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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 Mums and Tots: 9.30-11.30am
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

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See articles inside 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

The cover photo shows the Basil Haines Memorial Sundial on the tower of St Peter's Church, Martley (by M. Higgins)

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



YIMMs Update

Saturday 13 September, a bright sunny day (for once!) saw the second Youth In Martley Matters Fun Day, following a successful application for a grant from Worcestershire County Council, and funding from West Mercia Police and Martley Parish Council.

Around 200 young people, along with parents and grandparents, attended the day, with highlights including archery, lasershooting, skate park and climbing-wall sessions. This second youth event in Martley saw the unveiling of the new mobile youth unit for the district and the long awaited 'sumo suits' kindly organised by CSO Matt Smith and colleagues through funding generously given by West Mercia Police. The young people also enjoyed playing dodgeball in the hall at Sport Martley, tennis coaching by Hallow Tennis Club and, if they were not exhausted by that, they could have a go at a 'messy' assault course set out by the Martley Young Farmers. If sport was not their game, they could have a go at handmade crafts, Mendhi

handpainting or visit the Fairtrade and Young Enterprise stalls, run by pupils from The Chantry High School.

Once again, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile day with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for all their hard work and commitment to the day and to the development of the youth of this village. I would also like to thank the young people of the village for being so grateful for the work that is being done here - "please"s and "thank you"s echoed all around on what was a most successful day for all, and for me, that's what makes this cause so worthwhile!

*Cllr. Mrs Emma Rothwell
(AKA "Woopie Cushion Lady"!!)*

Martley Pre-School Snippets

Our topic at the start of this term was 'All about me', and involved many activities to help the children get to know each other, such as looking at our eyes, hair and family and also creating pictures of ourselves and where we live.

October saw the children start our topic of Autumn and Harvest. Many



villagers may have seen us walking around the village on a 'conker hunt', and taking our finds back to the Pre-School to print with, paint and

make an interactive display so the children could examine the items more. Welcome to Leah Knight and Lana Muller, who start Pre-School this month, and Joanne Stratford, who joins us as a member of the staff team.

Fundraising

Look out for our fundraiser this month! An Indulgence Evening - come along and have a manicure, pedicure, Indian head massage and much more. A nice relaxing evening before the Christmas rush!!

Our Heart of Martley Appeal has now drawn to a close and raised over £11,000 towards our heating and electrical modernisation. Donation "Thank you"s this month go to Margaret Rushgrove, the Red Marley Hill Climb Club, the Sarkar family, and well done to Marcus Mulcahy who ran the EDF half-marathon, raising funds for our appeal. The work has now been completed and Pre-School and all its children and staff will now be lovely and warm this winter. Pre-School would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who donated. It is very gratifying to find that we are such a valued part of the village community.

Clothes recycling

We are having a clothes recycling collection on Friday 7 November 7 at

2pm. If you have any unwanted clothing, bedding, cuddly toys, shoes, or towels, please place it in a bag and drop it in with us at Pre-School before 2pm. This collection will help those in need and helps raise funds for us.

About us

Don't forget! We are a registered eco-setting with 20 years of history and children can start from two years old. We also have breakfast and after school clubs for children aged two to thirteen years. If you need any information, or would like to book a place for your child please feel free to call Kath or Lucy on 01886 889127 or visit our website www.martleypreschool.co.uk



Teme Valley Views **from the Teme Valley Children's Centre**

Ask any mother about things they worried about when their baby was tiny, and the majority will say feeding. It doesn't matter if they've chosen to breast feed or bottle feed: in the first few months of a baby's life their mother will question whether they are gaining the nutrition they require. For all new parents out there – be assured both breast milk and formula will meet your baby's nutritional needs.

At the TVCC we identified that people in similar situations can provide valuable support and encouragement, and as a result we set up a

breastfeeding support group called Breastfeeding Chums. This group meets monthly (4th Thursday) at the Coffee Haven, Clifton-upon-Teme Village Hall, and new mums get together to discuss experiences over a pot of tea. This group is for all new mums – you don't have to be breastfeeding – and provides a sociable situation to meet others going through the same things as you. On hand is Carol Thomas who has completed the Unicef breastfeeding course and can provide practical advice.

Another source of advice is the National Breastfeeding Helpline. It is funded by the Department of Health and staffed by trained volunteer mothers from the Breastfeeding Network and the Association of Breastfeeding Mothers. Lines are open from 9.30am–9.30pm every day of the year. Helpline: 0844 20 909 20

If you are interested in Breastfeeding Chums or any other TVCC initiative please contact Sam at the Children's Centre (01886 812982) or check out our website www.temevalley-cc.org.uk.

Local Garden Receives Award

High View, the garden of Mike and Carole Dunnett, has received a prestigious award from the magazines Herefordshire Life and Worcestershire Life. Their garden was judged to be the best private garden in the magazines' 2008 garden awards.

High View, situated in Hipplecote, is a

mature garden of 2.5 acres. It has been carefully designed and planted by Mike and Carole over thirty years. The judges were impressed by its diversity, quality of planting and range of plants which give year-round colour and interest. They praised the blending of informal flower borders with areas set aside for wildlife. Despite the problems resulting from the wet summer, the judges commented on the gardens immaculate condition!

High View opened for the first time in 2008 under the National Gardens Scheme and will be open again on 9 August 2009.

MD

Martley Young Farmers

MYF held their "Back to School" disco in September on the wettest Friday night possible. There were thoughts of cancelling the evening, then it was decided Young Farmers are a hardy lot and we should carry on. This proved to be the right decision with everyone turning up and having a great time. Thanks to the Wharf Inn at Holt for letting us use their facilities. It was a great success and we will be back!

The MYF AGM was held at The Crown, Martley. It was decided that Louise would be Chairman again and Caroline Bullock would now be secretary. Good luck to you both and the rest of the Club. Thank you for your hard work.

The club now has 35 members ranging from 11 to 21. Anyone from 10 to 25 years can join, all members benefit by

making new friends in the county and learning new skills. Congratulations to Matthew Davies who took his trailer test through Young Farmers and passed.

A PGL Activity weekend has been planned for members at the end of October, and we'll let you know what fun we had. Also our Harvest Supper presentation evening is planned for 1 November at Sapey Golf Club. If you want any more information on MYF, please contact either Lou Wickens on 01886-812754 or Caroline Bullock on 01905-333617.

Martley & District Horticultural Society

John Edgeley of Pershore Horticultural College gave a talk, illustrated with slides, entitled 'Growing Vegetables', at the September meeting. It was obvious that he really knew his subject, being senior in crop production at the College and a keen gardener at home too. John recommended catalogues (Marshall's/RHS in particular) and told of trialling crops at Wisley and mentioned Pershore College's special 'Vegetables for Exhibition Day'. His children have proved really keen and he grows his own plants in containers in his small garden at home. A slide of compost containers was used to explain about fertility and nutrients, and John told us of Prince Charles' arrangement for having his (large!) compost heap turned every week – by tractor! John adds the family's pet guinea pigs' sawdust and manure to

his compost store, and covers it with old carpet. It needs to get very warm, and he uses a four-year rotation with his containers. He showed us a copy of 'The Kitchen Garden' magazine, which he is involved with.

John talked of crop rotations, eg. beans and peas before brassicas, also advised "grow something – don't just leave bare soil - as this keeps the land fertile". He described companion planting – marigolds, garlic, also Alder trees all help in their different ways. Fleece, he said, comes in various weights (very useful), low tunnels are a great help and black plastic sheeting is excellent for weed control. Enviromesh is useful against rabbits and pigeons. There are also beneficial fungi spores sold in packets, and we were amazed to learn that aphids are good to eat – very sweet!

John mentioned many types of vegetables, and gave advice on their cultivation, in particular asparagus benefits from sprinkled salt every four years, and rhubarb needs to be on a mound. A most interesting lecture by a very good speaker, and much appreciated by all.

The AGM and Social Evening will be on 27 November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Tina Steele

Martley Spurs

Our local boys started the new season over the last weekend of August when the Saturday side won and the Sunday Premier eleven drew two all with Pinner Sports. Torrential rain the

following Saturday meant flooded pitches and all games were postponed that weekend.

The 15th saw another draw, 4-all, against Grosvenor Sports for the Saturday team. Steve Prickett netting a couple. The Sunday side beat Berwick Rangers 3-2, but the Reserves lost to AFC Mazak. Sunday the 21st proved a great day for the Premier eleven when they beat Colwall St James 6-0 and the Reserves drew two all with New AFC Barbourne.

The final weekend of the month saw a wealth of goals. The Saturday team beat Hallow 2-1, both goals netted by Steve Prickett, who went on to net a further pair for the Reserves the next morning against St John's. The Sunday Premier eleven thrashed Perowne Park Rangers 8-2 when Luke Willetts netted four and Carl Smith added a hat trick to his name.

Beth Williams

The Basil Haines Memorial Sundial

The sundial is now in place on the south wall of St Peter's Church tower, with its golden sunburst and three crosses glistening (when the sun obliges!). Visitors can study both sides of the interesting, laminated sheet of information about it and how it works, which is inside the church. The dial was dedicated at Harvest Festival Evensong on 28 September, which was also "Back to Church" Sunday. Raising and fixing the sundial was a long and delicate procedure requiring precision and patience. Of course,

tower scaffolding was needed too. We are most grateful to David Brown who has taken so much trouble to produce the dial and to his wife, Jenny, on "fixing day", and to Ted and Stuart for their assistance on the day and Catrine, Brian and Tony for much-needed preparation work of various sorts – and to everyone else involved. We feel that Basil Haines would approve of his memorial!

Tina Steele

Martley Ramblers

**2 Nov. 10.30am Church car park
AGM 17 November 8pm**

A sincere "Thank you" to Colin Hill for preparing and leading such an interesting walk around Alfrick. He managed to keep us on dry ground, at least for most of the time, and there were interesting dells and dingles to explore. As there were so few walkers to enjoy this walk, perhaps Colin can be persuaded to repeat it next year.

This month, the last walk this year, will be led by Helen and George Coombey-Jones – destination a surprise. Please note the morning start and the first Sunday in the month to avoid clashing with Remembrance Sunday. The AGM is at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane. Everyone welcome. Please bring suggestions for walks for 2009.

Kate King

Guide Books in Martley Library Link

Should you be thinking of taking a short break anywhere in the UK or

Ireland, your local library now has quite a large selection of travel guides to both towns and counties, as well as specific areas of interest. Just pop along and pick up any you are interested in.

Baby Congratulations!



Margaret and Ray Rushgrove are happy to announce the birth of their fourth grand-child, William Jack, born 8 August 2008. he weighed 8lbs and is the son of *Justin* and *Nessa* Rushgrove.



Martley WI

**Wednesday 12 November 7.30pm,
Heaton House**

How quickly the months fly by, as it is already AGM time again. Time to be reminded of all we have done, where we have been and whom we have met in 2008. It is never a boring meeting and it is particularly interesting to hear of the WFWI happenings now some of our members hold high positions at County level. The committee always has a few surprises to entertain us at this meeting, and as the competition is for a favourite cake, it appears we shall be having some extra special yummy refreshments. Do feel free to come and join us to see what goes on in your local WI.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

The continuing saga of Lane folk
Water, mud, abandoned half-completed road repairs. The same old story. Workmen arriving with the wrong equipment, blocking all the drains with lumps of tarmac, then running out of material. BUT, they did leave illuminated bollards to mark the danger and it is quite a change to have streetlights in the lane.

Come on, County Council Highways Dept., don't you have any comeback over your contractors? End of grumbles for this month!

Following on comments in a previous article about the lack of expertise in hand milking, there may be some interesting news on that front soon. Think "Goats" and watch this space!

Kate King

Martley Parish Council

Unapproved draft minutes of the general meeting of the Martley Parish Council held on Monday 1 September 2008 at the Memorial Hall

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

A discussion ensued about the sale of the trust land opposite the Memorial Hall. Rumour is that the land has been sold by the trust to a housing development company. There was a strong feeling from members of the public that the land may have been bought as development potential for the future. District Cllr.. Mrs. B. Williams referred to the Strategic Plan going to public consultation in October 2008. The development in the

1980's was supported by parishioners as it was on a derelict site. All in attendance accepted a need for further affordable housing in Martley but parishioners did not feel this land was appropriate. Representation was made from a Governor from The Chantry High School to discuss the speed lights being switched on, unclear road markings and trees causing shadowing. The school plans to maintain a piece of overgrown land behind the school to as woodland. Parishioners expressed concern over the amount of rubbish dumped at the lay-by on Hillside. The Clerk is to write to Worcester County Council to establish the use of the land, as some residents are of the opinion that it is a lay-by and others think it was installed as a gravel storage area. The Chairman opened the meeting at 20:40pm.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 August 2008:

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

Progress reports:

The Clerk confirmed that information on the cost of the footbridge is still awaited. Highways had e-mailed regarding the progress on the reported faults stating they were still investigating. The Clerk confirmed that signs are being made for Pudford Lane, Hopehouse Lane and finger posts for the Willow Road junction. The Clerk has contacted Tom Pearsall to arrange a meeting with the tip as there has not been one for a while. The Wichenford Clerk is now clear on the location of the overgrown hedgerow at

Laugherne Hill that Martley Parish Council has requested be trimmed. The Clerk is arranging dates with MHDC when additional recycling bags will be available for collection. The Clerk is awaiting a response from Community First regarding the findings from the housing needs survey. The Clerk was asked to chase Community First again. Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh had no further information to report on the standard of Highways workmanship and Cllr. Mr. N. Hall had nothing further to report on Martley Pre-School.

District Councillor's report: District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams had nothing to report.

County Councillor's report: County Cllr. Mr. A. Davies added his support, and that of Worcestershire County Council, to the next YIMMS event due to take place a week on Saturday at The Chantry High School. He referred to a letter he had received from Steve Wheatley informing him that the old signage at the school would be replaced shortly. Cllr. Davies is to ask for further information from Steve as neither he nor MPC were aware of any scheduled replacement. He confirmed that there is still a vacancy for a School Crossing Warden in Martley.

Planning:

New: 08/01169/FUL Treetops, Hillside – Proposed replacement of existing dwelling (comments due back at MHDC by 05/09/08). 08/01089/FUL Jubilee Cottage, Kingswood – Proposed outbuilding (Comments due

back at MHDC by 12/09/08). Pending: 08/01093/FUL The Noak, Martley – Extend driveway to form new entrance (26/08/08). 08/01023/LBC&08/01022/FUL Lingens Farm, Barbers Lane – Conversion for general office and dwellings for rent (21/08/08). Permitted: 08/01095/FUL 9 Vernon Close – Single storey extn. & conversion of integral garage (18/08/08). 08/00999/FUL Plumtree Cottage, Prickley Green – Siting of LPG tank (15/08/08). 08/01012/LBC Rodge Hill Farm, Hillside – Retrospective general repairs (01/08/08). 08/00994/FUL Penny Patch, Hillside – Resubmission for two storey extn. (31/07/08)

Lengthsman map and schedule and availability for meeting:

The Clerk is to speak to WCC regarding the current template used for a contract for a Lengthsman. The Clerk will arrange meeting between Lengthsman and Councillors for 22 September 2008 in the Committee Room, if the template arrives in time.

Finance:

There were five cheques totalling £1517.90 for agreement and signature. The cheque for Nathan Plant (1158) was declined as it was over the agreed ceiling figure. Four cheques totalling £701.27 were agreed and signed. It was resolved to adopt the accounts, noting the deletion of cheque 1158.. MPC agreed to allocate £500 towards YIMMS. Confirmation was given by County Cllr. Davies that WCC would give YIMMS £1000. The audit had revealed that the Clerk had not

claimed the allowance for working from home. The Clerk will contact HMRC and CALC to ascertain an appropriate figure. The asset schedule is on-going and will be added to the next agenda. The Clerk confirmed the audit was now complete.

Correspondence:

The Clerk is to write to Nora Parsons Day Centre thanking them for their letter and published accounts and to point out that MPC was represented at their AGM by Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear. The Clerk will ask them to amend their records to show this. The Clerk will also reply to Vitalise regarding financial donations and advise them that their letter will be considered at the end of the financial year, with any other requests.

Any urgent decisions made since the last meeting:

A meeting had been scheduled to discuss the post office closure programme but did not take place as Martley Post Office is not being considered for closure.

Cllrs reports and items for future agendas:

The Clerk is to write to the Playing Fields Association asking them to send a representative to the MPC meeting scheduled for 6 October 2008, to discuss the letting of the field, accounts, running costs, rights of way, etc. The Clerk is to add Smartwater to the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr. McHugh is to look into an article in a past issue of The Villager regarding Wichenford moving their boundary. Cllr. Rothwell confirmed that the

goals have been put up and are in use. The Clerk is to arrange for the hedgerow to be trimmed on Mortlake Drive. The Clerk is to arrange for the grid at Prickley Green before Pear Tree Cottage and the corner to be unblocked. The Clerk is to write to Highways to complain about the poor quality of finish to the patching work being carried out on the road through Wichenford from Martley.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6 October 2008.

PACT

West Mercia Constabulary uses a system called PACT (Partners and Communities Together) to establish issues in the community, which then tailors its local Policing responses to those needs. PACT is also one means by which the local policing team communicates and works with other agencies to resolve community problems. Martley local policing team has been highly active in using PACT to engage with the community, through establishing monthly surgeries at the village weighbridge, conducting surveys and attending parish meeting and public events. As a result of recent feedback from these engagements, we have conducted a series of speed enforcement initiatives within the locality, and worked with other agencies on YIMM (proving activities for young people in the Martley area). This month we have attempted to reach a wider audience by distributing PACT postcards via The Villager.

Please take the opportunity to complete and return your free post PACT postcard. We value your opinion on any issue(s) you may have within the community, whether they are predominately policing concerns or related to other agencies. Martley Police surgery will be held on 24 November 2008 at Martley weighbridge. You can also contact Martley's Community Support Officer, Matt Smith, via email at matthew.smith@westmercia.pnn.police.uk.

Martley's Past

It seems relevant, in this season of Remembrance, to record almost all the Berrows Journal report on the "Dedication of a Cross" in Martley.

"Part of Martley's war memorial was dedicated on Saturday (5 June 1920. ALB) afternoon. It consists of a cross erected in the churchyard, in the north-east corner, whence one can obtain a fine prospect of the country with Ankerdine Hills in the distant background. The cross has been erected at a cost of £100. (Actually £113. ALB) It is proposed to erect, also, a parish hall. Towards this nearly £340 has been raised. The two things will mark, in a very impressive way, Martley's sense of its indebtedness to, and pride in, the gallant fellows who fell in the war.

The service was very much like those in dedication of other parish memorials of the kind. There have been many, but each one strikes afresh a vibrant chord of sympathy in the

observer whether he be of the parish or not. These sad ceremonies furnish so many pathetic incidents; some of them are common to all these kinds of services; some are quite distinctive. There was one of the latter on Saturday. There was present one blinded soldier – a spectacle that would move the heart of a cynic. A comrade beside him carried a wreath. Another comrade described it to the sightless one. “There’s maiden hair fern and stocks, and – “, the recital went on. This, on a lovely June afternoon, with the air laden with all kinds of sweet scents from flowers and bush! What a vision, one thought, these words and the environment must conjure in the mind of this soldier. The very glory of the season and the day made him a figure pitiable beyond expression. But there were other human and pathetic elements. One was able to perceive, if only in a dim sort of way, what havoc war had wrought in Martley homes. In the assembly were, naturally, many of the bereaved, here a young widow with children, there a stricken father bearing a wreath, and here, again, a weather-beaten country woman whose face lost its stolid look as memories of her loss stirred within her. In front of the memorial, in a semi-circle, were gathered the ex-Service men. Until the service commenced, they seemed embarrassed by the prominence given to them. When it began, they were among the most impressed of the company.

The Rector (the Rev J F Hastings)

briefly stated that they had long desired the completion of the memorial to those young lives, who were some of the hundreds and thousands given for us in the Great War. He then asked those who had brought wreaths to lay them at the foot of the cross. Soon the green around the base was covered with beautiful flowers. For some this laying down of a simple tribute was an ordeal they could not pass through without breaking down.

The Rector, who was accompanied by Canon E A Burrows, (actually Burroughs. ALB) of Peterborough, and the Rev T F Monahan (Wichenford) then read the roll of honour – the names of those recorded on the cross. These are: Charles E Wilcox, Arthur J Davis, Henry J Page, Arthur H Wilcox, Philip L Webb, Thomas Willis, E George Woodyatt, Augustus J Anderson, James Hill, James Nash, George Nash, Mark S Cooper, Robert Dowding, William S Grubb, James Hoskins. (The reporter missed William Wilson. ALB) Then the assembly, led by the choir, sang the hymn, ‘Through the night of doubt and sorrow,’ after which two buglers sounded ‘The Last Post’.

Canon Burrows then dedicated the memorial, the buglers sounded ‘The Reveille’, and the congregation then went into church.”

(Note – There is more, including Canon Burrows address, - but no more do you see writing of this standard in Berrows!)

Alan L Boon



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews

01886 888303

Sheila Richards

01886 888378



Church Flowers

2 November M Fisher
9 November Remembrance Sunday
Mrs S Britten
16 November Mrs S Britten
23 November Mrs Webb
30 November Advent – No flowers

Wichenford PCC

There will be a meeting of the PCC on
3 November at 7.45pm in the
Memorial Hall.

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will meet on 18
November at 2.30pm in the Memorial
Hall.

Birthday Congratulations!

Happy 18th birthday to Christopher
Sanders. We are very proud of you
and we wish you every success in
what ever you choose to do.

Much Love from
Mum, Dad, and Tom. Xx

Nora Parsons Day Centre

In September members had two

outings, firstly we were very kindly
entertained by Mr & Mrs Ballard of
Abberley, where a delicious lunch was
prepared and everyone had a super
time. Thanks to the Ballards for once
again working so hard and providing a
beautiful setting for our members to
enjoy.

Later in the month 30 members and
helpers spent the morning at the West
Midlands Safari Park where everyone
enjoyed watching the animals,
particularly the white lions their cubs
and the tigers. We went on to The
Hare and Hounds at Shenstone and we
all had a very enjoyable lunch and
returned back to the Day Centre in
time for transport home.

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Change of Date for November

Please note that Deborah Overton's
lecture "All about Rabbits - Medieval
Warrens" will now take place on
Wednesday 26 November and not on
the previous Wednesday as advertised.

Reared In A Stranger's Nest

An Evacuee's Story Of WW 2

by Michael Wetton

Mr Wetton, from London, will be publishing his memories of his 15-months' stay in Wichenford as an evacuee - from June 1940 until Sept 1941. Following his stay in Wichenford, he moved to Bransford, where he stayed until the end of the war (1945) and beyond, his home in London having been destroyed. Over the phone he read me the flyer for his book, as follows: -

"Michael was reared in several different strangers' nests during WW2. We journey with the confused 6-year-old from suburban London to the Essex coast and, later, to Worcestershire. In new surroundings he grows adoptive roots, but never forgets he is a Londoner. His experiences and escapades during his evacuation revealed the boy, warts and all." Michael Wetton is a retired schoolteacher living in NE London. 200 pages; 38,000 words Price: to be decided, but hopefully to be in single rather than double figures. All profits from the sale of this book will be divided equally between St Laurence Church (Wichenford) Fabric Fund, and St John the Baptist (Bransford) Chapel Fabric Fund.

Available Michael Wetton, 304 Enterprsie House, King's Head Hill, Chingford, London E4 7ND

Please contact Mr Wetton direct if you are interested in buying his book.

Heather Rendall

Wichenford 100 Club

September winners

No 220 K Hamlett £85

And returned subscriptions to:

63 K O'Toole £12.00

206 Mr Myers £12.00

Drawn by Mary Hylan

Mary's done it again! Our final winners of this year are as above. If you want to join the 100 Club, now is the time as subscriptions for 2008-09 are due. Vic Reed will be collecting from Kenswick Manor & The Kedges; the Websters and the Woodwards from the central village area; Bill Hylan from the Wine Club; Angie for 'her group'; Carma Wetherall from church members and Heather Rendall takes on the rest! New members are very welcome. The more members, the more in the pot and the more there is to win! Phone 888239 if you would like to join.

AGM

The 100 Club AGM will take place on Monday 10 November in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford .All members are welcome at this meeting, which will decide on the distribution of funds for 2008 as well as the continuation or not of the triple draw each month.

Heather Rendall

Thank You Coffee Drinkers!

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came to the coffee morning at the end of September at Wichenford Memorial hall. It was one of many around the country to raise funds for Macmillan

Cancer Care Support. We managed to raise a fantastic £100, from sales of coffee, tea and homemade cake. May I also take this opportunity to apologise to those of you who did not know about it. I confess that it was only advertised by posters in the village, but as this was my first attempt at organising such an event - I hope that folk will let me off and join me at the next one instead! (Whenever that may be). Thank you once again.

Anita Ball.

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8 September 2008 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Randall.

Democratic half hour/public question time.

The chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about parish business. The parish council were asked about the planning application for The Masons Arms and why the public were not notified.

District and County Councillors Report

District Cllr. Barbara Williams was asked if the Masons application would go to committee and were told that the decision has not yet been made and told the parish council to keep looking on the web site for the application decision. In her report she said a new comprehensive area assessment framework will replace CPA from

April 2009. All councils are undertaking a 'place survey', which is a questionnaire designed to garner the views and satisfaction levels of local residents. The executive committee last week received the first quarterly performance report for the year and it showed that there had been a strong and improved performance. Recycling rates have increased and there had been a 25% reduction in the amount of waste going to landfill. County Cllr. A Davies asked for the latest news on Allsetts Farm and said he could hear the noise. The signs from the Motor Cross are still up and asked if another event was planned. He has also asked the highways department to look at the application for the Masons with regard to the increase in traffic. Rosses/Guises Lane. He has spoken to the legal department who have agreed that if it comes back with the same decision they will ask for a judicial review. The SWJCS is holding its consultation event in Martley village hall and have been asked if they could hold one in Broadheath as they would like 3,500 houses to be built in Broadheath but won't agree to a consultation. In the Malvern Hills District, 4,900 houses have been planned and this doesn't include the Broadheath area. Cllr Williams agreed to look into the matter.

Progress Reports

Allsetts Farm Motorcross. The noise-monitoring equipment was placed at Kenswick. At the beginning when the cloud was low, it could be heard at Martley but once the cloud had lifted

there was no noise at all. The tannoy was not turned on which made things a lot quieter. The environmental services have not got back in touch regarding the blocked footpath.

Postcodes. We have not written to CALC asking if this is affecting other parishes as we don't think this will make any difference, even though it is an issue meriting an article in the Worcester News. Councillors were asked to report any articles to the meeting.

Planning

The clerk was asked if a copy of all the planning applications received could be advertised on the notice boards on the same colour paper as the public notice. It is then up to members of the public too look at the notice boards. Hopefully this will make it easier for parishioners to comment/see all applications received.

Applications considered since the last meeting. 08/01116/FUL Proposed extension to public house to form a new function suite at The Masons Arms. The parish council has concerns regarding the size, light pollution and increase in traffic. Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn. 07/01934/FUL Woodhall Farm Erection of steel portal framed building. (Approved). 08/00732/FUL 1 Boxley Cottage. 2 Storey extension. (Approved). 08/00791/FUL. Woodhall Farm. New driveway. (Approved). 08/00715/FUL. Wants Green. Change of use. (Refused). Applications received. 08/00921/HED. Removal of hedgerow at Woodhall Farm. This

application is going to a planning appeal and the clerk was asked to send a letter to the planning inspectorate against the proposal. Enforcement officers have been to visit Sledgemoor Coppice, as it has a woodland preservation order, to see what work has been carried out. The parish also has woodland preservation orders at Pughs Rough and Lings Cottage Coppice.

Finance

The current balance from 1 July to 20 August stands at £16,934.29. Of this £324 belongs to the Pathfinders Scheme; £1,247 is held on account for the NPDC and £2,336 was received for notice boards from the lottery funding. There were four cheques totalling £252.13 for agreement and signature. The completed annual return for year-ending 31 March 2008 has been advertised on the notice boards. The clerk showed the council the letter from the auditor explaining why the audit had been returned for minor alteration and increase in cost. The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

RSS/SWJCS

This has already been discussed under County Councillor time. Cllr. Panton is to attend the question time event at the Swan Theatre on 15 September and will report back at the next meeting. There is a consultation event on 13 October in Martley Village Hall. The clerk was asked to put this item on the next agenda.

MHDC Flooding Survey

A number of maps covering Kenswick

and Wichenford have been issued to the PC from Malvern Hills. Councillors were given a map of an area to mark with the floods and return to the clerk.

Councillors' Training

Councillors were asked if they wanted to attend the Malvern Hills District Community Policing Matters Group.

To Report Any Urgent Decisions Since the Last Meeting

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

(Information only) Included: South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy; MHDC re: Development of Agricultural land; PPW Essentials; WCC Locally Determined Funding; Changes to the Local Code of Conduct Complaints Process; MHDC Standards Committee Job Description; Money For Community Projects Consultation; Letters Re: Nora Parsons Day Centre; Open Space Supplementary Planning Document. Councillor's Reports and Items For

Future Agendas

The clerk was asked to report the pavement on Venn Lane, and was given the keys to the new notice boards.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be 20 October 2008. Please check dates and bring your diaries. Meetings are: 20 October and 24 November 2008.

All will be in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30pm.

Pensax Thrift shop

On the 24 September Thrift Shop

joined in "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" in aid of Cancer Support and raised £204 - Many thanks to all who came.

On 8 October Bob Seaward accepted a cheque on behalf of the Air Ambulance for £1766, this is from this years fund raising efforts.

Between now and when Thrift Shop closes for the winter on Wed. 3 December, Christmas cards and goodies are on sale in aid of the Air Ambulance, as are Scout stamps and a collecting box for those cards.

Quiz Night at Wichenford Village Hall

**A fantastic quiz night at
Wichenford Village Hall
on**

**Saturday 29 November 2008,
starting at 7.30.p.m.**

**Teams of four, entry fee £5
per person to include a
superb buffet supper
*Please bring your own drinks.***

**Register your team and book
your table in advance by
phoning Judith or Mike
O'Leary on 01886-888253.**

**All proceeds in aid of the
Village Hall**

In the Garden



In the Garden in November

You can plant perennials and bare-rooted trees and shrubs this month, provided the soil is not too cold and wet. The plants then have time to establish roots before the really cold weather. Tulips and lilies can be planted now; the short tulip varieties do well in containers with a gritty, free-draining compost, and taller varieties can give you a really intense splash of colour in the border next spring

Deciduous hedges can be sorted out and pruned back. Don't touch evergreen ones. Clear leaves from lawns and flower beds but try to avoid walking on lawns when the ground is wet. You can carry on planting shallots and garlic in the vegetable garden at the start of November, also winter-hardy varieties of broad beans, but these beans will need to be protected from hungry mice. Autumn raspberries can be cut down to the ground and other cane fruits can be pruned. Once the leaves have fallen, you can prune bush fruits, apples and pears.

Shorter days and lower light-levels mean most house-plants grow less during the winter, so you should change your care routine. Over-watering is a common cause of problems, so reduce watering and

feeding, unless the plant is flowering, and keep the compost just moist. Central heating means the room temperature can vary widely over 24 hours and the air may be rather dry. Look for a position for your plants with plenty of light, but away from radiators and draughts. The kitchen is probably the worst place - a cool spare bedroom much better.

JC

Mobile Library

The library visits Wichenford on the first Wednesday of the month. We do not want to lose it, so please use it!

Malvern View

10am-10.30am

Wichenford church

10.35am-11am

Kings Green Farm

11.05am-11.35am

Rosses Green

11.40am-12.10pm

Martley Library

Opening Hours

Martley Memorial Hall
Berrow Green Road
Martley, Worcs WR6 6PQ

Mon 2.00-7.00pm

Wed 4.00-6.00pm

Thu 10.00am-1.00pm

Fri 2.00-4.00pm

Sat 10.00am-12 noon



Church Words

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‘What was that I needed to remember’? Perhaps a phrase we all use more often than we would like. Remembering things in the busyness of life is sometimes difficult. I am not without my own memory lapses in recent months as some people know, at least we were able to see the funny side of my forgetfulness, although I was so sorry I had missed a meeting. Remembering a birthday or and anniversary is important especially if it’s a family member. Of course we never forget those do we? I don’t think I have anyway!

“Remember, remember the 5th of November”, was a phrase I used to hear as a child, when the advertising campaign for bonfire night got underway. I think it strange now that we were asked to celebrate the such an event in our history as we did. November is also of course a month of remembering, it begin with the 1st



being the day we remember ‘All Saints’ those heroes of the faith who were often martyred

for their beliefs. This of course what Hallowe’en, the day before All Saints, is supposed to be looking forward to, although it now a commercialised and changed event. November 2nd is called ‘All Souls’ day when we remember the faithful departed. It has become a time when we remember those whom we have lost in recent years, and to that end we offer a service on that very Sunday when we shall read out the names of those who have died during the last 12 months along with other. If you wish to come you would be most welcome. Then of course we have Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country and fellow human beings. This is on Sunday 9 November his year.

But whatever day it is, I would ask you to remember that we have a God who in Jesus has come to bring us hope in the midst of death, and though loved ones may have died and now live in eternity, we who are left behind need hope and comfort. May you find that hope in the one who said, “Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in me..... I go and prepare a place for you (John 14:1-6). May Jesus bring you hope and peace each day.

God Bless

Rev David Sherwin

Church Diary for November

SUN 2 NOVEMBER	8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Worship All-Together, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 3.00pm Memorial Service, St Peter, Martley 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 3 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 4 November	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 5 November	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 6 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford 12-2 Lunch in Company at Broadwas Village Hall
SUN 9 NOVEMBER	10.45am Remembrance Day, St Laurence, Wichenford
Remembrance Sunday	10.45am Remembrance Day, St Peter, Martley 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 4.0pm Worship All-Together, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 10 November	8.30am Prayer Breakfast at the Rectory
Tue 11 November	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 12 November	10.15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 13 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 16 NOVEMBER	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley 3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 17 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 18 November	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 19 November	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 20 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 23 NOVEMBER	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Worship All-Together, St Mary Magdalene, B'was 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Mon 24 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 25 November	10.00 Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 26 November	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 27 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN30 NOVEMBER	10.30am Advent Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 4.00pm Advent Christingle, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

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And finally ...

All things bright and beautiful ...

or...

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures
great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord
God made them all.

But what we never mention, though
gardeners know it's true,
Is when he made the *goodies*, he made the
baddies too.

All things spray- and swattable, disasters
great and small,
All things paraquatable, the Lord God
made them all.

The greenfly on the roses, the maggot on
the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us
these.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club
root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce, and chew the
aubergines.

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost
that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the
blight that hits the spuds.

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and
the weeds,
The pigeons and the green stuff, the
sparrows and the seeds.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that
eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though
green may be his thumbs.

But still we gardeners labour, midst
vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbours, will
somehow bypass ours.