

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

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling: 2.00pm Martley Memorial Hall

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

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

Salsacise dance/exercise: 7.15pm
Martley Memorial Hall *Enq.* Steph 07774 533217

Wednesdays

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

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

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

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

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

See Church Words p. 27 for details of services

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk

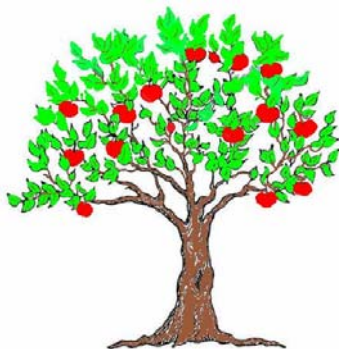


Martley Pre-School Snippets

Welcome back!

We would like to welcome William, Ella, Ellie, Tommie, Harvey, Evie, Amy, Chloe and Emily to our Pre-school. We look forward to many fun-filled days with you. Our theme for this term is 'Our community'. It will incorporate many different aspects of our local community, as you may have seen in our role play area which at the moment focuses on the 'Post Office'. The next 'BAG2SCHOOL' clothes collection is 22 November, so please bring in any unwanted clothing, bedding etc. at any time before then. Since starting these collections, we have raised over £700 towards pre-school funds. Thank you so much for all your support.

We have recently added some willow shelters to our Forest School area, and would like to thank NPOWER for their grant donation towards materials.



As part of the curriculum and eco-status, the children have also enjoyed harvesting most of their fruit and vegetables this month. They grew many of them from seed this spring, and we witnessed a great sense of pride and awe in the children as they dug up potatoes and carrots, picked apples, raspberries and runner beans etc.

Don't Forget! We are an OFSTED registered setting, with over 20 years of history. We boast that we employ a graduate leader with Early Years Professional status and that all staff hold a current first aid certificate and current CRB police check. We are open term time every day from 8am to 6pm, with holiday clubs too. Every three year old child is entitled to 15 hours free government funding per week, and some two year olds are too! If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.martleypreschool.co.uk or tel. 01886 889127.

*Kathryn Norgrove
BA (Hons) FdA EYP status*



TVCC: Road Safety Week

Teme Valley Children's Centre has previously hosted successful Road Safety events at different Toddler Groups and Family Funs across the Teme Valley area in the past. The events have given local children and their parents/carers the opportunity to learn more about Road Safety and how to avoid dangerous situations when walking to and from school or when out playing with their friends.

Road Safety week is an event which Teme Valley Children's Centre promotes and supports as on average 55 children aged 0-11 years are killed on the roads in Great Britain alone, and another 1,546 on average are seriously injured. With the Teme Valley being such a rural location it is important that children and their parents/carers know how to stay safe.

Road Safety Week runs from 22-28 November 2010 and our next Family Fun session will be focused around road safety and staying safe in the rural area.

Our Road Safety Family Fun session is on Tuesday 23 November 2010 at The Regal Community Hall, Tenbury from 1.30pm - 3pm. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun activities and events for children aged 0 - 5 years. Please ring the Children's Centre on 01886 812982 or email sam.

billingham@barnardos.org.uk to book your place or for more information.

TVCC is a Barnardo's Children Centre. Registered Charity Nos 216250 and SCO37605

Village Hall News

Bookings for the hall are increasing and we've had bookings for 2011, which is very promising. If you're thinking of holding an event, please speak with Dave Cropp as it is great that that hall is starting to be used more by villagers. We have an excellent bar facility and very willing bar staff to run the bar for your party/event.

Plans are in progress for the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 5 December starting at 1.30pm - look out for the flyer but do come along as you might be able to pick up a bargain or two for Christmas presents!

Martley 100 Club

September winner: Number 31 Ro Williams (don't let Tony spend it for you) will receive £40. Please look out for the renewal forms for 2011 and return to me to ensure you keep the same number.

Winners for other months 2010:
January 52 £30 Christine Grasby;
February 34 £40 Mrs Elaine Pearce;
March 54 £40 Mrs Sally Swift; April 5 £40 Mr Derek Pugh; May 28 £40 Mandy Gardner; June 46 £60 Simon Honeybourne; June 26 £30 Janet Jones; July 14 £40 Mrs Julie Honeybourne; August 12 £40 Mrs E Wetherall.

Annette Smith

A Geological Society for Martley?

We wish to establish a geological society that would meet locally and are inviting all those interested to contact the undersigned. The intention would be 6-8 meetings a year with lectures, and trips to key sites, obviously starting right here!

Surprising to many, Martley is fast becoming the place in the UK to visit, if you are at all interested in geology.

Martley has several important sites,



none more so than Martley Rock, where six different geological periods are exposed in a small area of

one field. This is a very, very unusual occurrence and in addition, there are at least two other periods in other parts of the parish. The University of Worcester is now conducting serious research and a scientific research paper will appear some time in 2011.

A first successful geology course was held mid year and another commences early October. Many visitors walk the geo park way, and course tutor, Dr Paul Olver, brings in groups, some from as far afield as Cambridge and London. We look forward to hearing from you

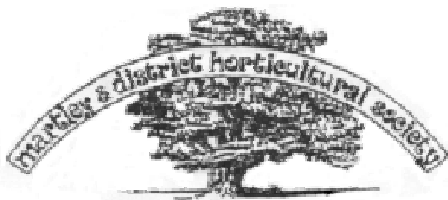
John Nicklin (who ain't no geologist)
01886 888318 johnn@martley.org



Martley Amateur Dramatics has been in existence for a year now and its performance "The Importance of Being Ernest" was the best production to date. The performers have really grown in confidence and performing skills in the past 12 months. A new venture for MADs was an outdoor matinee performance, in Sinton Green. We were very fortunate with the weather, with the sun shining and the cold wind abating at just the right time. A lovely time was had with picnics on the grass and visitors from Worcester and Birmingham as well. A big thank you to all who joined us!

We had a good turnout for auditions for our panto with children who attended Mad Kidz in the summer wanting to take part for the first time. It should be a good production in true panto fashion. Make a note in your diary, 7—8 January 2011, so you don't miss it. Also for your diaries, advance notice of a repeat performance of "Esther". We have now had confirmation from the Cathedral and will be putting on a "one off" performance of our new musical there on 26 February 2011 so all who did not see it first time round will have the chance to see what they missed. This will be a very big event for our performers, director and writer so please give us as much support as possible. Thank you.

Janet Eggleton



Martley and District Horticultural Society

September's meeting proved particularly enjoyable. It began as usual with Chairman Mike Dunnett welcoming everyone including five potential new members. The Black Bag appeared again – this time out came the beautiful tall perennial *Salvia Sabria* Hadspen flowering August through to October. It should survive the winter if cut right down and has good drainage. Mike also produced a pile of 'Country Gardener' magazines (free), they are full of useful tips and information. Jane Cropp showed members an attractive small-leaved vine with unusual fruit, *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*. Dave Cropp's advice – study 'The Plantfinder' and look for AGM by plants' names – this means Award of Garden Merit.

Our main speaker was Kim Hurst from The Cottage Herbery near Tenbury Wells, her talk being 'Cottage Gardens' : a subject dear to most country people's hearts. We all soaked up the beautiful slide views of sections of her large garden with its numerous colourful old-fashioned flowering plants, also structures. It is organic and peat free, and Kim said a true cottage garden should have

chickens and pigs to provide food and manure as well as vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruit! Aromas are desirable too, and butterflies and bees are very important. She feels this type of garden should be rampant-mix wild and cultivated plants, let things like opium poppies and nasturtiums seed anywhere, grow plants in old galvanised containers, have a picket fence with honeysuckle tumbling over it! Grow salad in an old wheelbarrow – have an old pump (working if possible!) and a rose arch. Kim and husband Rob do some plant breeding, an impressive red nasturtium being one they've produced. They have had stands at the major shows including Chelsea, there are gold medals to prove it! In 2007 the garden was partly flooded but the silt was a soil tonic and everything thrives. Companion planting was shown on a slide of the Nursery (where the Hursts are now living). Kim answered members' questions at the end. A fantastic talk!

Tina Steele

Martley Ramblers

1pm 7 November Church car park

We are running – no – walking out of time as this is the last ramble in 2010. There is a slight change to the programme as Harry and Kate King will now be leading around somewhere in the Worcester riverside area. If you've not joined us this year, why not make this a surprise finish and have a different venue to enjoy? NB, earlier start time 1pm (dark nights

are looming) and the first Sunday, to avoid clashing with Remembrance Sunday.

Helen and George Coombey-Jones had a very pleasant autumn day for their walk starting at Eckington Wharf with the bonus of juicy blackberries to pick on the way.

The AGM is on Monday 22 November. See you there with suggestions for walks in 2011.

Kate King



Martley WI

Wednesday 10 November 7.30pm Heaton House

Once again it is AGM time. This has been a very enjoyable and busy year and next year promises to be as good. After the business meeting, Mary Kipping will tell of her life during her years in West Africa. Then there will be time for refreshments and chatter and to catch up on news. There may be also time for an organised social time. The competition is for a pretty scarf. Do come and join us.

Kate King

Pudford Tweets

This autumn seems to have been a second spring in some ways with the return of a blooming of lots of spring flowers. House Martins have been around much later than usual and the large broods of bluetits are still feasting on fatballs and sunflower

seeds. It's lovely to see so many around. Pity they don't feast on the enormous slugs in the garden. What a size they have been this year.

There has been a bumper crop of walnuts this year and squirrels are doing a shuttle service burying them in flowerbeds. The silly things don't mark the burial places and promptly forget where most of them are. Next year there will be small walnut trees everywhere. Perhaps there could be an opportunity here for a new enterprise: seeding the trees? At least, the proceeds could help to cover the cost of all the fatballs and sunflower seeds.

Kate King

Martley Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 September 2010 at the Memorial Hall

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

Parishioners queried progress on the milestone plate and detail around any work being undertaken by Martley Parish Council concerning local development. The Clerk will speak with the milestone association and to Nigel Potter, Community Housing Enabler for Community First regarding work undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council last year.

Minutes

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting with a correction to 51-10 (b). Should read the Clerk will ask the lengthsman to clear the mud from

opposite the weighbridge not by the weighbridge.

Outstanding actions from previous minutes:

Graffiti on Hillside sign has still not been removed – The Clerk to chase Highways again. Highways matters – The Clerk is to submit a report to Highways to clarify exact positioning on the works list for the dropped curbs, potholes, drains, etc that have been reported. The Clerk will write to committees with Parish Council representation for updates dates of future meetings. The Clerk will continue to investigate the authorisation of cycle races. The Clerk will again contact Worcester County Council regarding the herbicide sprayed around the village.

Progress Reports:

(a)The Clerk: The weighbridge electricity has finally been resolved with a three-year contract with E-On now being arranged. A link to Martley.org.uk will be put on Worcester County Councils my parish part of their website, which will be an alternative route of access to Martley and Martley Parish Council. The Clerk has had notification of a community project grant which can be applied for under certain criteria. The Clerk thinks YIMMS may be eligible and will speak to representatives of YIMMS. The Clerk referred to. The Clerk will e-mail documentation on an urgent consultation on the government's proposal to cap the precept and will then collate and submit the view of the Parish Council. (b) Lengthsman. The

Clerk will ask the lengthsman to pick up the rubbish from the Hillside lay-by each week; look at grips opposite the saw mills and on Hollins Lane (the village end); clear mud from opposite the weighbridge; ensure the signs throughout Martley are readable and cut away any overgrowth and/or clean the signs; look at Hope House Lane, between New House Farm and Touchwood Cottage as the dip keeps filling with water. (c) Training. The Clerk will place one item each month on the agenda to address items raised during the training.

District and County Councillor's reports:

County Cllr Davies reported that: the work on the footpath next to The Crown has been completed. Two new VAS signs will be purchased by County Cllr Davies solely for the use of the ten parishes within his area. These will be in addition to the two that are already shared across all parishes within the county. The responsibility of charging batteries and general maintenance will be with the Parish Council. The Chantry exam results were pleasing with 71.8% of pupils achieving 5 A to C GCSE's. There is a grant available for help with the elderly, which is £100,000 in total in £5,000 allocations. County Cllr Davies will send an information booklet to the Clerk.

Planning:

New

10/00893/FUL Land adj. Three Acres, Willow Road – Proposed stable block and change of use from agricultural to

equestrian land.

10/01079/HOU Thornhill Villa, Horne Lane – Proposed French doors to dining room and balcony, and bedroom balcony.

Permitted

10/00868/HOU Fair View, Pudford Lane – Two dormer windows to front and two in attic gable to rear.

Finance:

The accounts for July were approved. The accounts for September were issued. There were five cheques totalling £738.17 approved.

Correspondence:

Included: Malvern Hills District Council: Energy Efficiency in the home (Leaflets to be displayed in the Library). Festival Housing Update on Strategic Plan

Councillors reports and items for future agenda:

The Clerk is to speak again to Worcester County Council regarding officers on quad bikes riding on footpaths through the village spraying herbicide. Councillors asked for their thanks to be noted to County Cllr Davies for the work recently undertaken on the footpath in the village. The Clerk is to ask for an update on YIMMS activities and when the next YIMMS event is. The Clerk is to contact the Housing Association regarding the land affected by the fallen tree near Heaton House to discuss much-needed improvement work. A Councillor referred to tractors travelling at night with white lights on the back of the cabs, which blinded drivers of cars behind them. There are

patches of highways lifting throughout Martley. Improvement works carried out through the summer were not sufficient. It was recognised that the only solution in some areas would be to lay new pipes. The Clerk is to ascertain whether the Parish Council should be consulted when a liquor license is requested within their area. The Clerk will speak to the Freedom of Martley recipient to see if they would be available on Wednesday 15 September 2010 to receive the award.

Date of next meeting:

Meetings are held on the first Mon day of the month (Bank Holidays excepted).

Martley's Past

Two contrasting reports on Mr Michael Coleman, who retired as Headmaster of the school in 1893, after teaching the boys' section.

Inspectors Report, July 1866

“Boys. The discipline, instruction and general efficiency of the school are fairly good. Religious Knowledge and Geography good, Reading and Writing fairly good. Spelling moderate, arithmetic fair. Girls. This school has slightly improved during the past year. The Writing and Spelling are pretty good. Reading fair. Arithmetic moderate. Religious Knowledge pretty fair. The needlework good. The desks should be altered and converted into parallel rows and some more slates should be provided. The mistress is deficient in energy and appears to have hardly sufficient physical strength for her work.”

Ten years later, in 1876, the inspectors report.

“Boys. Mr Coleman continues to do thoroughly good and successful work, especially in Div III. If the lower Div I were proportionately as proficient as Div II and III nothing would be left to be desired in this well-ordered and high-toned school which bears the mark of a conscientious and efficient master. Passes 83 percent.”

Alan Boon

Charity Event

to raise funds for

Troop Aid

Saturday 13 November

*2pm Martley
Village Hall*

Tea room

Raffle

Crafts stall

Bric-a-brac

Books and magazines

*“As new” – garments at a
fraction of the original price*

and more!



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 Lane Bungalows 12.10–12.25

Martley

Taylors 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 in 2010:

10 November

1 December 22 December

Any enquiries should be made to Stourport Library, Worcester Street, Stourport, Worcs DY13 8EH, tel: 01905 822722
stourportmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk

Martley Library Opening Times

Monday 2–7 pm

Wednesday 4–6 pm

Thursday 10am -1 pm

Friday 2 - 4 pm

Saturday 10am -12 noon

01886 888396 (opening hours only)



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Church Flowers

7 November Mrs Webb
14 November Remembrance – Mrs
Britten Long
21 November Remembrance – Mrs
Britten Long
28 November Advent – No flowers

Ladies Fellowship

The next meeting of the Ladies Fellowship will be on Tuesday 16 November at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Wichenford PCC

There will be a meeting of the PCC on Wednesday 10 November at 11am in the Memorial Hall.

Induction

The induction of Rev Bruce Thompson is on Saturday 13 November in Leominster Priory at 7pm.

(Musings from Janet)

Only in Britain do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

Only in Britain do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet coke.

Only in Britain can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Britain do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive and lock our cheap lawn mower in the garage.

I'm proud to be British. Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then travelling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American programmes on a Japanese TV; and the most British thing of all? Suspicion of anything foreign.

A Second Cuckoo in the Nest

When Peter Clarke of Cleveland came across Michael Wetton's book about his experiences in Wichenford as an evacuéé "Reared in a Stranger's Nest", he recognised immediately his own fellow evacuéé, with whom he had shared a billet at Ockeridge Cross. Both boys had come from the East End of London and both were billeted on the Jones family. But town boys

are not country boys and an incident involving matches and a hayrick which burnt down, resulted in them being soundly thrashed, ticked off by the local Bobbie and sent to new separate 'homes'. Peter was lodged with the Grosvenors at Wedlands Bank and has many fond memories of the subsequent five years he spent with the family. He recalls vividly the tales told by Granny Grosvenor, including an intriguing reference to four dead heathen knights refused burial in the churchyard and who were buried 'under the moat' of Wichenford Court!

Peter is anxious to find out if any of his old school fellows from Wichenford Primary School or in particular any members of the Grovesnor family still remember him. He names Denville, Billy, Bunty and Mary Grosvenor, the Rice family and also the Bullock family from Monkwood Green. I have already put him in touch with Elizabeth Rice's son, Will Pearce and am hoping that this article might jog more memories and lead to more contacts. His address is 8 Croxton Close, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 7SW Cleveland and he would be delighted to hear from anyone who can recall schooldays during the War at Wichenford Primary and in particular a little five-year-old London boy who spent the next five most formative years of his life here in Wichenford.

*Heather Rendall
Chair Wichenford Local Heritage
Group*



50 Years of Marriage

The family of Frank and Muriel Wall would like to congratulate them on 50 years of marriage. They were married on 19 November 1960 in Wichenford church. We are very proud to be part of the celebrations and wish them lots of love.

From their four daughters, son-in-laws and six grandchildren.

Wichenford 100 Club

100 club September winners: 1st Sue Palmer and returned subscriptions to Mark Andrews and Mike Tingey, drawn by Matthew Corbett. Congratulations to our September winners.

Subscriptions were due at the beginning of October for the 12 months October 2010 to September 2011. It costs just £1 a month to take part and members should have received reminders before the end of September. If you have not yet renewed your subscription OR if you would like to join the Club, please contact the Secretary at The Schoolhouse, Wichenford.

Our grateful thanks as ever go to all those Club members who continue to support us. Remember the amount of prize money depends on the number of members who renew each year, so it is in everybody's interest to:

a) renew promptly and b) encourage friends and family to take out a new subscription. New members pay an initial £1 life membership of the Club.

Clair Corbett

David Mills 1938 - 2010

David was born in Boraston, Tenbury Wells, one of 8 children. He moved with his parents, Jim and May, to Rosses Lane, Wichenford in the late 50s. He was working on a farm at Stoke Bliss at the time and was travelling home for Sunday lunch on his motorbike, when he had an accident in which he tragically lost his leg; he was just 19 years old. He did not let it get him down and, with help from family and friends and a steady determination, he got on with life. Soon after, he met and married Val and they lived at Rosses Lane for many years, where they had their two lovely daughters, Dawn and Sheryl, and sadly lost a son, Dean James, who was born prematurely.

David tried several jobs on local farms, especially for a time at Aldens, until he went to train as a general builder for a company in Worcester, which he really enjoyed. Later the company folded, so David became self-employed and he never looked back. He worked on many homes in this area. David also did maintenance work on churches in the Tenbury Wells area. Val remembers being worried about him clambering over church roofs, but nothing fazed him.

David was very much a family man and an extremely good gardener, as many will know through the 'Open Gardens Weekend', when David and Val, along with others in the village, opened their beautiful garden to visitors. David's speciality was fuchsias and people came from all

over to see them. Many will remember his sense of humour and lots of people would join him for a cup of tea and a good laugh in the garden. He will be so sadly missed by his family and his many friends.



Nora Parsons Day Centre

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Part of the London 2012 celebrations!!

We were invited to take part in a five-week trial for a new project. The sessions are a great opportunity to have fun and get fit at the same time. Two members of the Dancefest team come along to the centre and run a chair-based musical exercise class, helping to keep our members fit and mobile. This is the first year of the "12 Moves" programme, which is a two-and-a-half year programme of classes, projects and performances on offer throughout Worcestershire and commissioned through the People Dancing project. People Dancing is a three year programme, part of the West Midlands Culture Programme for London 2012, which is funded by Legacy Trust UK, Arts Council England West Midlands and Advantage West Midlands. It is aimed at encouraging mass participation in dance and dance-related activity across the West Midlands. Whoever thought that attending Nora Parsons Day Centre was boring – think again! Come along and join us and have some fun.

Janet Dale, Secretary

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23 August 2010 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford. The meeting was opened by Cllr Randall.

Democratic half hour/public question time

PC Hood reported that crime in Wichenford is minimal and they are unable to find out who smashed the window in the village hall.

District and County Councillors Report

Cllr. Williams reported on the consultations with stake holders in the Community Health Service in Worcester. Events are being held in Malvern and Tenbury. Cllr. Williams encouraged everyone to sign up to <http://www.1010uk.org> to help solve climate change and cut carbon omissions by 10% in 2010. The Regional Spatial Strategy has been scrapped and the local plan is being considered.

Minutes

The minutes were signed as a true record.

Progress Reports

Sign at Castle Hill: a letter has been written regarding the Halls sign at Castle Hill and it has now been removed. Quotes for Tree Works: a list of trees that need work doing in the parish was produced for the parish council to consider. The parish council agreed to have the trees trimmed on Kings Green and on the village green

and will notify the landowners of the remaining trees and ask if they could get the necessary work needed done.

Planning

The clerk gave out the number for any out of hours planning emergencies. 08450 568035.

Applications considered since the last meeting

10/00700/HOU Boxley Farm Cottage. The parish council have reservations about the proposal and thinks this property should be listed. Since the parish council's comments there have been some amendments which have taken into account our comments and the proposal is now more in keeping with the existing property.

Applications approved, refused, withdrawn

10/00586/HOU. Oak View Barn, Wichenford. Single Storey lean-to side extension to provide home office space & alteration to existing walkway. (Approved)

Finance

The balance for the 30 July 2010 stands at £11,775.71. There were three cheques totalling £948.88 for agreement and signature, these included; clement keys; Lengthsman fees and it was agreed to pay £50 to GS Computing. The completed annual return for year ending 31 March 2010 has been returned and will be advertised shortly. The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

Parish council co-option

Three applications for co-option have been received. As only two are needed the parish council took a vote and Mr

Wells of Wichenford and Mr Barrow of Kenswick were duly elected. The clerk will write to all three candidates. Rosses/Guises Lane

New signs have been placed either end of Rosses Lane informing people of that they are closed to traffic. There are three days left to appeal – not on the decision but on how the decision was arrived at. Any appeal has to be discussed at the High Court.

Correspondence

For decision by the parish council (Information only). Comments for Boxley Cottage, Laughern Brook House and The Firs. Letter re sign at Castle Hill and trees on Kings green;

Councillor's Reports and Items For Future Agendas

The clerk was asked to find out and write to the owner of the overgrown hedge on the C2238 off Willow Road

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Meetings were arranged for 11 October and 22 November 2010. All will be in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30pm.

Little Witley's October film

Little Witley's November film is "Julie and Julia" and will be showing on Saturday 27 November. See details of the Little Witley Film Society on the Leisure page of www.martley.org.uk or phone Jean Latham on 01886 88888122 or Bob Jose on 01886 888383.

A Concert of Christmas Music with Raffle

to be presented by the

Ferndale Singers

Saturday 11 Dec. 2010

at 7.30pm in

Martley Village Hall

Admission £5 (to include wine and light refreshments)

Tickets: 01886 888246, 01886 821127 or 01905 339067

Proceeds of raffle to be donated to charity



Volunteers Wanted!

"So many people from all over the world come and visit – I thoroughly enjoy being there". Volunteer from Claines, Worcester

Could you spare a morning or afternoon? You will be playing a pivotal part in keeping an important heritage attraction open to the public.

The Elgar Birthplace Museum relies on volunteers and we would like to add to our great team. The Museum is in a wonderful location in Lower Broadheath, with displays and exhibitions dedicated to exploring the life and music of Sir Edward Elgar. We would like to invite anyone interested in joining us as a volunteer to come for an informal chat with Cathy Sloan, Museum Director. Please call 01905 333224.

New Local Support For Rural Voluntary Groups

We are delighted to announce the launch of Worcestershire Rural Outreach Project that could benefit members of your community. We are funded by the BIG lottery for five years (December 2009 until the end of 2014) Chris Brewster is the Development Worker and Terra Newman (myself) is the Project Administrator.

This project will provide support for small rural voluntary and community organisations across Worcestershire. We can offer regular newsletters, information fact sheets, tips on recruiting volunteers, help to find out about grants available and how to navigate your way through the funding application process, and help will be made available in the local area where possible, at times convenient to the group, and can be tailored to their needs. Maybe you need fundraising and publicity ideas and perhaps would like the opportunity to meet other similar/local groups?

If you are involved with, or thinking of setting up, a group which you think could benefit from this free support service, give us a call on 01905 779115 or 07791 858868 or email outreachsouth@droitwichcvs.org.uk.

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Generations Together at The Chantry

Teenagers and octogenarians continue to meet, talk, tell stories, laugh, record and rehearse each week for our 'Generating Life-Stories' performances next term. Through film and drama, we will be presenting some of the similarities and differences between the generations in rural Worcestershire. We hope you will be able to join us for 'An Evening of Two Halves' in the Chantry's Drama Studio in February – for part of Worcestershire County Council's 'Generations Together' project. More details next year!

John Townsend (writer/director)

A Quiet Day

Worcester West Rural Team Ministry are arranging a Quiet Day to take place on Saturday 20 November at Holland House Crophorne. The day will be led by Revd Adrian Graesser.

This is a opportunity to experience a day of restful thought and contemplation away from the hustle of our everyday lives in the wonderful setting of Holland House.

Further details from Patricia Snelling 01886 812 443, or Adrian 01886 888 628

Animals and Fireworks

Most animals hate fireworks. Please make sure your pets are indoors and safe before fireworks start, and take extra care if you live near farm animals.

A Poem for Remembrance Day

They Gave Their All

When at last the carnage ceased
And left that desecrated land in peace,
It came too late for those who died,
Now, amid the poppies side by side
They lie together beneath the grass,
Where at their head there stands a cross
Bearing the name and service number
Of those left there in peace to slumber.
So many years now have passed
Since making their ultimate sacrifice
That few are left who shared the years,
With those who lie in Flanders Fields.

They died believing when the battles
ceased
There then forever would be a world at
peace.
Too quickly their beliefs became undone
When warring forces powerful and strong
Invaded neighbouring lands, thus once
more
Implicating peaceful nations into a second
war.

Now, as survivors pay homage at
cenotaphs
In remembrance of their comrades lost,
Their children are dying in far off lands,
Spilling their blood into foreign sands.
We at home anxiously await the time
When we no longer have to stand in line
To witness our valiant fallen carried
home,
To have their names
engraved on memorial
stones.



Derrick Jinks

In the Garden



In the garden in November

November can be a damp, cold month and there can be some frosts. Many of us lost plants last winter, so get tender plants under cover ASAP, insulate pots that are too large to take inside, and pile up a thick mulch of dry compost or bark to protect the roots of any precious plants. Check that climbers and wall shrubs are tied up to prevent them being blown about. It is worth looking around to see which plants give some interest at this time of year; look out for evergreens, grasses, plants with berries or trees with decorative bark. Don't forget to cut berried holly for Christmas before the end of the month. Last year the fieldfares stripped our tree at the start of the last week in November. Tulips can be planted now. They flower better in a sunny position and you should put a layer of coarse grit under the bulbs to prevent them rotting. Ideally keep off your lawn during wet weather, but find a dry day to rake off the leaves. If you feel super-efficient you can send the lawn mower for servicing!

In the kitchen garden, make sure that you net brassicas. As the weather gets colder the pigeons get hungrier. Start winter pruning of fruit trees, currant bushes and indoor grape vines.(Try planting some of your prunings-they

are hardwood cuttings). If you have been browsing the seed catalogues, don't delay ordering new or special varieties, I found that some were sold out by the end of September. You



don't have to send off for catalogues—you can get them all online, plus specialist growers you wouldn't normally look at. Free Internet access, and help, is available in Martley Library.

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Make Your Own Leafmould

Part 2

Collecting the Leaves Up

Gather leaves using a lawn rake or besom. For larger quantities, leaf hoovers are available, some of which will also shred the leaves, speeding up decay. Mowing the leaves together with the grass makes excellent compost.

Compost or Leafmould?

Small amounts of autumn leaves can be added to your compost bin. They make a good balance for wet and soggy materials like grass mowings and kitchen waste. Simply save autumn leaves in a bag for use next season. Autumn leaves are rotted down by the slow, cool action of fungi rather than the quicker-acting bacteria that are responsible for composting. This is why autumn leaves in quantity are best composted separately.

Containers

All you need is a secluded corner of

the garden, or a simple container, such as a black plastic bag to stop the leaves blowing away. When it is full of leaves, make a few holes in the bag with a fork and tie the top loosely. Buy, or make, a simple container made from plastic or wire netting with a few supporting stakes. Adjust the size to suit your requirements. Non-returnable builders bulk bags make excellent leafmould containers.

Five Easy Steps to Making Leafmould

1. Collect autumn leaves. All types can be mixed together
2. Pack leaves into a suitable container
3. Water them to help them rot
4. Ignore them for a year or two
5. Use the leafmould as a mulch, soil improver, or basis for potting compost.

Leaves and Wildlife

Don't disturb drifts of autumn leaves under hedges and other out-of-the-way areas. They may be used as hibernating sites by hedgehogs and other creatures.

Never take leaves from woodland.

With thanks to Garden Organic, Ryton, nr Coventry.





Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

This month it is the turn of Rev Bruce Thomson our Curate to bring you his own words of farewell. We have really enjoyed having Bruce with us and wish him and Margaret God's blessing for his future ministry in Leominster. After three happy years of training for ministry in this area I have accepted the post of team vicar in the Leominster team ministry. The Leominster team ministry is responsible for 21 churches around Leominster in the Hereford diocese. I will have particular responsibility within the team for the oversight of 12 churches (10 parishes) east of Leominster and also responsibility across the team for lay training and communication. The post is predominantly an oversight role so my previous experience in business and overseas aid and development together with my theological training should all come in handy.

Margaret will continue her work in the Education team in the Worcester diocese so we will be able to keep a foot in both camps of Hereford and Worcester dioceses. This will mean a longer commute for Margaret so those of you who regularly pray for us please pray for safe driving for Margaret especially through the winter period. The big bonus for us is that Leominster is only 20 miles or so from here so we are hoping to keep in touch

with some of the friends we have made in this area.

My licensing service, to which all are welcome, will take place at the priory church of St Peter and St Paul on Tuesday 30 November at 7pm. There will be refreshments afterwards. It would be a great encouragement to us to see some of you at this service. If for any reason you do not receive an invitation from the churchwardens and would like to come to the service to support Margaret and me as we begin our new ministry please let me know and I'll make sure you receive an invitation!

I would like to thank everyone who has made us welcome here during my training as a Church of England minister. I have enjoyed developing my gifts as a priest amongst you in this benefice. It has been special also to have two quite different opportunities for placements in Hallow, Grimley and Holt and more recently in Leigh Bransford Alfrick and Suckley. I would especially like to thank Revd David Sherwin for his help and guidance during this time of training. David has made the journey easy and enjoyable and along with many others has given me confidence for what lies ahead.

Revd Bruce Thomson

Church Services for November

- Mon 1 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
5.30pm Evening Prayer Worcs. Cathedral for Martley, W'ford and LTV
- Tue 2 Nov. 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
5.30pm Evening Prayer at Worcester Cathedral for Martley and W'ford
- Wed 3 Nov. 10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
5.30pm Evening Prayer at Worcester Cathedral for LTV
- Thu 4 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- SUN 7 NOV .8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
10.30 am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
3.00pm Rev Rob Barlow's Induction at Teme Valley South
6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
- Tue 9 Nov. 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Wed 10 Nov. 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thu 11 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- SUN 14 NOV. 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Laurence, Wichenford
10.45am Remembrance Day, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
10.45am Remembrance Day, St Peter, Martley
4.00pm Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
- Mon 15 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
- Tue 16 Nov. 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Wed 17 Nov. 10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
- Thu 18 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- SUN 21 NOV. 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 22 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Tue 23 Nov. 10.00 Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Wed 24 Nov. 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thu 25 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- SUN 28 NOV. 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
4.00pm Christingle, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
- Mon 29 Nov. 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Leonard, Cotheridge
- Tue 30 Nov. 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas



The full Church events list can be viewed via the Church page of www.martley.org.uk



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And finally ...

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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

