

The Villager

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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month:

Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce 11am The Talbot, Knightwick
Martley Ramblers meet Church car park

2nd Sunday in the month:

Walking Not Working with the Path-or-Nones. Meet 9.30am Village Hall car park to help survey the footpaths

Mondays

1st Monday in the month:

Martley Parish Council 8pm Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling 2.30pm Martley Memorial Hall (2pm winter months)

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

Wednesdays

Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing

7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

Enquiries: Jeff and Thelma 01886 821772

Martley Folk Club: 1st Wednesday in the month at The Admiral Rodney

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

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

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

Other events:

Citizens Advice Bureau Teme Valley

Telephone Service: Mon & Tue 10am—
3pm Thu 10am— 7.30pm **Great Witley**

& Knightwick Surgeries: Weds 10am -
4pm - by appt. 01584 810860

See Church Words for details of services

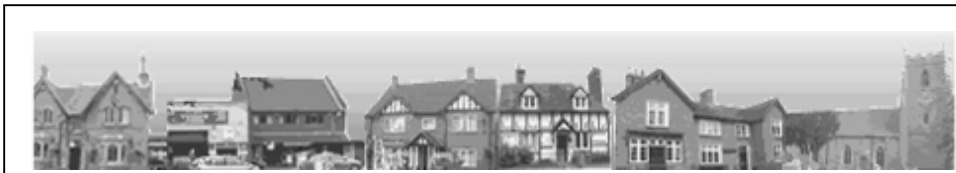
See articles inside for details of special events AND changes of times or dates of regular events

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

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OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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What about October?

In the old Roman Calendar, October was the eighth month of the year and got its name from the word Octo meaning eight. The Saxons called it Wyn Monath because it was the season of wine making.

Weather-lore

If ducks do slide at Hallowtide
At Christmas they all swim
If ducks do swim at Hallowtide
At Christmas they will slide.

English pudding season, Oct 1

Traditionally, this was date on which the English pudding season started. These were filled with steak, leaks, mushrooms, spices and some were cooked as long as 16 hours.

Halloween, Oct 31

All Saints Day [Nov 1] used to be known as All Hallows [Hallow being an old word meaning Saint or Holy Person]. The feast actually started the

previous evening. The Eve of All Hallows or Halloween has its origins in the Celtic feast of Samhain when people carried out various activities to frighten away evil spirits that were thought to accompany the long hours of winter darkness.

Martley Show

On behalf of the villagers, friends and families, we must say a big well done to the Horticultural & Show Committee for all their hard work in organising this year's Summer Show – oh what an event.

How wonderful to be greeted at the gateway by the efficient and very smart looking TA cadets. We were directed to our car parking spaces and encouraged to buy a programme for 25p as all the runners from the Admiral Rodney came flashing by – one even pushing a pushchair. The programme was full of essential information and with a well laid out plan of all the stands and timetable of events – avoiding the much treasured cricket patch – we set off.

Strolling across the field and seeing



so many families enjoying a Saturday afternoon out and taking in the atmosphere. I dragged along my in-laws and brother-in-law's family all the way from Birmingham – they were amazed at how large it was and how well the event had been organised and later commented that they had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The face painting went down really well with the children – it was lovely to see a man doing the face painting and when the rain started he carried on even with my umbrella dripping all over him.

We walked around the stands and were so attracted to the smell of the hot donuts – we just had to buy some. We munched on the donuts and tried to “win a pig” and visited the book stall to buy some of the latest thrillers, which were much better than the microwave cooking book from last year!

Such a variety at the show from seeing the owls up close, ferrets racing along down pipes, men dressed up riding cardboard horses and dancing, winning a coconut, watching the dogs perform – the scruffy dog winner was so

cute and the line dancers avoiding the rain and much more.

Every year I go into the horticultural tent and I think I must get a vegetable patch going – I am amazed at how the judges manage to decide the winner as they all look excellent. From the jams, cakes, flowers and vegetable models – I guess it can be very competitive – perhaps one day I may even win a trophy!

Home we staggered with our arms full of tombola prizes, books and even a prize from the Grand Draw – all I can say is that it was an excellent afternoon out and an event not to be missed next year – again well done.

Annette Smith

Martley & District Horticultural Society

Martley's Thirtieth Annual Flower and Vegetable Show was very successful, but due to the unusual growing season, entries were down on last year. There were 303 entries from 42 exhibitors. Congratulations to all exhibitors, and many thanks to all those who worked to make the show such a success.

Award winners were as follows:

R Lloyd Gibbons Open Challenge Cup for best exhibit in the show, M Dunnett.

Messrs Landale & Son Challenge Cup for the exhibitor gaining most points in Section 1, B Draper.

F W Morris Challenge Cup awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Section 2, M Dunnett.

Ted Whelan Memorial Trophy awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Section 3, S Jefferies.

Trophy & Token of £5 for child 6 yrs and under gaining most points in Section 4, Laura Everiss.

Trophy & Token of £5 for child 11yrs and under gaining most points in Section 4, Charlotte Lickman.

T W Sanders Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 5, E A Davis.

Shield presented by Amateur Gardening for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 7, A Everiss.

Charlie Amos Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Classes 2, 4, 15 & 17, R Jones.

Wilf Hill Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Class 33, D Goodyear.

Society Cup for Society member gaining most points overall, M Dunnett.

John Clark Memorial Cup for best exhibit in Class 5, J Snow.

C & H Barnard Trophy for best exhibit in Class 24, P Turner.

Wendy Stinton Memorial Shield for best exhibit in Class 31, D Goodyear.

Banksian Medal for person winning the highest amount of prize money, B Draper.

Jack Millward Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Class 22, M Dunnett.

Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 8, P Turner.

Smallholder Medal for best exhibit in Section 1, R Jones.

Claudia Steele Martley Poetry Cup for best exhibit in Class 67, D Goodyear.

At the meeting on Thursday 26 October at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall,

the speaker will be David Worthington, his subject being "Water in the Garden". New members most welcome.

At the Martley Fete grand draw there was a ticket not claimed bought by "Trevor". Please ring Ray Ellis on 01886-888874.

Martley Spurs

There is nothing to report on August activity since no games were set to be played until 2 September.

The Saturday Premier side plays on Saturday afternoon on the Jewry Field and the Sunday Premier eleven, as well as the Reserves, play on Sunday mornings in the same place. Practice takes place every Wednesday at 6.30pm on the Jewry Field. Anyone wishing to play should just come along at that time, and they will be made welcome. Our thanks go to The Crown in Martley for their sponsorship of a new kit for the Sunday Premier eleven and Barbara and Neville for donating a new net, the other one is given by the Football Association.

Beth Williams

Worcester City—a poem

Worcester!

The city whose militia stood
To fight in battle and shed their blood
Against the might of Cromwell's men
Thus showing their allegiance to the king.

A city whose rivers Severn and Teme

Majestically meander through meadows green,
And where between their banks each year
Returning salmon leap o'er Diglis weir.
Her cathedral surrounds tombs of king
and saint
Where one may kneel in prayer or
contemplate,
Or climb the tower and there gazing
down
Behold a picturesque cricket ground.
A city where once historians could
relate
To her ancient buildings and city
gates,
Were but the labours of her architects
Preserved, that our children could re-
flect
Upon the historic architecture of this
ancient city
Which sadly now is much bereft of her
antiquity.

Derrick Jinks

Food, lovely food

My mother used to say "a bit of what you fancy does you good" when she was caught eating things she knew she should not eat with the medical condition she suffered from. Fancy a nice portion of fish and chips, great, fish is good for you, it is full of omega 3 that is fine, but ...what about all that lovely deep fried batter which clogs the arteries? Have a steak instead. But wait! That is beef and that might lead to CJD better known as the human form of mad cows' disease. Also, red

meat just might lead to gout, very painful that. How about a chicken salad? Hang on, how many hormones and antibiotics are stuffed into that poor chick's breast portion and what chemicals were in those ready-washed leaves?

Give up on the restaurant then, have a night in and watch TV, have a glass of wine or a tot or two, ruinous for the liver, have a packet of crisps, too much fat again and lots of salt that all adds up to high blood pressure and more clogged arteries. Nice box of chocolates or the odd Mars bar, with that lot say goodbye to teeth and hello dentist, then there is a dangerous thing called diabetes lurking about somewhere. Hunger sets in, a bit of fruit then, a few bananas will give the body and soul a boost, but, be careful, not too many, they are full of potassium and too much of that leads to heart problems and renal failure.

All the 'experts' in the press, programmes on TV and radio warn us about allergies, cancer, what makes us fat, hardens our arteries, gives us heart disease and all the other gory things our food and drink do, with their preservatives, taste enhancers, E numbers and colourings. But don't kid yourself you'll get away with it outside. If the sun is shining, the vitamin E it produces will also lead to skin cancer, even if it is good for your bones.

Give up, have a glass of water, if it hasn't fallen directly from the sky (perhaps as radio active acid rain), it is probably full of chemical purifying agents!

Don't listen to me – go out and have a bit of what you fancy – it will do you good!

Beth Williams

Martley WI

Wednesday 11 October, 7.30pm at Heaton House

Thanks to all members and members' families who supported our efforts at the Horticultural Fete. As usual the cakes hardly touched the table and latecomers complained at finding the stall empty too soon. The cake and produce stall, together with the bric-a-brac, raised £176. Although hard work, it is always enjoyable chatting to old friends and faces one has not seen for ages. The WFWI stall, manned by two Federation Committee members, showing the range of activities enjoyed by members, and the craft stall with beautiful handmade items made by Pat Crook, proved that the WI is not just jam and Jerusalem.

The speaker this month is Robin Pearce telling of his work in running a nursery. The competition is an autumn flower arrangement.

Kate King

Martley Ramblers

This month the walk is interestingly entitled "A Waterfall Walk" to be led by Colin Hill. To find out more details be at the Church car park at 2pm. The August walk, which was intended to be around Kyre Park, was switched to Shrawley, along the Severn riverside,

and Astley Burf and back via Astley. It had been impossible to follow the instructions for the Kyre Park Walk. A poor description, nowhere to park and the promised tea rooms just a wreck, all caused the leaders to abandon it. Perhaps another time. Hopefully, the 12 ramblers and 5 dogs enjoyed the alternative. One does wonder if the authors of these printed walks and published books have actually walked the walks as there were miss-directions in both walks.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

We have said a sad goodbye to summer visitors. Swallows were more numerous this year. It was lovely to hear them and see them wheeling and darting around, clearing the air of insects. John and Jacqueline Owen are leaving Fairview and will not be returning from Canada for their summer stay in Pudford Lane, although we are assured they will be returning for visits in future years.

It is over 50 years since John's father Eric bought Fairview. He was a poultry expert amongst other things, and we appreciated his help and expertise when we bought our first backyard hens in 1973.

The Black Panther has not been seen any more, or not that we know, but neighbours' cats have had deep scratch marks on their heads. Whether these were caused by the Panther or by territorial fighting, who can say? Now that the shooting season has started,

perhaps the panther will dine on pheasants.

Kate King

Upper Sapey Harvest Supper

The Upper Sapey are holding their Harvest Supper on 14 October at 8pm in the Upper Sapey Village Hall. Tick-

ets cost £10 for adults and £5 for the under 12s. Please call 01886-853327 or 01886-853634. Readers of The Villager are welcome.

Why—a poem

Why have the years gone by so fast?
Where did the babies go?

Pre-School Snippets



This is an exciting time for the Pre-School as we are working towards to Eco-Nursery Status. This will entail the children taking part in activities which promote taking care of their environment. The children will be helping to make the setting more eco-friendly through initiatives such as recycling as well as being introduced to ideas such as composting. If anyone would like to join our Eco-Committee contact Kath at Pre-School or Mary Burton on 01886 888168. There will be approximately three meetings a year.

For all those ladies out there who love fashion and love a bargain, look no further. On October 5 at Martley Village Hall, the Pre-School will be hosting a **Fashion Show**. With top brands

at **unbelievably low prices**, this is an evening not to be missed. The evening starts at 8pm. Tickets are £3 and include a glass of wine. Tickets can be purchased at Pre-School or the Shop. Bring a friend and enjoy a girly night out!

We are also in the midst of planning an event that will make your Christmas a little easier this year. Avoid the queues and the crowds and come along to our **Christmas Gift Fair on Saturday 2nd December from 1-4pm at Martley Memorial Hall**. From name brands like Body Shop to wonderful wooden children's toys, there will be enough gift ideas to take care of all your friends and family. If you are interested in being a stall holder contact Brenda Williams on 01886 888052.

We would like to wish belated congratulations to Sam Pinches and Michael Davies who both turned four on the 30th of September. Congratulations this month to Lucy Williams who also turns four.

Lastly, we are still looking for a volunteer gardener; if you are green fingered with a little spare time, please contact Kath at Pre-School.

Why is my hair this dreadful white?
 Does anybody know?
 When Matthew says "Grandma's a
 relic
 Of Queen Victoria's reign"
 And asks for any artefacts
 Will I ever smile again?
 At least I still have all my teeth
 And arms and legs work still.
 I don't have to try to fill my time
 So I'm not really 'Over the hill'
 Am I?

Kate King

Marley's Past

Having been operating for almost four years with councillors being elected yearly by a show of hands at the Annual Parish Meeting, the council at its meeting on Oct 20, 1898 considered a circular from the County Council. The circular contained three proposals:

- 1, That the election should be conducted by ballot instead of a show of hands. Rejected unanimously.
- 2, That a poll should only be allowable when a majority of electors present desire it. Rejected by six votes to two.
- 3, That election of councillors should be triennial. Approved unanimously.

Note: At all elections up to 1898 since the first [in December 1894], there was no voting at the PC elections. Twice there were 10 applications, but at the annual meeting one always dropped out at the last minute. Also, although not elected as a councillor, Colonel Currie was always elected chairman!

AL Boon.

Congratulations

The wedding of Stewart Rothwell & Emma Passey

Stewart and Emma are pleased to announce their marriage, which took place on Saturday, 20th May at Talland Church, Nr Looe in Cornwall.

Emma arrived 20 minutes late after the vintage car broke down—whilst on a ferry crossing in Fowey! This time Stewart was unable to come to the rescue—where's mechanic when you need one ?.....Standing at the alter!!

Stewart & Emma spent their honeymoon in Cornwall and then to Stewart's surprise a long weekend in Florence, Italy.

Pensax Thrift Shop

On the 11 October, Bob Seaward representing the Air Ambulance is visiting Pensax Thrift Shop to collect a cheque for £1,575.00 from this year's fund raising.

The raffle of a quilt made by Ann Pratt, a long standing member of the Thrift Shop team, helped in reaching this amount.

Thanks to all you who contributed in any way".

Passing through

We moved my mother to Martley last October when we discovered that she could no longer look after herself at the family home in Datchworth, Hertfordshire. In her professional life, she had been a university lecturer and

Chair of various national religious groups looking after inter-faith networks and, coincidentally, in this regard, her birthday was 11 September. She was suffering from dementia and although she was physically fit, she was often fairly confused and difficult to understand. However, two things gave her great pleasure – her walking and visiting Martley Church – and she found great solace from both during her short time here. After a short illness, away from her dementia, Mum died peacefully in Worcester hospital on 17 August at the age of 77.

Many parishioners may well recall a little black-haired lady in a white jacket walking around the village or, unfortunately, sometimes well beyond. Her sense of direction on most days was generally good, but I do think that she often wandered off the usual routes and cut through places she really shouldn't have done. For those who rescued her, many thanks, for those whose gardens she walked through, I want to say sorry and thanks for your tolerance.

Others have had to endure a cup of tea without any tea in it or a conversation that would not have been at all clear. One poor man was told in no uncertain terms that he was putting too many sheep into the field (although mother knew nothing about such things).

To all, again my sincere thanks for your patience and assistance. We were able to rest assured that Martley was keeping a watchful eye on my mum throughout her stay in the village and,

by opening the church to visitors each day, giving her the spiritual support she needed at this stage of her life.

Just by being itself, Martley offered a safe, secure and welcoming home for an elderly stranger before she continued on her journey. Heartfelt thanks to all.

Andy Palmer

Lucky programme

The winner of the Lucky Programme was No 134 so if the person holding this programme would contact Neil on 01886-888513 to collect the prize. Proof will be required that they hold the programme.

Teme Valley Views from the Teme Valley Children's Centre

As another school year begins, we have taken the chance to reflect on what the Children's Centre has achieved in the past 18 months.

At the beginning of 2005, our then new Children's Centre Coordinator, Hilary Higton, produced a questionnaire that asked local parents which services they wanted to have in the area. The top four requests were for a structured physical activity programme for children, paediatric first aid courses, music classes and a baby massage course.

Working with a number of committed service providers, we are delighted

that we can now regularly meet all these requests and have also been able to offer post natal classes, a weekly coffee shop, and regular visits to the Teme Valley by the Borrowers Toy Library and Children's Information Service. Moving forward, we are currently looking at ways we can bring services to your villages thereby reducing the need for transport – always a challenge in the Teme Valley. The Children's Centre staff will be visiting all known toddler groups in the Teme Valley regularly from September and if you have any ideas for new courses you would like us to organise or ways we can improve the facilities specifically in your locality, please talk to them or contact us on the number below.

Another 'nice to have' in 2005 was a forum to buy and sell children's clothes, toys and equipment. Our second Nearly New Sale will take place in Great Witley on 14th October so please take the opportunity to clear out those cupboards or stock up on winter clothes.

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

Nearly new sale

Teme Valley Children's Centre is hosting its second Nearly New Sale of quality Children, Baby and Maternity clothes, equipment and toys
Do come along to Great Witley Vil-

lage Hall on October 14th, 11-1pm to pick up some bargains and also have a cappuccino and Danish pastry.

For more details about being a buyer or a seller or if you would like to join the large team of parents from the Teme Valley who are helping on the day, contact Hilary or Rebecca at the Children's Centre on 01886 812982. It would be great to see you there.

Neighbourhood Watch

Meeting 18th October 2006

Abberley Village Hall

I am writing to inform you about the next PCCG meeting, which will be held at the Abberley Village Hall.

The government's attempt to create one police force to cover the Midland counties has been abandoned and John Campion, our Police Authority Member, will talk about the West Mercia development plans.

Inspector Clive Griffiths, our district police commander, along with members of his management team, will present the plans for the district. There will be a police question forum when issues can be raised and our LPOs, Gary Jones and Wendy Saunders, will also be attending.

Neighbourhood Watch fulfils an important role in our valley and Clive Marlow, district chairman, and Adrian Symonds, N Watch administrator, will talk about latest developments.

We are all concerned that the interests of criminals seem on occasion to outweigh those of the victims, and we share a frustration that many allegedly

guilty people seem to escape the punishment they deserve. The Crown Prosecution Service is the prosecuting authority for criminal offences in all the criminal courts in England and Wales, and Charles Hardy, who is a lawyer and senior member of the West Mercia CPS, has agreed to provide an insight into the workings and challenges facing the CPS.

Partnership is the key to many quality of life issues and representatives from most of our support agencies will be attending as members. Jenny Lawrence, Malvern Hills District Community Safety Manager, will be reporting on the partnership and plans for the future.

Our meetings are open to everyone. We have refreshments and socialising from 7.00pm to 7.30pm and the meetings run from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. On the agenda are details of the programme for the next six months.

John Lakeman

Astronomy for all

A series of four illustrated talks by Chris Evans.

Chris gave this series of talks to Shrawley and attracted an audience of about 70. He has a first class degree in Physics and Astronomy from the OU and has just finished a term as President of the Wolverhampton Astronomical Society.

Proceeds from the evenings will go to church funds, appropriately enough at the end of the season in which we have "been following The Star"!

Each talk is a stand alone event, but we hope that you will be able to sign up for the full series which will attract a discount.

They will be held in the Shelsley Village hall at 7.30 on the evenings of Tuesday, 16th January 2007.

What is astronomy?

The solar system-our own back yard,
30th January

The night Sky

Light- the astronomer's raw material,
13th February.

The birth, life and death of stars

Galaxies near and far,

27th February.

A short history of nearly everything!

It is hoped to tie this course in with a visit to the planetarium at Knighton.

Costs: Book the whole series for £20

Individual evening attendance £7.00
(under 16 £15 and £5)

Wine and or coffee will be included as refreshments.

It would help the administration if those booking for all four talks could pay in advance. Cheques to AJT Crabbe (Charity) at Fetterlocks Farmhouse, Fetterlocks Lane, Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcester WR6 6QS. Tel: 01886 812 373.

We see such wonderful starry heavens around here uninterrupted by man-made light; come and find out more about that mysterious void.

Jean & Johnny Crabbe

Martley Parish Council

September 4, 2006 at the Memorial

Hall.

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

In Attendance: Mr. T. Pearsall (Clerk to The Parish Council),

5 members of the public.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business, the following points were raised:

A question was asked about the resiting of the bottle bank to the car park of The Crown; the Clerk advised the meeting that enquiries revealed the landlord had requested the new location. Some complaints had been received by MHDC ref. noise at the previous location, however, no consultation had taken place with this council. The Clerk had requested an explanation via "The Hub", but no reply had been received. The Clerk will follow this up with MHDC. A suggestion was made that a better location would be towards the rear of The Crown car park because the present location is noisy for the adjacent houses and is unsightly so near to the main road.

The Parish Council Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20:10 hrs.

Apologies: There were no apologies.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests: The Clerk reminded everyone of the need to declare inter-

ests and to keep their list up to date.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th. August. 2006: It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

Martley Map: The Clerk was requested to determine if this Council is entitled to a copy for no further payment having donated towards its production.

Latest Award for Martley Parish Council: The Chairman explained that MPC is the winner of the Housing category for the West Midlands region of the Commission for Rural Communities Community Empowerment Awards. The Parish Council is now recognised as a Best Practice Champion.

The Chairman is to attend the awards ceremony to receive a cheque for £250.00 and this Council is now entered for the next stage.

District Councillor's Report: District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams discussed the Teme Valley Children's Centre, which supports families with young children; it is a forum for parents and child minders. A representative is available to address parish councils.

Cllr. Williams announced that she will be standing again in the forthcoming elections.

County Councillor's Report: County Councillor Mr. A. Davies announced that the new Highways structure is now in place. A tourism strategy is to be launched on this Wednesday.

Heavy traffic in the Ankerdine area is reduced, but the traffic calming measures are on hold until later and

this Council will be consulted.

A question was asked about the lack of funding for the pelican crossing near The Chantry when the modification to the layby at Broadheath went forward. C. Cllr Davies replied that the Broadheath Parish Council had requested the modifications because of illegal parking.

C. Cllr. Davies was asked how much the report making the case for the pelican crossing had cost compared with projected the cost of actually providing the crossing; the costs were not available.

A question was asked when the road surface of Ankerdine would be improved; nothing is planned at present.

Planning:

Applications received:

1. None

Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn:

1. The Bungalows Berrow Green Road: pitched roof to replace flat roof Approved
2. Hill House Laugherne Park; conversion of garage to habitable accommodation Approved
3. Hawkenest Farm Barn, Easinghope Lane; existing separate annex to main barn converted into ancillary dwelling Approved

Finance:

There were 5 cheques totalling £994.94 for 06: £cheques 350.00. Cur-

rent Bank Balance Lloyds TSB 18th. Aug 2006: £4761.93

Actual position 7th. Aug 2006: £3355.74

Deposit Acc: £7455.54

It was resolved to adopt the finances.

It was resolved to make a grant to Malvern CAB of value £60.00

Urgent Decisions since last meeting: There were none.

Councillors reports and items for future agendas:

A question was asked about the caravans at Lower Hollins Farm; the Clerk to check.

The hedges on the Martley Court side of Church Lane are causing problems for large vehicles; the Clerk to write to the new owners.

The new warning lights for the 20mph. limit near The Cantry are not yet complete; the Clerk to investigate.

Tree/hedge cutting in the vicinity of Ankerdine is again a problem; the number of temporary road signs in the parish is a problem; the Clerk to write to Highways on these issues.

A question was asked whether the content of the council minutes could be reduced prior to publication in The Villager; the Clerk explained the legal position of publishing minutes. The Chairman announced he will be speaking at a meeting on the 23rd. Sept. about revenue charges incurred by small organisations

Meeting closed at 21:40 hrs.



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Wichenford Memorial Hall Whist Drives

The Wichenford Memorial Hall Whist Drives will be held on the second Friday in each month from October until April 2007 starting at 8pm. The first of these will be at 8pm on Friday 13 October.

Millennium Green Tidying and inspection rota

October: Vic Reed

Wichenford Harvest Supper

The harvest supper will be held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 14 October, 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets costing £5 can be obtained by telephoning J Andrews or S Richards on 01886-888303 or 01886-888378.

Wichenford Fete

The fete group decided to allocate the profit made at the fete as follows: St Laurence church £1,375, Wichenford Memorial Hall £1,375, Millennium Green £250, Martley & District pre-



Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378

school £250, the Nursing Association £100 and the Nora Parsons' Day Centre bingo club £100.

Wichenford 100 Club

August winner: Anne Alsop. No 182. £108.

Mary Berry Cookbook

Jean Hiams thanks Janet James for obtaining this cookbook for her. The book will be much appreciated.

Church Flower Rota

1 October	Mrs Smith
8 October	Harvest Festival
15 October	M Fisher
22 October	M Fisher
29 October	Mrs Barber

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship will meet on 17 October at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Science and Technology Group

It is pleasing to report that this relatively newly formed group enjoyed a second successful year of operations with an average attendance of between 12 and 15 members. Meetings take place in Wichenford Village Hall at 10.00am on the First and Third Monday of each month.

Each two-hour session is kicked off with a presentation that can take the form of a personal talk, a film, or a recorded public lecture. In all cases, the topic is of general scientific, technological or medical interest, with the emphasis being very much on basic ideas and concepts, rather than on mathematical complexity. Following a coffee break, the session is rounded off by a lively and unstructured group discussion of the issues raised by the earlier presentation, and other more general topics raised by members from their viewing or reading of such magazines as *New Scientist*, which is available for loan by group members.

Towards the end of the last session, the group held a "mid-course" discussion about its future direction, and decided to change its name to "The Science and Technology Group" in order to broaden its appeal, and more accurately describe its activities.

It is planned to continue with this successful formula over the coming 2006/7 "academic year", starting on Monday 2nd October 2006 at 10.00am. Interest would therefore be

welcomed from anyone with an interest in science, technology or medicine who would like to join a sociable group of like-minded folk. A selection of topics being considered for inclusion in next session's provisional programme are listed below:

- Lasers and their applications
- The Science and Technology of Mining
- The Human Genome
- Medical Diagnostics: The MRI Scan
- Quantum Entanglement
- Nuclear Versus Alternative Energy: The Great Debate
- Why We Behave as We Do
- Tides and other Planetary Phenomena

For further details, contact Rod Latham on 01886 888 122

Kenswick and Wichenford Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2006 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

Cllr G. Britten-Long chaired the meeting. (Chairman), Cllr J. Wells, Cllr Oldfield, Cllr H. Rendall Cllr D. Stinton, Cllr K. Randall (vice chairman)

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

Democratic half hour/public question time.

The chairman invited all present to ask

questions or make statements about parish business.

Apologies and approval of absence.

Councillor A Chilvers, (accepted)
Councillor J. Panton (accepted).

Apologies were accepted from the District and County Councillor.

Declaration of interest

Councillors Britten-Long; Stinton and Rendall declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 Millennium Green Donation.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2006 were accepted and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Oldfield.

Cllr Rendall reported that since our last meeting a police constable has been to visit Guises Lane to check the TRO's.

Progress reports

Notice Boards

The District Councillor has put the question to the committee whose response is under the District Councillors report, and the chairman will write a letter to the District and County Council requesting help for finance towards replacement notice boards.

The families who were considering purchasing one have agreed that they are too expensive, and they are not willing to contribute.

Planning

Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations Consultation Response Form. The parish council had no comments to make.

Applications considered since the last

meeting.

Enlargement of glazed link at rear for Laughern Brook House. The parish council has no objections to this proposal.

Erection of a 2 metre diameter wind turbine on a barn roof, for the Bulmers Foundation. The parish council has no objection to this proposal.

Applications to be discussed

Internal alterations and 2 skylight windows for The Oast House.

The parish council has no objection to this proposal.

Decisions made by MHDC

No applications to report on.

Finance

The income/expenditure account was discussed and accepted. Proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Oldfield.

The balance up to the 30th June 2006 stands at £10,241.17

There were 4 cheques totalling £1,043.43 for agreement and signature.

Invoices presented on the night included Memorial Hall Rent of £25.00, Councillor Rendall for laminating £6.80, Councillor Wells for the Pathfinders of £65.88.

The clerk was asked to work out how much the of the PP3 Payment remains. Annual Return.

The completed audit for year ending 31st March 2006 has been advertised on the notice boards. It was resolved to pay the external audit fee of £141.00.

The clerk showed the parish council the letter explaining why the audit had been returned for minor alteration.

Millennium Green Donations

Councillors Rendall, Britten-Long and Stinton took no part in the discussion of the Millennium Green.

A resolution was put to the council asking if they would like to give a donation under Section 137 to the Millennium Green. It was resolved that the sum of £370.00 be given to the Millennium Green. Proposed by Councillor Rendall and seconded by Councillor Oldfield.

The Central Networks funding up to £2,500 for Community groups or non profit organisations was taken by the chairman to see if the Millennium Green or Memorial Hall would apply.

Chestnut tree and plaque

The parish council agrees in principle to donate a tree but have asked if the family would be willing to donate a plaque. The clerk was asked to put this item on the next agenda.

Highways

Meadow View.

The parish council would like the highways department to re-visit this property and locate the missing gully.

Peghouse Woods

The parish council has received a complaint regarding overhanging trees at Peghouse wood. The parish council asked the clerk to write to the highways department for their opinion.

Rosses/Guises Lane

The final report and proposal on these lanes has been received. The County Council is proposing that these two lanes should be restricted byways.

This will now have to be advertised for representations and objections for a

period of 42days. If any objections are received and cannot be resolved by the county council then they must go to the Environment Secretary .

Shirley Sanders Clerk to Kenswick & Wichenford parish council.

Harvest services

Sunday 1st October

11.00am Harvest Service
at St Peter, Martley

6.30pm Harvest Evensong
at St Leonard, Cotheridge

Sunday 8th October

11.00am Harvest Service
at St Laurence, Wichenford

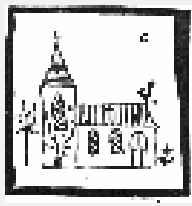
6.30pm Harvest Evening Worship
at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Sunday 15th October

3.00pm Harvest Evening Worship
at Knightwick Chapel

Memorial Service

Memorial Service for the bereaved 2006, will be held at 3.00pm on Sunday 29th October at St. Peter's Martley for all the Benefice. If you have been bereaved during the past year, the family will receive an invite, if not during the past 12 months then you are still welcome to join us to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. If you want to know more or add a someone to the list of those we will remember, then please let me know. *Revd David Sherwin*



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

I have asked our curate Jennifer to write for us this month about our pastoral concern for the benefice, she writes:-

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it", so we read in the letter to the Hebrews. Angels play a part in many stories in the Bible—you will be familiar from Nativity plays with the Angel Gabriel coming to Mary to tell her she is to be the mother of Jesus, and with the Shepherds on the hillside being frightened when an angel brought them the news of Jesus's birth. Not all such messengers take the form of mysterious metaphysical beings with wings; nor is the news they bring always so momentous.

They can come in the guise of friend or stranger; it can be just a fleeting encounter, but more often than not it is the timing of the encounter that is so important. Someone who passes you in the street, smiles and gives you a happy greeting can brighten a dull, lonely day; the one who knocks on your door or rings up to see how you are at precisely the 'right' moment when you are feeling low; the one who gives you that word of wisdom which helps you to see the light

at the end of the dark tunnel is your "heaven-sent" messenger. Angels come in many shapes and sizes. Perhaps you, too, have been an angel to someone without being aware of it.

We have our very own band of angels in this Benefice! The members of the Pastoral Lay Visiting Team who support and help David Sherwin and myself are always on hand to visit, to lend a listening ear and they are the ones who host the tea parties which are held in the various parishes. They are part of the Church at work in the community and our pastoral work would be much less effective without their efforts.

If you feel you might benefit from a visit from one of our 'angels' or want to know more, please contact David or myself.

Jesus commanded us, "Love our neighbour as yourself." It is HIS love we and the team seek to reflect for that is the only way we can overcome the difficulties we all face from time to time. Some wise words:

To be at peace, let us respect one another.

The only time we must look down on someone

Is when we bend down to lift up the other. (Anon.)

Rev Jennifer Whittaker

Church diary for October

- Sunday 1 October 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
6.30pm Youth Service, St Peter, Martley
- Monday 2 October 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- Tuesday 3 Oct 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
7.30pm LTV PCC at Knightwick Village Hall
- Saturday 7 Oct 9.00-10.30am Benefice Prayer Meeting, Broadwas
- Sunday 8 Oct 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
11.00am Harvest Service, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
6.30 Harvest Festival Service, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Monday 9 Oct 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at the Rectory
- Tuesday 10 Oct 9.00am Harvest festival for Broadwas Primary School
- Wednesday 11 Oct 10.15 Harvest Songs of Praise at Heaton House
- Thursday 12 Oct 2.00pm Little Minnows, St Peter's Martley – harvest
- Saturday 14 Oct 7.30 Wichenford Harvest Supper
- Sunday 15 Oct 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
10.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley
3.00pm Harvest Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel
- Monday 16 Oct 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter, Martley
- Tuesday 17 Oct 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Sunday 22 Oct 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
11.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
- Monday 23 Oct 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Tuesday 24 Oct 4.30pm Evening Prayer at St John's Parish Church
- Wednesday 25 Oct 10.15 Holy Communion at Heaton House
- Sunday 29 Oct 10.30am Benefice Bible Sunday Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, B'was
- End of BST 3.00pm Memorial Service, St Peter, Martley
- Monday 30 Oct 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Leonard's, Cotheridge

Mothers of Martley

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

Martley Mums & Tots

For some mothers of babies, toddlers or pre-schoolers, adult conversation is a rarity. We can be desperate for a chat about last night's telly, the latest fashions or the last book we read. We also value having someone else say 'My one won't go to sleep either' or 'Have you tried this?'



This is where a group like Martley Mums & Tots can be a lifesaver. We are a group of mums and their children who meet once a week. With plenty of toys to keep the little ones busy,

drinks all round and friendly faces, it's a great place to come.

We meet every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11.30am at Martley Memorial Hall. Just £1 per child provides tea or coffee for Mum, drinks and biscuits for the little ones and a chance for a chat. Don't worry about turning up late with breakfast down your top – we've all been there.

Any child not in full time schooling (from a few weeks old to about 4 years old) is welcome.

We run craft days, outings and,

perhaps most importantly, mums' nights out. We are open through the school holidays (except for Christmas) so feel free to come along when your normal activities aren't on offer.

Walking into a room of strange faces can be a bit daunting. Why not give Jenny a call on 889086 or Sue on 888829? We'll know to expect you and be ready with a drink and a smile. See you there!

Sue Gibbins



Pantomime Time

Don't miss out on booking for this season's pantos. See Cinderella at Birmingham Hippodrome and Malvern Theatres or Snow White at The Swan.



www.birminghamhippodrome.com
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