

# 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

**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

**Martley & Villages Carers' Group:** 1st

Monday in the month 10.30-12.30 Heaton House.

### **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](http://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

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# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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## *News from the Village Hall*

### **Lighter and Brighter**

Hopefully many of you who have visited the Village Hall recently and will appreciate the refurbishment work being carried out. The hall is much lighter and brighter and hopefully this will encourage more of you to book and attend events there. It is hoped that by the time you read this, the main foyer will have been redecorated and all the toilets modernised. Grants



have been applied for and some additional funding has been received but we will continue to pursue these options.

### **Martley 100 Club**

The September winner was number 44 - Marion Jolly, who won £35.00. Thank you. It is hoped to continue with the Martley 100 Club in 2010 and application forms are available from the General Store and hopefully a flyer in *The Villager*. All existing members are invited to rejoin and retain their unique number.

*Annette Smith, Secretary*

## *Martley Library*

### **New computers**

We now have two new computers for public-use, with more applications, including Microsoft Office, Google Earth and i-Tunes. There is computer with broadband available to everyone to use free during library opening hours.

### **Success Stories**

Six of our Junior Readers successfully completed the Worcestershire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Laura Bennett, Luke Bennett, Chloe Cant, Jemma Corbett, Katie Johnson and Laura Hughes.

*(PS If any adults find reading or writing a bit of a challenge and would be interested in joining a small class, contact Michelle Higgins on 01886 888344)*

## *Thank You*

Millie Pargeter thanks everyone for their good wishes and for the many cards she received during her recent stay in hospital. Millie is now at home and making good progress.

### ***Race for Life***

Wendy Smith (Perkins) thanks everyone who sponsored her for the Race for Life. The race was held in June and Wendy raised £465 for the charity. This was her 10<sup>th</sup> year of entering the race and over the years she has raised £10,000. Congratulations Wendy, this is a wonderful achievement.

### ***National Heritage Weekend***

Thanks are expressed to all who contributed to the 12/13 September National Heritage Weekend Exhibition in St Peter's church, in particular those who loaned treasured photographs and memorabilia.

Comments heard during the weekend included – “Couldn't we have our own Heritage Group in Martley?” – “Will there be another exhibition like this?” – to “Isn't there somewhere where a permanent exhibition of Martley's history could be on show to visitors?”. If you have an interest in Martley's history, then contact Eve Fraser on 01886 888796.

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### ***Attention all Dog Walkers***

We have been in the village for 10 years now and we have walked all our dogs on the public footpath to the rear of the post office and have always cleared up after them - and other people's dogs. So why is it then that now I am cleaning up after 3 or 4 dogs a day as I have only the one dog and I know my dog is not the offender? I now refuse to clear up after other

people's dogs and would urge dog walkers to please clear up after their own dogs.

*Mary McGahan*

*(Please apply to the Parish Clerk for information on bye-laws concerning the offence of dog-fouling – Editor) The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, allows authorities to designate any land in their area as poop scoop areas without any requirement to provide signs or dog waste bins.*

*<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/dogfouling01.htm>*



***Martley WI***

**Wednesday 11 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 2009. Also a time to choose your new committee – it is always nice to have the opportunity of electing a new face with new ideas on to the committee – you can be assured that committee meetings are great fun; it never feels like hard work as you are always amongst friends.

We are promised a treat this month from our own member Eileen Stammers who will be giving us a short talk entitled “Open Wide!”, a light-hearted insight into



life as a dental nurse. We will also be having a tasty (we hope!) competition for a plate of canapés. Do feel free to come and join us to see what goes on in your local WI.

Be “bowled over” on Friday 13 November when the WI have a skittles evening at the Admiral Rodney. Family and friends are included

*Kate King and Mary Kipping*



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

September's meeting began with 'topical tips' and chairman Mike Dunnett advised members to search garden centres for Spring-bought plants that these places don't want to keep over the winter. His second tip – clean up leaves from under plants when cutting them down – less accommodation for slugs! Another member had heard of conkers being placed on narrowboat windowsills to deter spiders!

Our speaker for the evening was Julie Ritchie, who has been twenty years at a nursery near Tewkesbury. She showed extensive knowledge of her subject 'Late Summer Colour' and had a lovely selection of slides, beginning with August at Pershore College – hot colours of course. Many more beautiful portraits of flowers followed,

Julie naming them all and advising on their cultivation. Everyone was given a list of the plants, some great favourites such as dahlia 'Bishop of Llandaff', penstemon 'Osprey'. There were wonderful Michaelmas Daisies, superb red asters, hardy chrysanthemums, rudbekias and many more. Julie said she gives her plants a 'Chelsea chop' – cut them off at the "knees" in May/June to encourage them to bush out and produce stronger new growth and more flowers. Most "late-summer colour" specimens are easily grown, some look well planted in drifts. Bees love most late-summer flowers. Caroline Dunn gave a vote of thanks and described the talk as most inspiring and encouraging.

26 November is the AGM and Social Evening, members' Christmas Dinner is on 4 December. (Did someone mention five gold rings?)

*Tina Steele*

### **Pudford Lane**

#### **The ongoing saga of Lane folk**

At the time of writing, life continues quietly with leaves gently falling and the last of the hedgerow damsons plopping into the lane. The number of sheep inhabitants is decreasing slightly but the fluctuations in market prices are very worrying for local farmers.. It was rather alarming when yellow lines and numbers appeared on the road surface about two months ago. Were they symbols from extra-terrestrial beings of some intended attack? They could be related to holes in the road surface, but as they are

gradually being obliterated and the holes and ruts still exist, who knows what they indicate?

Here is a little food for thought, garnered on a recent holiday in Montenegro. Men of that country have a reputation for avoiding physical work, but Pudford Lane menfolk are not like that.

- 1) If, by chance, you wish to work . . . sit, wait and the feeling will soon pass.
- 2) Rest during the day so that during the night, you can sleep.
- 3) Do not work, work kills.

*Kate King*

### ***Pensax Thrift Shop***

Pensax Thrift shop is re-introducing, by request, the Christmas Used Toy Sale. This will be on Saturday 14 November at 2pm. Toys for the sale are accepted on any Wednesday.

This year's cheque (standing at £1250 to date) will be handed over to the Air Ambulance on Wednesday 23 October, and on the same day Thrift Shop "helpers" will be celebrating Thrift Shop's 35 years with a luncheon at The Hundred House Hotel along with "helpers" from past years – If you were one, then do please contact Nerys.

2 December sees the closure for the winter with Spring re-opening on the first Wednesday of March 2010.



### ***Martley Ramblers***

**Sunday 15 November 10am**

**Church car park**

**Monday 16 November 8pm**

**Annual meeting**

Note the later date this month, the third Sunday, to avoid clashing with Remembrance Sunday on 8 November. This is the final walk this year and Helen and George Coombey-Jones will be leading us locally. Come and join us at 10am to find out where. The annual meeting will be at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane the next evening.

Everyone welcome to come with suggestions for walks, offers to lead walks and any other suggestions. See you on either or both occasions.

*Kate King*

### ***Martley Parish Council***

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 September 2009 at the Memorial Hall  
**The Democratic Period/Public Question Time**

Parishioners raised the following points: garden waste being left outside St. Peters Court and grass not being cut—the Clerk will write to the occupier(s). General poor condition of the weighbridge—councillors and Lengthsman to assess what improvements could be made to the weighbridge. It was queried why the police surgeries have moved from the weighbridge to The Chantry when it was felt that the weighbridge is far more accessible. The Clerk to investigate. A map in Martley, which

could show Councillors areas of responsibility within Martley—to discuss at next meeting. Concerns over the overgrown hawthorn hedge on the footpath opposite The Crown Inn. The Clerk is to arrange for this and other hedges to be cut back. Worcestershire CALC are investigating legal aspects of allotments for several parishes, including Martley. The Clerk has contacted other Worcestershire parishes that have recently set up allotments and will contact the land owner who expressed interest concerning rent and other requirements. For discussion at the next meeting. Concerns that the path to The Chantry from The Weighbridge, and its seat, are very overgrown—the Clerk will arrange improvements for this area. Crows in the trees at the entrance to Mortlake Drive—the Parish Council confirmed that Environmental Health are unable to take action against the crows. Some parishioners are disturbed by the bottle banks and the Clerk is awaiting advice from MHDC on solutions to reduce the noise used by parishes – for discussion at next meeting. The exchange of packages taking place outside Heaton House - the Clerk is to notify the police. There is need for a sign at the top and bottom of Hillend Bridge Lane to stop confused drivers delivering to the wrong address. A success – flood alleviation work is finally being undertaken in Jury Lane; thanks to the perseverance of residents.

Nigel Potter from Community First then spoke to The Parish Council and parishioners, confirming that the Housing Needs Survey undertaken last year found a need for 8 homes: 6 affordable and 2 shared ownership. These houses would be for people with a local connection to Martley. These houses tend to be on agricultural land on the edge of villages that would usually not be eligible for planning. Nigel Potter has contacted land owners in Martley to seek interest in selling land for affordable housing and has had two positive responses. Currently he is legally unable to confirm names or locations, although there would be plenty of public consultation in the future but. The Parish Council will set up a working party to plan the next step. There are 14 affordable houses being built at Clifton Upon Teme at present that Martley could apply for. Those interested in applying for affordable housing should check Choice Lettings on a Tuesday. Bids can be put in by people previously registered with a housing association. Chair opened the meeting at 20:45pm.

#### **Progress reports:**

*The Clerk:* The Clerk clarified the co-option process to fill the current vacancies on The Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that Worcestershire CALC is offering free training to Councillors. Martley will arrange its own training when the vacancies are filled. Notification of a cycling association event - the Clerk is awaiting response from MHDC.

Councillors expressed a preference to continue receiving their minutes and agendas in the post as apposed to e-mail.

*Lnnowners support* – ditch clearance: After receiving advice from MHDC the Clerk is to write to Highways asking for permission to be given for the ditches to be cleared at Hollins Lane, Pudford Lane and Berrow Green (from the bungalows to Maylite).

*Lengthsman:* The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to iInstall the new bins at agreed locations.

*Highways:* The Clerk is splitting the Highways report into areas so Councillors can inspect the area and confirm if the work has been completed. An amended report will then be submitted to Highways. To be discussed at the next meeting.

### **District and County Councillors' reports:**

District Cllr. Mrs. Williams reported that she was now Youth Champion for Hallow. She confirmed that Emma Rothwell would very much like to continue with her YIMMS work, for which Mrs Rothwell has received full support from Martley Parish Council.

### **Planning:**

Malvern Architects will attend a public meeting to discuss the application they are formulating on behalf of Marsten Developments Ltd to develop the land adjoining The Crown Inn. The Clerk will organise a public meeting for Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm and arrange for a notice on the village notice board.

### *New*

09/01182/TCN Martley Court Barns – Fell trees and reduce hawthorn.

### *Pending*

09/00752/OUT Horsham Court, Horsham – Erection of dwelling. 09/00751/FUL & 09/00750/LBC Stables at Horsham Court – Conversion to create new dwelling with new garages. 09/00749/FUL The Old Court, Horsham – Refurb. Of derelict former house with 2 storey extn. & new garage. 09/00662/FUL & 09/00663/LBC Rodge Hill Farm, Hillside – Conversion of barns to form staff and guest accommodation.

### *Permitted*

09/00789/HOU Old House Farm, Horsham – Proposed first floor roof light to courtyard elevation. 09/00748/FUL The Old Smithy, Hillside – Change of use of land to domestic cartilage and erection of building for storage.

### *Refused*

09/00837/FUL Adj Three Acres, Willow Road – Proposed 2 no 4 bedroom detached dwellings.

### *Appealing to Secretary of State*

08/01169/FUL Treetops Bungalow, Hillside – Replacement of existing dwelling (on-going). 08/01498/FUL Longside, Hipplecote – Replacement dwelling (on-going). 09/00423/FUL Bramblewood, Hipplecote – Replacement dwelling (on-going).

### **MHDC Malvern Flood Study:**

Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones reported that it gave a basic assessment of known flood areas, none of which are in Martley. There was no action

proposed for Martley Parish.

**Martley Show and Fete:**

A Councillor requested clarification of what the Parish Council's previous donation of £300 was spent on. The Council confirmed that this one-off donation was given without stipulations or conditions and therefore clarification would not be sought from Martley Show and Fete.

**Speed signs:**

The Clerk is to contact 3M regarding prices. For discussion at the next meeting.

**Children's play area:**

The Clerk will seek advice on grants to assist in improving the play area. The Recreation Association and Martley Parish Council will meet to discuss responsibilities and an effective way of working together.

**Finance:**

There were 6 cheques totalling £2619.24.. The Clerk is to investigate the invoice for the Library electricity. The Clerk has heard nothing further

from The Bank of Ireland so will arrange for a solicitor's letter requesting immediate payment of funds from the account.

**Councillors reports and items for future agenda:**

The Clerk will put together a list of requests such as allotments and play area, that the parish may wish to be considered if the Marstens plan were to go ahead. The Clerk is to contact Karen Metcalfe who has kindly volunteered to be Martley Village Co-ordinator. The Clerk will speak with residents who have hedges that are causing public access issues to see if they require the Parish Council's assistance with cutting.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 October 2009.

***Martley's Past***

On 6 February 1922, Martley's Memorial Hall was formally opened. The opening ceremony was reported

in Berrows Journal as follows:

"Memorial Hall – An army hut, erected near the centre of Martley, on a good brick foundation, the outside dressed with a preservative and the interior papered and decorated, forms the excellent Memorial Hall at



*Martley Memorial Hall today*



Martley. A tablet, containing the names of men from the parish who died or served in the war is placed on the inside wall and will serve as a permanent reminder of their services for King and country. The opening ceremony took place on Monday evening when a large company assembled in the Hall, presided over by Col Carr, with Mr J Davis in the vice-chair. There were also present: Brig Gen Benson, Ref J F & Mrs Hastings, Mrs & Miss Nash, the Misses Martley, Mr & Mrs Holmes, Mr & Mrs W H Holliday, Mr J Dovey, Mr C Howlett, Mr & Mrs Wm Nott, Mr & Miss Humpherson, Mrs Ballard, Mrs G Jones, Mr & Mrs Sherwood, Mr & Mrs Fidoe, the Members of the Committee, with Mr D Wood, Hon Sec, relatives of those who died, and many others. Col Carr said the building had been erected to serve as a war memorial and as a Workmen's Club. Brig Gen Benson had come at considerable inconvenience to unveil the tablet and perform the opening ceremony. He appealed for energetic support for the Club, for unless that was given, it would not serve as the memorial it was intended to be. The honorary members and lady members would find this a convenient way of showing their gratitude to the men who fought. Brig Gen Benson, who had a most cordial reception, said that he loved to meet again the men whom he had served with and their friends. The objects of the memorials being erected all over the country were, first, to thank God for the men who had

come through the conflict, and secondly to do honour to those who had "gone west". Thirdly we had got to see that their dependants did not suffer for their great loss, and that those who returned did not suffer for their absence and the assistance they had given in the War. Brig Gen Benson then unveiled the memorial. Col Carr read the names of those who died and who served, and the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past" was sung, followed by suitable prayers by the Rector. Songs were given by Mrs Badger, Miss Nash, Miss Lacy, Mr Evans, Mr Sherwood, Mr J C Holliday and recitations by Mrs Rimell. Light refreshments were handed round, kindly given by Mrs Aston, Mrs Copping, Mrs J Davis, Mrs Fidoe, Mr J Holliday, Mrs Humpherson, Mrs G Jones, Miss Martley, Mrs Nash, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Rowley, Mrs Walters and Mrs Wilcox. Dancing followed, and was kept up till midnight. A silver collection yielded the sum of £7 14s for the funds."

(Note: Brig Gen Rion Philip Benson was GOC RA 5th Army Corps 197-18. CB 1917, CMG 1916)

*Alan Boon*

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### **Martley Library Opening Times**

Monday 2—7 pm

Wednesday 4—6 pm

Thursday 10am -1 pm

Friday 2 - 4 pm

Saturday 10am -12 noon

01886 888396 (*opening hours only*)

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# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378



## *Flower Rota*

1 November M Fisher  
8 November Remembrance – Mrs  
Britten Long  
15 November Remembrance – Mrs  
Britten Long  
22 November B Hadfield  
29 November Benefice Service –  
Martley

## *Ladies Fellowship*

The next meeting of the Ladies  
Fellowship is on 17 November in the  
Memorial Hall at 2.30pm.

## *Wichenford PCC*

The November meeting of the PCC is  
on Monday 23 November at 7.45pm in  
the Memorial Hall.

Little Witley's November film  
Little Witley's November film is The  
Station Agent and will be showing on  
Saturday 14 November. Matt Langdon  
(Copyright © 2003 Filmcritic.com)  
says: "Essentially each of the  
characters is a loner but with distinct  
characteristics; Fin is bitter about life,  
Joe is upbeat despite personal

setbacks, and Olivia is confused since  
the death of her son. Yet none of them  
know how to reach out for help.  
Throughout the film these three very  
different personalities find a way to  
connect and make room for each other  
in their lonely lives. It's the kind of  
film that wins the hearts and minds of  
discerning audiences. And -- by the  
way -- it won the Audience Award at  
this year's Sundance Film Festival."  
See details of the Little Witley Film  
Society on the Leisure page of [www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk) or phone Jean Latham  
on 01886 888888122 or Bob Jose on  
01886 888383.

## *Wichenford 100 Club September winners*

No 56 Dixon Stinton £75.00 and  
returned £12.00 subscriptions to No.  
53 Mick Harris & No. 40 Amanda  
Wood. Drawn by Caroline Mattock  
When no. 53 followed no. 56 my heart  
was in my mouth! Were we going to  
see another of those incredible co-  
incidental draws? Would no. 50 be  
picked next? As it turned out - NO! It

wasn't. We got no. 40 instead! Having checked the book, we would have had to discount no. 50 anyway, as the number is free at the moment. So well done - another odd draw - all two figured numbers! We hope by this time you have renewed your 2009-1010 subscription! Remember seven prizes were lost to unpaid subscriptions last year. Don't let it happen to you! If you still need to re-new call 888239!

### ***Wichenford coffee morning***

Thank you to all who contributed to the Wichenford coffee morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised a fantastic sum of £206.60. This is twice the amount which we raised last year. Thanks.

*Anita Ball*

### ***Colin Hughes***

What can you say about a man who was larger than life? Born in Worcester on 12 December 1952, Colin's early years included singing in the choir of Worcester cathedral and, around the age of 12 years, discovering the art of ballroom dancing, for which he won many medals and trophies - partnering one Arbella Arbottle! And leading him to be one of Strictly Come Dancing's most ardent critics. He could rival Arlene Philips any day!

Colin's first job, on leaving school, was for Worcester Council, where the world was just opening up to the wonders of the Computer Age. Colin embraced this new technology with

open arms and it was this that led him into a very successful career and his own consultancy business, which took him around the world. His interests included crown green bowls, ballroom dancing and, after meeting Alan, pantomime. He also loved cooking, which he brought into many of his activities and charity work.

Colin's first role in pantomime was that of a long-haired (Yes! he did once have a plentiful head of hair), strip of wind (and Yes! he was once very thin) spear-carrier in Dick Whittington. From this he progressed through the roles of village idiot to the dame we all knew and loved - with the best pair of legs this county has ever seen! Colin also had his own version of Alan's script - one which was to keep the rest of the cast on their toes waiting for their cue line. Altogether he appeared in over 30 pantomimes in Stourport and Kidderminster. Here in Wichenford, Colin was known and loved for his generosity of time and effort to support village events, including Open Gardens catering, where he was well-loved for his recruiting of team helpers. Neighbours in the village loved the menu rehearsal. Colin would ring and say "I'm trying out a new recipe for Open Gardens. Can you come to supper?" You could hear the sound of sausages being thrown back into the freezers and car engines revving up on their way to Whitegates. Quotes from the kitchen included: "Why make one when you can make ten?": "We don't do wet"; "You can't send it out like

that!" and "Nothing to do with me!" to which the set reply was always: "Yes, chef!" Colin and Alan shared many fabulous holidays together, but it was their love of the Greek islands that led them to buy a home on the Island of Naxos, where they have spent many happy times, and where, on the day of his funeral in Wichenford, friends held their own celebration of Colin's life at his holiday home. Alan and Colin spent 34 happy years together, firstly at Astley Burf, then King's Green and then, for the last 25 years, here in Wichenford. Those of you who knew Colin well, will know of his habit of hoarding everything, from papers, clothes, shoes to food and frozen food (several freezers full). Alan will now spend the next 25 years ploughing through these collections and any Tesco shareholders are duly warned that sales will now tumble, as Alan lives on the accumulated stock pile of food in Colin's pantry.

Throughout his life Colin was always involved in charity work, including abseiling for the Red Cross, village events, pantomime and conducting heritage walks around Stourport, which apparently grew in length as Colin's knowledge increased.

Colin was a big man with a very big heart, who will leave a large gap in the lives of everyone who knew him. He will always be remembered with affection and a big smile ..... and every time some body calls out "He's behind you!" Colin, we love you and will miss you.

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

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28 September 2009 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

### **Democratic half hour/public question time**

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

### **District and County Councillors Report**

Cllr Williams is to sign a prohibition for Rosses and Guises Lanes as recommended by the County Council. If no objections are received then the order will be implemented, but several objections have been received. Cllr Davies had earlier attended a meeting at the Chantry High School who recently had an OFSTED inspection, which resulted in the school getting an "outstanding". Cllr Davies explained the new grants that are available now for parishes. The recent grant application for the NPDC has still not been received. The chairman explained that this was in the hand of the Day Centre and she would have a word with them. It was also agreed by Cllr Davies that the parish council could do some ditch digging and it would be refunded by the CC. The paperwork has been received to sign to start the process of the permanent TRO at Rosses and Guises Lanes.

### **Minutes**

The clerk was asked to omit 3 words from page 194 reference 09/84.

## **Progress Reports**

Allsetts Farm Motor Cross: The August event was withdrawn as there was not enough interest. Warley motocross is due to hold an event on 4 October. The chairman agreed to contact Malvern Hills and ask them to attend with the sound-monitoring equipment.

## **Planning**

*Applications considered since the last meeting.*

09/01138/HOU. The Old Coach House, Woodend Farm. The parish council has no objection to this proposal.

*Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn*

09/00646/FUL. Coronation Cottage, Peg Houses. Construction of stables and change of use from agricultural to private equestrian use. (Approved).

09/00904/FUL. Masons Arms, Wichenford. Proposed extension to public house. (Approved). 09/00723/HOU. Arundle Farm, Poplar Road. Two storey extension. (Approved). 09/00536/HOU, The Tallet, Cockshoot Farm. (Appeal Dismissed).

*Applications to be considered*

09/01192/HOU. Lingens Cottage, Sledgemoor, Broadwas. Extension to existing dwelling. The parish council arranged a site visit for 30 September.

*Masons Arms*

The parish council are very disappointed that this application has been approved and the chairman has written to Malvern Hills regarding the decision; the reply has been copied to all councillors. It seems the parish

council's views have been completely ignored by the District Council although the correct procedures were followed and we would like to know why it was approved under delegated decision and don't like the way it has been handled. As far as the parish council are concerned, the reasons for refusal last time are still valid. There are lots of pubs in the area doing the same thing and we feel this does not meet the needs of the local community, and people have been deceived by the business plan. The parish council are to arrange a meeting with Malvern Hills District Council to discuss this issue. Parishioners can write to the parish council who will take any letters with them to the meeting. Councillors were reminded about personal and prejudicial interest and when to declare them.

## **Finance**

The balance for the 28 August stood at £15,670.75. There were two cheques totalling £168.00 for agreement and signature. The finances of the parish council are very healthy and it was unanimously agreed to pay for one year towards the upkeep of the churchyard (Clerk to find out how to do this) and give an equal amount towards the roof-repair on the memorial hall. This should total around £3,400.

## **Rosses/Guises Lane**

Discussed earlier in the meeting, although it was brought to the parish council's attention that scrambler bikes and a quad bike have twice been through Rosses Lane. The last time a

parishioner managed to get the number plate which has been reported to the local police.

### **Correspondence**

For decision by the parish council (Information only) included:

Email Re: Allsetts MotoCross;WCC Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership; Masons Arms response to planning permission; Masons Arms (noise). The clerk has received a letter from BT to say the payphone located at Queens Estate is to be removed but the parish council can adopt the kiosk. The council agreed to look into this proposal. The next Policing matters meeting is 7 October at Abberley Village Hall. (notice to be placed on board).

### **Councillor's Reports and Items For Future Agendas**

Councillor Rendall is to invite Wade Muggleton to a meeting regarding Kings Green. The clerk pointed out to councillors that as she was going on holiday the minutes and agendas would be issued within the next two weeks. There would also be no correspondence circulated or finance, so it would be done at the next meeting.

### **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be 9 November 2009. The chairman will email the clerk with future dates. Meetings were arranged for 9 November and 14 December 2009.

## ***Little Witley Film Club***

***Little Witley's November film is  
The Station Agent and will be  
showing on Saturday 14 November***

Matt Langdon says: "Essentially each of the characters is a loner but with distinct characteristics; Fin is bitter about life, Joe is upbeat despite personal setbacks, and Olivia is confused since the death of her son. Yet none of them know how to reach out for help. Throughout the film these three very different personalities find a way to connect and make room for each other in their lonely lives. It's the kind of film that wins the hearts and minds of discerning audiences. And—by the way—it won the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival." (© 2003 Film-critic.com)

*See details of the Little Witley Film Society on the Leisure page of [www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk) or phone Jean Latham on 01886 88888122 or Bob Jose on 01886 888383.*

### ***Lights of Love***

Please join St Richard's Hospice this Christmas, as we remember the ones we love at our special 2009 'Lights of Love' events

- Worcester Cathedral  
Fri 13 November, 6.30pm for 7pm
- St Andrews Church, Droitwich  
Thurs 19 November, 5.45pm
- The Priory, Malvern  
Tues 15 December, 6pm

You are invited to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one or as a gift . Please see local press nearer the time for details on how you can dedicate a light or download a form from [www.strichards.org.uk](http://www.strichards.org.uk) or contact the fund-raising team on 01905 763963 / [appeals@strichards.org.uk](mailto:appeals@strichards.org.uk)  
All welcome

### ***“From Dream to Reality”***

This history of St Richard's Hospice is a new book by Marianne Rankin, price £10. The book tells the story of the birth of St Richard's and its growth over the last 25 years. “From Dream to Reality” costs £10 and is available from the hospice at Wildwood Drive, Worcester, WR5 2QT or by contacting Marilyn Peachey on 01905 763963 email [mpeachey@strichards.org.uk](mailto:mpeachey@strichards.org.uk)

### ***RoSPA***

### ***Firework Top Ten Safety Code for Adults***

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used.

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.



## ***Remembering***

Gazing at the poppy held in his hand  
To his eye there came a tear.  
His mind drifted back to that far off  
land,  
Just as it did every year.

Seeing again as he knew he always  
would  
Those trenches deep in the ground.  
Saw the rain turn the earth into mud,  
With no shelter from the elements  
found.

In his memory he heard again the  
order  
To "Go over the top and advance".  
Saw his comrades fall in the slaughter,  
To lie buried in the mud of France.

He wondered how many years he had  
left  
To pay allegiance to his comrades lost,  
To continue to march to the cenotaph  
To hear again the bugles 'Last Post'.

With his medal ribbons beginning to  
fade,  
And with a stick to help him along,  
Once more he joined the remembrance  
parade,  
To honour his comrades who never  
came home.

*Derrick Jinks*

### ***Mobile Library***

#### **Ockeridge**

Silver Oaks 9.45–10.05

#### **Wichenford**

Malvern View 10.10–10.35

Church 10.45–11.05

Kings Green Farm 11.15–11.40

Rosses Green 11.45–12.05

#### **Martley Hillside**

Horn La. Bungalows 12.10–12.25

#### **Martley**

Taylor's of Martley 12.30–12.45

#### **LUNCH**

Heaton House 1.20–1.50

Church. 1.55–2.15

#### **Clifton**

Village Hall 2.30–3.50

The Mobile Library will be visiting these  
stops on Wednesdays on the dates listed  
below:

18 Nov 2009

9 Dec 2009

30 Dec 2009

Any enquiries should be made to  
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### **FIREWORKS!**

**Keep pets safely  
indoors**

**Be considerate of farm  
animals**

**Check your bonfire first  
for hedgehogs**



# In the Garden



## In the garden in November

Winter is just around the corner and we can expect some wet and windy weather. November nights can be very cold and you should be prepared for frost in the second half of the month. The shorter day-length also means less time to spend in the garden, so here are a few key jobs to fit in if you can.

First, tidying up. Removing dead leaves and debris will cut down the number of pests and diseases surviving over winter. Bin or burn anything which is obviously diseased, such as rose leaves with blackspot. Leave some old stems and leaves on frost-susceptible plants to give them winter protection. Pentstemons should not be cut down until spring. Check that climbing plants are well tied up so they don't pull away in the winter gales. Last winter our large climbing rose came down over the front door, the old ties simply couldn't take the strain.

Second, protection. Trees, shrubs and herbs growing in containers may need insulating so the roots don't freeze. A layer of bubble wrap works well, and raising the container off the ground means the plant won't be left standing in a pool of cold water after the rain.

Next, pruning. You can cut back deciduous hedges now, but don't touch

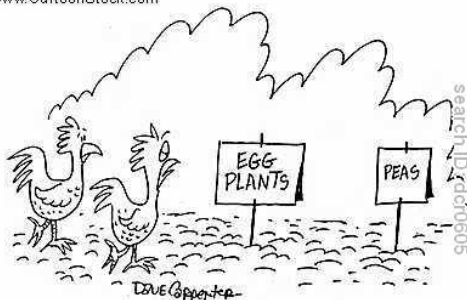
evergreen ones. Towards the end of the month you can start the winter-pruning of apples and pears. Keep an eye on holly trees and cut your Christmas berries before the birds get them. Last year my tree was stripped over a couple of days at the start of December!

Finally, planting. Perennials, trees and shrubs can still be planted in November but try to avoid doing it in wet, cold spells. Now is the time to plant tulips and lilies and Garden Centres may well have some bargains on offer as we near the end of the month.

JC

*Please leave a few berries for the birds – the trees and shrubs are their equivalent to Tesco! Editor.*

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"NOW THIS I HAVE TO SEE."



# Church Words

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As we approach Remembrance Day, this year many in the country will be remembering not just those who fought and died in the two World Wars, but also those who have given their lives in more recent and present conflicts, in particular Afghanistan. As I write this, yet another casualty is being mentioned on the news. There have been many losses during the last 12 months; many will be grieving and missing loved ones. There are of course many who will be grieving the loss of loved ones who have not died in war, but through illness or old age; we will also be remembering them at a service at the beginning of November.

Remembering is important, for as we say, 'in our memories, they live on'. As Christians, we do not just believe they live in our memories, we believe in eternal life. We have the hope of eternal life promised to us through our trust in Christ. "Trust me", Jesus said, "I go and prepare a place for you, so that where I am there you may be also". At the end of November we begin Advent: a time of preparation, not

as we might think for Christmas, but traditionally a time of preparation for the end of all things and the return of Christ. Traditionally, the Church would think about the things of eternity, bringing us hope beyond this life. As we remember those who have passed into eternity, may we be filled with hope. This hope means that though some may leave this life, as we

perceive it prematurely, so we can commit then into the hands of God. We remember them of course, not with despair, but with hope, that though we no longer see them, we have one in whose care we can place them. A place where there are no more tears, crying, pain, or death as the Revelation of John tells us - a place we call

Heaven. May God comfort you in your grief and loss and bring your peace and hope. If anything I have said make you want to know more or chat with me about these things, please feel free to do so.

God Bless

*Revd David Sherwin*



## Services for November

<b>SUN 1 NOVEMBER</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 3.00pm Memorial Service, St Peter, Martley 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 2 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 3 November	10am Holy Communion – St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 4 November	10.15 Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 5 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
<b>SUN 8 NOVEMBER</b>	10.45am Remembrance Day, St Laurence, Wichenford
<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	0.45am Remembrance Day, St Peter, Martley 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 4.00pm Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 9 November	8.30am Prayer Breakfast, Martley Rectory
Tue 10 November	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 11 November	10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House 7.45pm Family Worship Meeting
Thu 12 November	9.00am Morning Prayer. St Laurence, Wichenford
<b>SUN 15 NOVEMBER</b>	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 4.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence Wichenford
Mon 16 November	.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 17 November	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 18 November	10.15 Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 19 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
<b>SUN 22 NOVEMBER</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley 10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter Martley
Mon 23 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tue 24 November	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 25 November	10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 26 November	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
<b>SUN 29 NOVEMBER</b>	10.30am Advent Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
<b>Advent Sunday</b>	4pm Advent Christingle, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Mon 30 November	9am Morning Prayer, St Leonard, Cotheridge



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# ***And finally ...***

## **Getting Old? What Me?**

They tell me I'm getting forgetful  
And are blaming it all on my years.  
I know that's not really the reason,  
So perhaps this will allay all their fears.

I've got a really good checklist  
For bedside reading at night.  
I have a red pencil to check it  
Before I extinguish the light.

The dog's been pushed out till the  
morning  
And the cat is quite safe on his perch.  
The chickens are scratching the orchard  
So foxey won't have far to search.

The budgie has gone out the cat flap,  
The donkey is roaming the lane.  
Now I can relax and watch telly  
If I could just find the controller again.

The children have all been pushed  
upstairs,  
It's peaceful at last, Oh so nice.  
I fancy a card game of Patience –  
Can somebody please find me the dice?

PS: What do I have to do with this?

*Kate King*

