

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)

Martley mums and tots. 9.30am-11.30am. Open in all school holidays except Christmas.

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 at 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

Fridays

Wichenford Memorial Hall whist drive, 2nd Friday of each month until April 2007. Start 8pm.

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

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OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Penny for the guy?



The name November comes from the Roman word *novem* meaning nine, because it was the ninth month on the Roman calendar.

The Anglo-Saxons called November *Wind monath* because it was the time when the cold winds began to blow. They also called it *Blod monath* because it was the time when cattle were slaughtered for winter food.

The first week of November has always been a time of festivals and celebrations marking the end of the harvest and beginning of winter.

All Saint's Day – November 1

In 835AD, the Roman Catholic

Church made November 1 a church holiday to honour all the saints. This feast day is called All Saint's Day.

All Soul's Day – November 2

This is a day when the Christian Church remembers all those who have died; the ordinary people from all walks of life. Families visit graves with flowers to remember their loved ones and in some parts of the country, the day ends with a play or some songs.

Originally, it was the custom for poorer Christians to offer prayers for the dead in return for money or food (soul cake) from their wealthier neighbours. People would go *souling* – rather than *carol singing* – requesting alms or soul cakes. The song went like this:

A soul, a soul, a soul cake.

Please good missus a soul cake.

An apple, a pear, a plum or a cherry,

Any good thing to make us merry.

One for Peter, two for Paul,

Three for Him who made us all.

A soul cake is rather like a hot cross bun without the currants or cross.

Mischief Night – November 4

This is often called Mischief Night and is the time when all sorts of naughty things are done – the main idea is to put things in the wrong place around the house or garden.



Guy Fawkes Night – November 5

This is the most widespread of all British customs. The day was declared a holiday by Parliament was saved from being blown up by Guy Fawkes in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

Martinmas Day – November 11

The feast of St Martin, Martinmas was a time for celebrations with great feasts and hiring fairs, at which labourers would seek new posts.

Remembrance Day

This is also the day of remembrance, when people recall their loved ones killed in the wars dating from World War I [see Church notes].

Weather lore

If ducks do slide at Martinmas
At Christmas they will swim;
If ducks to swim at Martinmas
At Christmas they will slide.

Ice before Martinmas,
Enough to bear a duck.
The rest of the winter
Is sure to be muck.

Martley ramblers

*November 5, 1pm,
church car park*

Yet another season, our 33rd, is ambling to an end. The AGM will be held on Monday 20 November at 8pm, Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane, so facts and figures for those who are interested will be available later. Injuries, not sustained on rambles, and holidays have rather decimated numbers on recent walks, but those members who have turned up have enjoyed them all.



Hopefully, the last walk this season, a week early to avoid Remembrance Sunday, will see a good turnout to follow Gill Strudwick around the Stone area, south of Kidderminster, an area new to the Ramblers.

Kate King

Martley Spurs

The new season is now well under way and all Saturday afternoon games are now able to be played at home. The first Saturday Premier game produced a good win for our boys when they beat VBL Sports by six goals to three. The Sunday sides did not fare so well when both the Sunday Premier eleven and the Reserves lost their matches.

Better results came in when the Satur-

day squad beat West Malvern 2-0 and the Sunday Premier overcame Bedwardine 3-1, but the Reserves were narrowly beaten by Cutnall Green. The 23rd produced a feast of goals when the Saturday Premier eleven thrashed Pershore Manor by nine goals to four, Luke Willetts and Chris Collins both netted hat tricks.

The Sunday Premier side could not replicate this outcome and lost to Arrow 2000 and the Reserves lost their Sunday Junior Cup round one match too.

Beth Williams

Martley's Past



The one-room Infant classroom in Berrow Green Road was built in 1894 as a direct result of HM Inspector's pressure.

The infants had been accommodated since 1872 in a room created by knocking down a wall between the two living rooms of the school houses, leaving a room with A low ceiling and

facing the road – almost due North. Folding pine doors were installed so the master and mistress could have their rooms back once school had finished. (Incidentally, this work cost £12-10!)

The HM Inspector's report dated 16 June 1892 states: "The Mixed (Girls and Infants) School shows sound and intelligent teaching generally, but in too many instances the marks are of only fairly good quality. The children read and recite well and answer satisfactorily when questioned in all their subjects except mental arithmetic. In this, however, there is some improvement shown on last year.

Praise is especially due for the accurate and thorough knowledge of Grammar in the Upper Standards. The behaviour of the children is commendable. The infant class continues to be skilfully and kindly taught. In the girls' room, the desks are not firmly placed. This defect causes ink to be spilt and interferes with the writing exercises.

None of the recommendations of last year's report with respect to the infants' room have been carried out, and it remains low, dark and practically devoid of ventilation. The recognition of the infants' room is imperilled by such defects and the managers should therefore at once take steps to remedy them.

The special attention of the managers is requested to HM Inspector's repeated complaints as to the state of the accommodation for the younger children."

Note: There were 60 plus girls and infants registered!

A L Boon

Martley & District Horticultural Society

As we approach autumn and winter, members of the Horticultural Society look back on a summer that proved rather difficult with the heat that was not appreciated by the plant life. However, some of the gardens that were visited were excellent in such an unusual season. At the first meeting back in the village hall after the summer break, the guest speaker was Duncan Coombs of Pershore College, his subject being "The Shaded Garden". The talk was illustrated with interesting slides, bringing the many varied plants to life. These covered a wide range from shrubs to low growing plants, including primroses, bluebells and snowdrops. The shrubs included magnolias, hydrangeas, clematis and many more; a most interesting subject that prompted many questions. He was thanked by the chairman, Barbara Kirby.

The annual show was again a great success and thanks were expressed to everyone for their help.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday 30 November at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall. This will be followed by a celebration in recognition of the Society's 30 years. All old and new members are invited to come along to this celebration. The Christmas Dinner

will be on Friday 8 December in the Village Hall. Final details in the December Villager.

Nellie Bradley

Good show



The Martley Horticultural Show and Fete Committee would like to extend their thanks to all those who supported the 2006 Show. Whether you were an exhibitor, stall holder or visitor to the show, you all helped to make the day a great success. Despite the somewhat 'inclement' weather towards the end of the afternoon, the Show still took more than £1,400, an increase on the 2005 figures. As in past years, the Show Committee will be making donations to local organisations and will be contacting them accordingly in the near future.

We hope to make the 2007 Show as much of a success as this year, but would like to encourage new members to join our Committee. So, if you would like to be part of next year's event, or could help out on the day, please come along to the first 2007 Show meeting, which will be held in

the library at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st November at 8pm.
*Helen Coombey-Jones, Secretary
Martley Horticultural Show and Fete
Committee*

I did it!

I did it! I jumped at 12,000 ft out of a perfectly good plane, accelerated to 120 mph covering a thousand feet in approximately five seconds. At 5,000 ft the parachute opened! It was fantastic, better than gliding. The instructor was 26 – I have grandchildren older than that. The family welcomed me back with a glass of bubbly, but what I wanted most was a cup of tea! I did the sky dive to raise money for The Acorn Trust, the children's hospice, and would like to thank everyone who sponsored me.

Chris Smith

NB: Chris is still happy to receive donations.

Martley WI

8 November 7.30pm in Heaton House.
The September speaker, Rosemary Prosser, held everyone fascinated by her tales of being a young police-woman, and it is hoped she can be booked to return again to entertain us with another of her talks. This month is the AGM when we shall be reminded of all the interesting things we have done this year and wonder how we manage to live such a busy, enjoyable WI life. This will be followed by social time entertainment. Thanks to

those members who willingly gave time and effort to partake in, and help provide, entertainment for the Harvest Supper (thanks due also to Harry King their producer). They all seemed to enjoy it.

Congratulations to Chris Smith on her parachute jump. What a brave lady. We are all proud of her.

Kate King

Wrinkle removal recipe

Banana is a wonderful anti-wrinkle treatment. Mash a quarter of a banana until very creamy. Spread all over your face and leave for 15-20 minutes before rinsing off with warm water, followed by a dash of cold. Gently pat dry. (Let's hope no one rings the door-bell while waiting to wash off!)

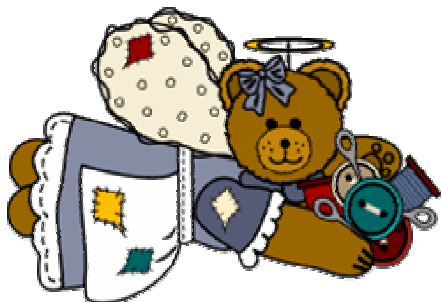
Gail Joseph, Devon Federation WI

Pudford Lane

Rather belated congratulations to Natalie Jefferies and Max Lloyd for special birthdays. Sorry to be so late. It is sometimes difficult to meet the deadline with news, but that is not really a good enough excuse. At the time of writing, October, the early autumn sunshine and warmth have caused a wonderful late show of colour. We shall have to keep our fingers crossed that the Pudford Glacier and wayside streams do not re-appear this winter.

The lay-by operative continues his labours. Rubbish this month has included new wooden planks, a plastic covered shelf and a quarter of a tele-

Pre-School Snippets



The children enjoyed an imaginative first half-term of the school year exploring stories. A particular highlight was the Teddy Bear's Picnic inspired by the story 'Where's My Teddy?'

Stories continue to influence the themes for the new half-term: 'The Enormous Turnip' will spark off the children's exploration of autumn followed by a focus on minibeasts including the story 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird.' The new 'Letter of the Week' is encouraging the children to bring in objects beginning with the featured letter; parents should keep an eye out for which letter is the focus. Before long we may have an influx of xylophones!

We would like to send out a big thank you to the Wichenford Fete committee for their generous donation of £250 from fete funds.

We enjoyed manning our face painting stall at the fete this year. More thank yous go to everyone who helped out in the Pre-School garden

on October 7th. Many staff, parents and friends of the Pre-School worked hard on painting and tidying the area. Very few schools have such a wonderful outdoor space and it's great to see it looking extra fabulous.

The fashion show in early October was a great opportunity for a bargain and a laugh. We were delighted so many women in the community turned out; some even joined in on the act, strutting their stuff in leopard high heels!

Shopping opportunities continue with our **Christmas Gift Fair on Saturday 2nd December from 1-4pm at Martley Memorial Hall.** From name brands like Body Shop and Usborne to wonderful wooden children's toys and handmade crafts, there will be enough gift ideas to take care of all your friends and family. If you are interested in being a stall holder contact Brenda Williams on 01886 888052.

We would like to welcome Lisa Lewis who joins us on Wellie Wednesdays as part of her placement from Worcester Technology College. Lisa will be with us through to February 2007.

Congratulations Corner

Birthday Wishes are sent to Conor Burton who turns four this month and to Chloe Warr who turns three. We hope you both enjoy your special days!

graph post, sawn at both ends. If anyone is having problems with their land-line connection, this could perhaps be the reason for the lack of reception.

The litter collection has extended into Hillend Bridge Lane with two new young collectors. They do a regular weekly collection and are appalled at the amount of drink cans and liquor bottles that re-occur each week, asking "Why do these dirty people throw their rubbish here? Why don't they take it home to put in their own bins?" Why indeed? Do we have to re-install the lane bottle bank that we had in the 1980s?

Kate King

Your correspondent is always happy to include snippets re happenings to inhabitants in the ongoing Pudford Lane saga. Recent negotiations will hopefully result in more news from the furthest depths of the lane. Sorry, but no fees are payable.

Thank you

On behalf of Martley Spurs, I would like to thank Barbara Williams (BJ'Blinds) and Nevil Jones Buildings for their kind donation towards buying a new set of goal posts for the football club. The club had to replace the old posts as they started to rot away and were unsafe. They had lasted for over 50 years and were brought from the Spurs old ground, which was in Hollins Lane in 1953/4 season, to the present ground by the village hall. At

that time, we shared the pitch with a flock of sheep.

St Richard's Hospice

Dedicate a light to your loved ones this Christmas on the St Richard's Hospice tree and join us for this year's principle service in celebration of life. It will take place in Worcester Cathedral on Friday, 17th November, followed by the special 'switch on' ceremony - 6.30pm for 7pm.

The service will provide an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one, to rejoice in a birth or indeed to light a life for those absent at Christmas. Those attending the service will then take the short walk by candle light to the tree under St Andrew's Spire for the switch on. Refreshments will be served in the Guildhall afterwards.

If you are unable to attend the Cathedral service, you might be interested to learn that two alternative events are in place this year:

* St Andrews Church (on the corner of the High Street), Droitwich followed by a special 'Switch on' around the tree in Victoria Square - Weds 6th Dec at 6pm.

* Christ Church, Malvern including a special 'switch on' (inside) - Weds 13th Dec at 6.30pm.

There is no minimum donation to dedicate a light, which will shine on the Christmas Trees at St Andrew's Spire - Deansway; Christ Church - Malvern; Victoria Square - Droitwich. The names of your loved ones will be

displayed on the boards surrounding the tree in St Andrew's Spire and in a Book of Thanksgiving placed in the Cathedral, Christ Church and Droitwich Library throughout December. We will also send you a special candle shade so that the 'light of love' can also shine in your home.

There are many other 'tree of light' initiatives being developed in our community and we would like to take the opportunity to remind you that all donations for the St Richard's tree come directly to the hospice in support of our work and we are hugely grateful for your generosity.

For more information, or to dedicate a light please contact the Fundraising Dept, St Richard's Hospice, on 01905 763963 or email appeal@strichards.org.uk

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Charity no. 515668

Chantry news

Sincere apologies to everyone looking for the Chantry News at the end of the last school year and not finding it. There was a little problem with getting news together in time for the deadline

dates - so we missed 'em. Sorry!

The new school year is now well underway and the Year 7s have settled in; well, that is to say that less of them seem to be getting lost on the way to classes. We hope that the 'Chantry News' will help everyone in the 'Parishes', who have children at the school, to keep up to speed.

Calling all parents

The 'Friends of Chantry High School' are a group of parents who support the school events and also raise money for the 'little extras' the pupils need to enrich their learning experience. The fundraising is a particularly important job as the budget the school receives only covers essential costs, not the little extras. To date the funds have covered the cost of photography equipment, software for the music suite, a donation towards the Specialist Technology School funds and financing special projects across all the subject areas taught in the school.

At school events, such as the drama evenings, musical events and open evenings the Friends provide the refreshments. At the prestigious 'Year 11 Awards Evening' all the catering is provided too.

So, this call is to all parents, especially



Year 7, we need more members. When there are plenty of hands it makes for light work, they say, and there is a lot of fun and satisfaction in what we do. At some time during their time at Chantry every pupil will benefit from the work done by the Friends, so support your child and give a little of your time by joining the team.

Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 9th November....8 o'clock.....School Staff Room

School uniform shop

The School Uniform Shop has a number of good quality, 'recycled', items of school uniform available. Uniforms are expensive, so this is a good way to replace a lost item when it goes missing 1/2 way through the term. If your child is growing faster than your budget contact the school and see if we have the next size up.

Virtual workspace

At the beginning of the new term a presentation was made to the parents of Year 10 and 11 pupils to explain about the Virtual Workspace facilities that had been introduced in the school. There is a great potential for children to research, create study forums, improve the quality of their work and interact with pupils at other schools using this extensive study tool. It was hoped to raise the understanding of the parents so that they would support their children in using it. Any parent who has any questions, or did not make it to the presentation, is welcome to contact the school to find out more.

The new design and technology building

Rumour has it that this brand new, purpose-built facility should be open to pupils in the Spring Term. It is hoped to put on an evening event to coincide with the opening to showcase the new classrooms and have a little fun as well. Watch your School Newsletter and the Chantry News for the updates

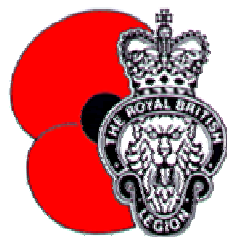
Royal British Legion

Knightswick, Broadwas, Cotheridge with Martley

The fish and chip supper was a sell out. The fish and chip and bread, and butter were much enjoyed.

Thanks to Marcus, Mark and their staff for looking after us so well. The guest speaker was Mal Mills and his subject "My grandmother was a gypsy," was informative, interesting and humorous. John Kirk was master of ceremony for the evening and he and Thelma Taber organised the event. – never an easy job with numbers changing right up to the last minute. Thank you all for supporting the branch.

The AGM takes place at the Talbot Hotel, Knightswick on Monday, November 6. 7.30pm. Saturday November 11, 11am at the Talbot Hotel. We meet to observe two minute's silence. Sunday November 12 10.45am Broad-



was Church. Members to assemble on car park by 10.30am. Service begins at 10.45 am.

This is not just for the RBL, but for all members of the community. With our service men and women deployed all over the globe (my niece is serving in Bosnia), they need our support in thought, word and deed. Please join us.

*Joyce Tyler
President.*

The Christmas Gift Fair

A shopping extravaganza will take place on Saturday 2nd December from 1-4pm at the Memorial Hall. From the Body Shop to wooden toys and crafts to jewellery, there is something for everyone on your Christmas list this year.

Don't miss out!

Teme Valley Views from the Teme Valley Children's Centre

Many women decide to take a break from their careers and concentrate on bringing up their young children. When the children start school, a career becomes a possibility once again; however, returning to work at this stage may seem like a daunting prospect.

Volunteering to help with a local charity can build confidence and provide a springboard for returning to work. Tracey Martin, scheme manager for

Home-Start, Malvern, highlights that many of the women that act as Home-Start volunteers are at this stage.

By volunteering they develop new skills, start to work as part of a team and, in the case of Home-Start, receive an accreditation for the training course that can be added to their CV.

After a couple of years, many then move confidently on to paid employment. The Children's Centre works with Home-Start to support families who need help. The first Teme Valley Home-Start preparation course has just been completed, but more volunteers are always needed.

For more information, contact Tracey on 01684 893125.

If volunteering is not for you, the Children Centre is working with Tenbury Extended Schools to run a course for women thinking about returning to work.

This will cover topics such as improving confidence, time management and financial management and will take place at The Pump Rooms, Tenbury Wells from 26th October.

For more information or to receive a copy of our free monthly newsletter 'Teme Valley Views' please contact the TVCC on 01886 812982.



***Thank You
Volunteers!***

What's happening near you?

Opera - La Boheme by Puccini

Venue: Malvern Theatres

E-Mail:

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 31 October 2006

To: 5 November 2006

Dance - Rambert Dance Company

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 1 November 2006

To: 4 November 2006

Fireworks Spectacular -

Venue: Three Counties Showground

E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk

Phone: 01684 584900

Website: [http://](http://www.threecounties.co.uk)

www.threecounties.co.uk

Classic Bike Show & Jumble -

Venue: Three Counties Showground

E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk

Phone: 01484 452002

Website: [http://](http://www.threecounties.co.uk)

www.threecounties.co.uk

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Felicity Kendal in David Hare's

"Amy's View"

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 6 November 2006

To: 11 November 2006

For Children - A Midsummer Night's Dream

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

9 November 2006

David Essex

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website:

12 November 2006

Musical - The Wolves in the Walls

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

From: 15 November 2006

To: 18 November 2006

Giant Toy & Train Fair -

Venue: Three Counties Showground

Phone: 01869 347489

Website: [http://](http://www.threecounties.co.uk)

www.threecounties.co.uk

From: 19 November 2006

To: 19 November 2006

Evening with... - Bill Bryson

Venue: Malvern Theatres

Phone: 01684 892277

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

21 November 2006

Mothers of Martley

Welcome to this new addition to *The Villager*!
The MoM page aims to look at issues of interest to Mums in Martley.

Lunchboxes

The Food Standards Agency found that packed lunches still contain far too much fat, salt and sugar for one meal. From lunchbox foods alone, children are eating double the recommended lunchtime intake of saturated fat and sugar and up to half their daily recommended salt intake. Three out of four lunchboxes fail to meet the government standards set for school meals in 2001.



The Food Standards Agency is attempting to support parents in putting together nutritious, practical and affordable

packed lunches. Through their website, www.food.gov.uk, parents can access two month's worth of simple lunchbox suggestions, recipes and other helpful information.

The Food in Schools programme, led by the DfEs, suggest that lunchboxes include the following:

- starchy food: wholegrain bap, thick sliced wholemeal bread, pitta pocket, pasta or rice salad
- fruit and veg: an apple, satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot

sticks, mini-can of fruit chinks or small box of raisins

- a portion of dairy food: individual cheese portion or pot of yoghurt

- a portion of lean meat, fish or alternative: ham, tuna, egg or hummus

- a drink: fruit juice, semi-skimmed milk or water

Try www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mostof_childrenlunchbox.shtml for more ideas.

Website Watch:
www.mailorderexpress.com.
All the toys your child could ever dream of.

Car seat Laws

Don't forget that there are new car seat laws. Any child aged up to 12 or shorter than 135cm (4'5") now has to use a child seat or booster.

Exceptions to the new laws are rear seats in taxis or short emergency journeys (which does not cover school runs).

See thinkroadsafety.gov.uk for more information.



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS



Janet Andrews
01886 888303

Sheila Richards
01886 888378

Church Flower Rota

5 November: M Barber
12 November Remembrance Sunday:
Mrs S Britten
19 November: Mrs S Britten
26 November Advent – no flowers

Hall on 25 November between 10 and 12 noon. Hear about our CMS Missionaries' work in Africa.

Wichenford PCC

A meeting of the Wichenford PCC is to be held on Monday 6 November in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

Wichenford newcomers

Welcome to Scruffy, Scrawny, Bare Bum and Peely-Wally!

These are four rescued battery hens destined for the meat chain, having spent a year in a small cage just laying eggs. That this is cruel and unnatural goes without saying.

Remembrance Sunday

There will be a Benefice Concert on Sunday 12 November; this will consist of songs, poems, talks and memories etc at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

I heard about John and Monica Hall who happen to live very nearby in Holt. John is a Rescue Co-ordinator for The Battery Hen Welfare Trust and does a regular run to collect these poor creatures every few weeks and somehow manages to find good homes for hundreds and hundreds of them locally. What fantastic people they are.

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship meet at Brenda Hadfield's home on 21 November at 2.30pm, speaker Jill Jupe on The Samaritans.

It is a delight and privilege to see these hens transform from dazed zombies to paid up members of the hen world—pecking, scratching, sun bathing and having a dust bath. And how

Missionaries' work in Africa

There will be a talk in the Memorial

they love to eat the green leaves and grass!

If you are interested, the Trust website is: www.thehenshouse.co.uk or John and Monica can be contacted by e.mail: ukrescue@btoopenworld.com or tel: 01905-620711.

Wichenford Memorial Hall

Please come and enjoy an evening with Brian Draper on Friday 9 February 2007. He will give an illustrated talk with slides on the flora and fauna of the Warwickshire Avon. Further details to follow.

On Friday 16 March 2007 there will be an auction of promises, and a silent auction, together with wine and cheese. Both the February and March events stated above will take place in the evenings. They will both be very enlightening and good fun and will be raising funds for the continuing refurbishment of our Memorial Hall building.

Gentle reminder – does anyone remember borrowing pyrex dishes and silver salvers from our hall? Perhaps you may have forgotten. We would be grateful if you would please return them. Thank you.

The Management Committee would like to report that in April 2006 they were successful in obtaining a grant of £5,000 from Awards for All. This has allowed us to completely redecorate the interior and refurbish all toilets. We hope that all villagers will support future fund raising events to enable us to continue the good work.

Margaret Fisher

Secretary, Wichenford Memorial Hall Management Committee

The Children's Society

The Children's Society is appealing for your help to support some of the 100,000 children – one in four under the age of 12 – who run away from home or care every year. On our streets these children are at risk of becoming involved in prostitution, crime, drugs or alcohol. Can you help? £15 will provide a bag of essentials for any child on the streets. The Children's Society will be out there handing out these overnight bags this winter and offering them a safe home. Please think of them and give what you can to: The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X OJL.

Pam Webb

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th September 2006 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

Councillor G. Britten-Long chaired the meeting. (Chairman)

This meeting replaced the planned meeting of 11th September which was cancelled due to poor attendance.

Present; Cllr J. Wells, Cllr N. Oldfield, Cllr M. Andrews, Cllr A. Chilvers, Cllr K. Randall (vice chairman),

In Attendance: Mrs S Sanders (Clerk to the Parish Council).

County Cllr A Davies came to the meeting of 11th Sept, which was rescheduled to 13th Sept so no official report was given.

Democratic half hour/public question time.

The chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about parish business.

APOLOGIES and APPROVAL of absence.

Cllr D Stinton, (accepted), Cllr J. Pantton (accepted), Cllr H Rendall. (accepted).

Apologies were accepted from the District and County Councillor.

Progress reports

Notice Boards

No reply has been received from the District or County Council regarding financial help with the notice boards.

Planning

Sustainable Community Strategy 2006-2021 was taken by the chairman to pass round for comments.

Applications considered since the last meeting.

Ridgend Cottage, Wichenford. Removal of condition 14 of planning permission to enable use as agricultural workers dwelling.

The parish council has no objection to this proposal.

06/00886/Ful. Erection of steel frame (agricultural type) barn at Bushy Ground, Ockeridge.

The parish council has no objection to this application.

Applications to be discussed

407675. Demolition of existing pumping station and construction of a new sewerage

Pumping station, GRP Kiosk, compound and associated works. At Wichenford Queens Sewage pumping station for Severn Trent Water Ltd.

The parish council raised several points that they would like answered prior to commencement of work. The clerk was asked to write a letter to Severn Trent, and the planning department, for replies to their questions.

The clerk was also asked to contact Elgar Housing to make sure all the residents have been informed, and that the pavements have been cleared of overgrowth.

Decisions made by MHDC

LBC.Laughern Hill Wichenford. (Alteration to orangery to provide a garage store and changing room) Approved.

Laughern Hill, Wichenford. (Proposed stables and ménage). Withdrawn.

Erection of a wind turbine on a barn roof, for Woodhouse Farm, Wichenford. Approved

Enlargement of glazed link. Laughern Brook House. Withdrawn.

Finance

The income/expenditure account was discussed and accepted. Proposed by Councillor Britten-Long and seconded by Councillor Oldfield.

The balance up to the 31st July 2006 stands at £9,635.22

The letter 7th Sept 2006 regarding calc subscriptions to be put in correspondence folder for next meeting.

The calc bursary scheme is only avail-

able for parish councils with up to 400 registered electors.

Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator

Cllr Chilvers agreed to take this post and was proposed by Cllr Britten-Long and seconded by Cllr Wells.

Chestnut tree and plaque

It was agreed to refer this agenda item to the next meeting.

Highways

The parish council is to send a letter in support of the County Council agreeing fully with their proposals for Rosses and Guises Lane. If objections are not withdrawn than a public enquiry will be held.

A letter was read out from the Parish Council to the CPRE thanking them for their support and help with the proposed second access at The Masons Wichenford.

Correspondence;

The clerk was asked to photocopy the report from Central Networks regarding the safer environments fund, and distribute it to all councillors in the correspondence folder. They are offering up to £2,500 for community projects.

The CAB letter regarding funding is to be placed in the correspondence folder.

The new calc website service to member councils and protocol was discussed.

The council has reservations with this issue and the vice chairman will write a reply with the parish councils concerns.

For information only.

All correspondence listed on the agenda has been circulated for councillors to read.

Correspondence received after agenda was written will be distributed around the councillors for the next meeting.

Calc Chairman's report to the AGM is to be put in the corres folder for information.

The dates of the forthcoming Calc area meetings and Calc AGM were read out.

Cllr Randall will be attending the CPRE AGM on 30th September.

The Nexus Grant programme was discussed and will be distributed in the corres folder. They are offering up to £5,000 for projects, 25% has to be raised by the parish council.

Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Councillor Wells and the Lengthsman will be attending a forum on 11th Oct 06 to discuss future policies of foot-paths in the future.

It has been reported that a litter bin used to exist on the lay-by at the bottom of Castle Hill. Vehicles are pulling in but throwing their rubbish on the verge.

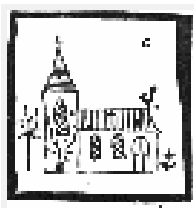
Councillors were asked to look at the area as it is a Village Green, to discuss what the next step should be.

Date and venue of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting arranged for 30th October at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Shirley Sanders Clerk to Kenswick & Wichenford parish council.



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

Remembering

I was shopping with my mother the other day, (yes I still go shopping with her!), when I came across some model soldiers I used to collect as a young boy. Remember these tiny 'Airfix' soldiers I asked? She did. To me then these were the stuff of play and films and as I grew I would find out much more as we all do.

Growing up in the 1960s meant that stories about the second world war were still very fresh in people's minds. In fact ornamental grass areas in the part of Birmingham where I grew up were full of 'poppy crosses' during the remembrance period.

Such symbols did and still do help us remember what happened and how people's lives were affected, and still affected. Recent world events mean that what happens in warfare is brought to our screens daily. Remembering our soldiers serving abroad is something we all do.

This year, as part of our Remembrance commemorations, we will be holding an evening of remembering at Wichenford Memorial hall. This is open to anyone in the benefice and beyond who wishes to join us. People will share stories, poems, readings,

songs and music, and even food, that help us remember not just the dark times but times of hope too. It is something we are offering as a way of helping people share and reflect on a period of life that has left a great impact upon them from different conflicts and times.

God told his people in the Old testament to remember times of deliverance and Jesus too gave us a feast of remembrance in the bread and wine; both were to bring people hope for the future. If you have something you would like to share please let me know. Meanwhile, however you remember and why you remember, may you also remember God's love for you in Christ. God bless

Revd David Sherwin

Events continued...

Sunday 26 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley

11.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford

4.30pm Christingle Service, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter Martley

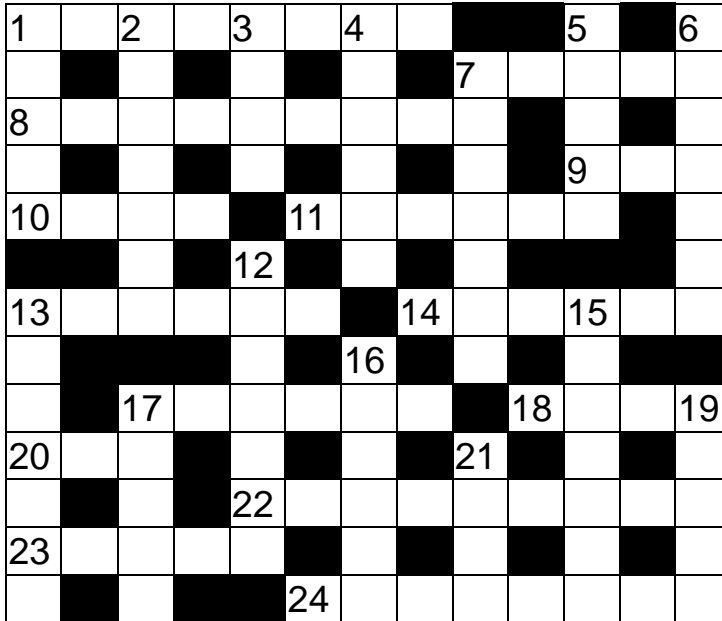
Monday 27 Nov 9.00am Morning

Tuesday 28 Nov 7.30pm LTV PCC, Knightwick VH

Events for November

- Wednesday 1 Nov 7.30pm Wardens Meeting, The Rectory
- Thursday 2 Nov Pastoral Care Meeting at the home of Sheila Richards
- Saturday 4 Nov 9-10.30am Prayer Group, St Peter Martley
- Sunday 5 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
6.30pm Youth Service, St Peter, Martley
- Monday 6 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
7.45pm Wichenford PCC, Village Hall
- Tuesday 7 Nov 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
7.30pm Bible Study Group, The Rectory
8.00pm Open Home – Open Bible, at the home of George Lawrence
- Wednesday 8 Nov 10.15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thursday 9 Nov 2.00pm Little Minnows, St Peter, Martley – Sound
7.30pm Benefice All Age Meeting, The Rectory
- Sunday 12 Nov 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Laurence, Wichenford
10.45am Remembrance Day, St Peter, Martley
10.45am Remembrance Day, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
6.30pm Special Service & War Songs Concert, Wichenford MH
- Monday 13 Nov 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at the home of Jill Smith
7.30pm Martley PCC, The Rectory
- Tuesday 14 Nov 7.30pm Bible Study Group, The Rectory
8.00pm Open Home – Open Bible, at the home of George Lawrence
- Saturday 18th Nov Benefice Skittles at the Admiral Rodney
- Sunday 19 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley
10.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Morning Worship, St Peter Martley
3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel
- Monday 20 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter Martley
- Tuesday 21 Nov 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
7.30pm Bible Study Group, The Rectory
8.00pm Open Home – Open Bible, at the home of George Lawrence
- Wednesday 22 Nov 10.15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thursday 23 Nov 12 noon, Mothers Union
- Saturday 25 Nov 10-12 noon Benefice Mission Partner Morning, Wichenford MH

Take a Break



ACROSS;

- 1.GATHERS IN (8)
- 7.AN EMBLEM OF CHRISTIANITY (5)
- 8.DISEASE OF THE BLOOD (9)
- 9.EVERGREEN TREE (3)
- 10.TEAM (4)
- 11.LAY CHURCH OFFICERS (6)
- 13.TREES OF LEBANON (6)
- 14.FLOWERING SHRUB (6)
- 17.DEEPLY RELIGIOUS (6)
- 18.ARM (4)
- 20.SHORT FOR STAMPED ADDRESS ENVELOPE (1.1.1.)
- 22.CHURCH FESTIVAL (9)
- 23.SATAN (5)
- 24.SUCCESS (8)

DOWN;

- 1.STOPS (5)
- 2.CURVED (7)
- 3.BIBLICAL CHARACTER (4)
- 4.PLACE OF WORSHIP (6)
- 5.CLOSE FITTING CAPS (5)
- 6.RUSSIAN EMPRESS (7)
- 7.PASSAGE FOR SOLOIST IN PIECE OF MUSIC (7)
- 12.PETTY (7)
- 13.VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN (7)
- 15.TO DEPRIVE OF CLERICAL CHARACTER (7)
- 16.AMBASSADOR OF THE POPE (6)
- 17.DIG (5)
- 19.FILLETED (5)
- 21.BURDEN (4)

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