: £5323.69

Current Bank Balance Lloyds TSB  
26th Aug 05 £7105.36

Actual position 3rd October 05,  
£9,940.25

The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

### **Budget 2006/7:**

The clerk presented the proposed budget that included an increase in the precept. It was decided to defer the acceptance until next meeting.

### **Meeting dates for 2006:**

It was resolved to accept the dates as proposed; these are attached as an addendum to these minutes.

Parish Paths Warden Report:

No report this month.

Urgent Decisions since last meeting:  
None.

### **Councillors reports and items for future agendas:**

1. The litter bins are reaching the end of their working life; replacement prices are typically £500 each. The Chairman to do an article for The Villager seeking sponsors.
2. Car parking at the Village Hall was discussed. It was agreed to discuss the matter further with the Village Hall Committee with a view to seeking funding.
3. The annual report of the Nora Parson Day Centre was submitted.
4. The clerk agreed to give a copy of

the Lengthman's "overgrowth" letter to councillors for dissemination to certain land owners.

5. The dog fouling around Heaton House continues.

6. The Clerk to follow up the erection of crossing lights at the schools.

7. A complaint was made about the speed and noise of the tractors moving the potato crop through the village.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

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

Meeting closed at 22.40 hrs.

Martley Parish Council

Clerk:T.M. Pearsall 01886 888256

E-mail: clerk@martley.org

### **Parish council meeting dates, 2006**

All meetings on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise notified:

9th. January Ordinary Meeting

6th. February Ordinary Meeting

6th. March Ordinary Meeting

3th. April Ordinary Meeting

8th. May Annual Meeting of

The Parish Council

13th. May Annual Parish Meeting (Saturday. This is not a Parish Council Meeting; it is a meeting of the electorate)

5th. June Ordinary Meeting

3th. July Ordinary Meeting

7st. August Ordinary Meeting

4th. September Ordinary Meeting

2rd. October Ordinary Meeting

6th. November Ordinary Meeting

4th. December Ordinary Meeting

All meetings to be held in the Memorial Hall at 8pm unless notified otherwise.



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

## *Kings Green sheepdogs get a chance to shine*



Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378

Buoyed by the success of team member Mel in a series of Sega promotional films, and puppy Mad-die's character role in the recent Channel 5 series, "The Farm", the sheepdogs at Kings Green Farm have decided it's time to share the limelight around.

The result is an 80-minute video/DVD, "Border Collie Sheepdogs – Off Duty!" And it's just that.

While the Border collie is widely respected as the stock herding dog "par excellence", it's also one of the most popular pet dog breeds in the UK. Deservedly so, for this intelligent, empathic and athletic dog can turn a paw to almost anything. "Border Collie Sheepdogs – Off Duty!" is beautifully photographed and includes some familiar sights from in and around Kings Green and Peter Street. It gives a fun and sometimes intimate insight into the true nature of the Border Collie. A walk in the wood, a day on the beach, adults relaxing and puppies playing, all filmed over an 18-month period between work and training.

Described by one reviewer as "... a

blend of 'One Man and His Dog' and 'You've Been Framed'", and greeted with acclaim by the sheepdog and dog training press as, "... essential viewing for any aspiring Border Collie owner"; "Off Duty!" will make a great Christmas present for any collie home or general dog lover. It is currently on release throughout Europe and North America—available locally from Martley Post Office, or on-line from [www.workingsheepdog.co.uk](http://www.workingsheepdog.co.uk)

*Further details from Andy Nickless and Gillian Watson*

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## **Wichenford 100 Club**

September winner: C Wetherall. No 84. £112.

Millennium green tidying and inspection rota. November: Richard Hawkins.



## *Wichenford Book of Remembrance*

November is the month in which we remember those who have lost their lives in war. Each year in Wichenford at our Remembrance Service in St Laurence Church we are reminded of the following the men from the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts and whose names appear on our War Memorial:

Lt D G Hemus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt C H Hemus, Sgt R Weaver, L/Cpl J Willis, Pte J Bowstead, Pte C Bullock, Pte W A Bullock, Pte G S Jackson, Pte W J Johnson, Pte H J Perrot, LAc D L Perkins, Pte R J Weaver, Pte D R Carwood.

As an attribute to their sacrifice we hope to produce a Remembrance Book to be placed in St Laurence Church containing the names of the fallen, with explanatory notes indicating where and when they died; with a brief mention of their life history and involvement in the parish. If anyone would like to help with this project or can provide any information about the men listed above, please contact Mrs C Wetherall, Churchwarden, On 01886-888611.

### *Church Flowers*

November 6	Mrs Barber
November 13	Mrs Britten, Remembrance Sunday
November 20	Mrs Britten
November 27	Advent, no flowers

## *Nora Parsons Day Centre*

Please note that the Day Centre Christmas Fair will be held on Monday 5 December at 2pm at the Day Centre.

### **Thanks**

The Memorial Hall Management Committee extend thanks to Roger Pound who generously repaired the tarmac in the car park.

### **Congratulations**

**James Pargeter** of Bush Farm, Wichenford and **Corina Danila** were married on September 3. The couple chose St Agata, Sorrento in Southern Italy for the ceremony. It was followed by a wonderful weekend of celebration and sight-seeing for their guests. They have made their home in Milton Keynes and we wish them every happiness for the future. People who remember James growing up in Wichenford may like to know that the wedding can be viewed on his website [www.jamesandcori.co.uk](http://www.jamesandcori.co.uk).

### **Welcome**

A warm welcome to Mr Andrew Chilvers, our new editor of the Villager. We hope you will enjoy your work among us. *Thanks for the welcome (ed).*

*Pam Webb*

### *Dates for your diaries:*

November 7, PCC meeting in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm  
15 November Ladies Fellowship meeting in the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm, speaker Mrs S Gaston on being a National Trust Guide.

## ***Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council***

An open meeting was held in the memorial hall at 6.30pm to discuss the Status, Ecology, Archaeology report and its conclusions from Worcestershire County Council on Rosses Lane and Guises Lane

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of the parish council held on Monday 5th September 2005 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

Councillor Britten-Long chaired the meeting.

### ***Progress reports***

Rosses Lane/Guises Lane was discussed at the earlier meeting.

Bottle Bank. The clerk explained that she has spoken with Malvern Hills and was told that there is a charge for a bottle bank. The parish council would like the clerk to contact the waste management department to assess the proposed site and cost.

The clerk was asked to liaise with neighbouring parishes to find out where other bottle banks in the area are located and to advertise it in the parish magazine.

### **Planning**

Applications received for comment since the last meeting.

05/01185/ful. Conservatory at Fairview, Rosses Lane.

05/01186/ful. Kitchen Extension, Mallenders Cottage.

05/01195/ful-01196/LBC. Erection of new single storey structure for additional residential amenity, at Wichenford Court.

Decisions made by MHDC

05/00888/ful. Unit 3 Rimmers Farm Wichenford. (Amendments to approved conversion) Refused.

### ***Finance***

**Lengthsman.** The clerk was asked to inform the lengthsman to reduce his hours due to the amount of expenditure already spent.

The income/ expenditure account was discussed and accepted.

### **Highways**

It was brought to the parish councils attention that the newly surfaced Barbers Lane was done with stone mastic asphalt (SMA), which has been found to be extremely slippery even lethal during the winter months. It was resolved to write to our county councillor and make him aware of concerns.

The clerk was also asked to contact the HPU with regards to the large amount of rubbish left by the contractors when the re-surfacing work was taking place.

The clerk reported that the blue advisory notices for Poplar Road/Barbers Lane will be sited in the next two weeks.

The traffic speed survey on the B4204 has been collected and should be received by the council within the month.

**B4197 Ankerdine Hill.** The HPU would like the parish council's views on the proposed prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles in excess of 18 tonnes on Ankerdine Hill.

The clerk was asked to write that any measures to improve the traffic on this road would be welcome, but we agree with the residents of the hill that 18 tonnes is still too large. Restricting the traffic on the B4197 may increase the amount of heavy traffic on the B4204, which we do not want.

### ***Parish council co-option***

The vacancy for a parish councillor can now be filled by co-option. A resident in Kenswick is interested. The clerk will contact him and ask for a C.V ready for the meeting in October.

NPDC AGM

Due to the death of the secretary of the Day Centre, the AGM was postponed. The new date is 26 Sept 05 and Cllrs Stinton, Randall and Britten-Long will be attending.

### ***Correspondence***

For decision by the Parish Council, Malvern Hills Spotlight Meeting on 21st Sept. No one is able to attend.

Planning briefing on 17 October will be attended by the clerk, Cllr Panton and Britten-Long.

Recycling Public Forum will be attended by the clerk and Cllr Panton.

Community Action open forum. It was suggested that a joint meeting be held with Martley parish council.

For information only.

### ***Councillor's report***

The brambles on the pavement at the garages behind Queens way have again been reported. Also the grass cutting on the village green and in front of Queens estate is not being cut frequently enough. (The clerk has this matter in hand.)

### ***Disrtict councillor's report***

Cllr Williams reported on the single planning committee that will not be properly balanced. The parish council has written stating its dissatisfaction with this arrangement. The council resolved to write to the planning authority stating that we would like to see one councillor from each ward represented on the committee for the meeting on September 8.

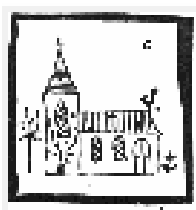
The Local Plan should be ready by the spring.

A recycling public forum is being held on Sept 26 on how things could be improved.

Shirley Sanders Clerk to the Council (01886 888302)

### ***Bottle banks***

There are bottle banks located on the car park at Sandpits Close Martley, and on the village hall car park at Great Witley.



# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

In this season of All Saints I thought I would share with you a little about each saint from each of the Churches for which I am responsible.

**St. Peter** is probably the most well known of the new testament saints, a disciple of Jesus, impetuous at times, denied Jesus after he was arrested, restored by the risen Christ, and became a leader of the early church. Eventually met his death on a cross that was inverted at his request.

**St. Mary Magdalene.** We are told little about her except that she had been cured of evil spirits and that she met the risen Jesus in the garden after his resurrection. There was a wonderful moment when not recognising him, he called her name: 'Mary'. She responded, 'Master', and was overjoyed to see him. St. Mary and St. Andrew the dedication of Knightwick chapel.

**St. Mary** the mother of Jesus, often referred to as the Blessed Virgin Mary, due to her being called blessed among all women having to bear the Son of God.

**St Andrew** was the brother of Peter, they were both fishermen. Andrew

heard about Jesus and followed him before Peter. He is the one who tells his brother to come and see 'for we have found the messiah'. He is regarded as the first Christian missionary, bringing his brother to Christ.

**St Laurence** sold all he possessed and gave it to the poor, even selling some of the church's silver and gold. He was told by the Roman authorities to bring the wealth of the church to them. To this he agreed but announced it would take him three days. Three days later he returned with the wealth. He brought thousands of lepers, blind beggars, sick, poor, widows and orphans. The prefect of Rome was furious and had Laurence roasted to death.

**St Leonard,** lived a life of poverty in the forest of Noblac France. The King was riding in the forest with his pregnant wife; she went into labour and was in great difficulty. Leonard prayed for her and the baby was delivered safely. The king granted Leonard land on which he built the abbey of Noblac. The Greek word for saint is martyr, which is fitting for they all sacrificed much, some their lives. In scripture we are all called to be saints, to live lives of sacrifice in service of our Lord. a high calling indeed for each one of us.  
*Revd David Sherwin*

## *Church Diary for November*

- Sunday 6th Nov 8.00am Holy Communion Knightwick Chapel  
St Leonard 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
- Monday 7th Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence Wichenford  
7.45pm Wichenford PCC Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 8th Nov 10.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
- Thursday 10th Nov 2.00pm Little Minnows at St. Peter's Martley
- Sunday 13th Nov 10.45am Remembrance Service St Laurence Wichenford  
Remembrance Day 10.45am Remembrance Service St Peter Martley  
10.45am Remembrance Service St Mary Magdalene Broadwas
- Monday 14th Nov 8.30am Prayer Breakfast
- Tuesday 15th Nov 7.30pm Wardens Meeting at the Rectory
- Wednesday 16th Nov 10.15am Holy Communion Heaton House
- Saturday 19th Nov 7.00pm Benefice Skittles Competition Admiral Rodney
- Sunday 20th Nov 8.00am Holy Communion St Peter Martley  
10.30am Baptism service St. Laurence Wichenford  
6.00pm Benefice Service at St Mary Magdalene Broadwas  
Worship led by David and Heather Sharland, our  
Mission Partners
- Monday 21st Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peters Martley
- Tuesday 22nd Nov 10.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene  
7.30pm Lower Teme Valley PCC Knightwick Village hall
- Thursday 24th Nov 12.00noon Mothers Union at the home of Muriel Coomb
- Saturday 26th Nov worship Leaders Meeting at the Rectory 10.00am-12.30pm
- Sunday 27th Nov 8.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene Broadwas  
9.30am Holy Communion St Peter Martley  
11.00am Holy Communion St Laurence Wichenford  
4.00pm Christingle Service St Mary Magdalene Broadwas  
6.30pm Evening Worship St Peter Martley
- Monday 28th Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer St Mary Magdalene Broadwas  
7.30pm Martley PCC at the Rectory
- Wednesday 30th Nov 10.15am Holy Communion Heaton House

*Confirmation if you are interested in being confirmed or what is involved then please contact Rev David Sherwin 01886 888664*

# In the Garden



November is often one of the wettest months of the year, and also brings fog and frosts. But despite the gloom there's still some colour to be found among leaves and berries.

Winter-flowering shrubs such as Mahonia media hybrids, winter honeysuckle and Viburnum bodnantense will bring gorgeous fragrance to the short days. Try to spend a little time tidying up your borders – you'll be pleased you did when spring comes round.

At this time of year, it's time for planting bare root roses and other plants in the garden. When the plants have been received check over the root system and snip off any dead or damaged roots, shoots or stems. Then soak the roots in a bucket of water for a few hours before planting.

Dig a hole big enough to take the root system easily and dig in some Levington Rose, Tree & Shrub Compost into the base and mix some into the soil that you will fill the planting hole.

This enriched compost is suitable for all trees and shrubs as well as with ericaceous plants. It contains enough nutrients to feed your new plant for the first season ensuring quick establish-

ment and vigorous root activity. Firm in to obtain good contact between the roots and the new soil.

As you are working around the garden pick up any dead leaves and debris to remove hiding places for slugs and snails. Sprinkle SlugClear Advanced Pellets around the plants you want to protect in beds and borders, and along the edges of the lawn where these pests tend to hide.

Finally, make sure you take care to tackle snails. Ensure there is enough difference in the borders; the destruction will be less even if you have different plants next to each other and one has been damaged. Also snails adore the soft parts of your plants. When you make sure they are healthy and strong, they're less attractive to snails.

## *Thank you*

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to the COFFEE MORNING on Friday 30th September, and those who sent donations in aid of the MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF, we raised £94.30.

*Records of the Parish Council meetings in the two parishes 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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