

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 Village Hall car park to help maintain the footpaths

Mondays

1st Monday in the month:

Martley Parish Council 8pm Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

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

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

Martley Mums & Tots 9.30-11.30am Martley Memorial Hall

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 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

Weight Watchers: 6.30pm -7.30pm Martley Memorial Hall

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)

See page 29 for contact details of organisations

Cover photo shows Jenny Steven, Isabelle Steven, Felicity Gibbins, Jem and Paola

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Martley Show – August 2007

This year's show was, to the say the least, something of a soggy affair with driving rain and high winds being two of the main challenges for the day (as well as holding on to the W.I. tent long enough to actually put it together)!

Despite everything the elements could throw at us, we think the day was still a success. Tenbury Teme Valley Band found temporary accommodation (albeit cosy) under the shelter of the cricket pavilion and the Worcester Martial Arts gang showed off their skills under a gazebo before putting on their display in the Village Hall. 'Scrufts' continued in true English tradition in the appalling conditions, the face painters huddled under a large umbrella and Rev Sherwin proved that the face paints do

not run in the rain!

Not to mention everything that was going on in



the Village Hall, where else could you get a cuppa and slice of cake whilst looking at beautiful owls, considering whether to join up at Sport Martley and check your Tombola tickets to see if you've won all at the same time?

Our thanks go out to all who attended, whether as an exhibitor, stallholder or just a hardy individual who would not be put off by a 'drop' of rain.

If you would like to help us to organise the 2008 show, then please contact our Show Committee Chairman, Eileen Stammers on 01886 888513.

PS - Let's all start praying now for a dry Show day for 2008 !

*Helen Coombey-Jones
Martley Show Secretary*

Martley and District Horticultural Society

Martley Show

There was a considerable increase in the number of entries in classes this year, which is very encouraging. The Show was enjoyed by all, in spite of a rather wet day. Thanks to all helpers for 'Friday preparation', on 'Show

Day' itself, and for the inevitable clearing up early the following week.

Trophy Winners are as follows:

R Lloyd Gibbons Open Challenge Cup. To be awarded for the best exhibit in the show: Joy Snow

Messrs Landale & Son Challenge Cup. To be awarded to exhibitor gaining most points in Section 1: Brian Draper

F W Morris Challenge Cup. To be awarded to exhibitor gaining most points in Section 2: Mike Dunnett

Ted Whelan Memorial Trophy. To be awarded to exhibitor gaining most points in Section 3 : Sylvie Jeffries

Trophy & Token of £5. To be awarded to the child 6yrs and under gaining most points in Section 4: Matthew McHugh

Trophy & Token of £5. To be awarded to the child 11yrs and under gaining most points in Section 4: Catherine McHugh

T W Sanders Trophy. To be awarded to exhibitor gaining most points in Section 5: Patricia Turner

Shield Presented by Amateur Gardening. To be awarded to exhibitor gaining most points in Section 7: Angela Everiss

Charlie Amos Memorial Trophy. To be awarded for the best exhibit in Classes 2,4, 15 and 17: Mike Dunnett

Wilf Hill Memorial Trophy. To be awarded for the best exhibit in Class 33: D Goodyear

Society Cup. To be awarded to member of the Society gaining most points overall: Mke Dunnett

John Clark Memorial Cup To be awarded for the best exhibit in Class 5: D Goodyear

C & H Barnard Trophy. To be awarded for the best exhibit in Class 24: D Goodyear

Wendy Stinton Memorial Shield. To be awarded for the best exhibit in Class 31: Pauline Ellis

Banksian Medal. To be awarded to person winning the highest amount of prize money: Mike Dunnett

Jack Millward Memorial Trophy. To be awarded for the best exhibit in Class 22 : Joy Snow

Trophy to be awarded to exhibitor gaining most points in Section 8: Dave Cropp

Smallholder Medal. To be awarded for the best exhibit in Section 1: Brian Draper

Claudia Steele Martley Poetry Cup. To be awarded to best exhibit in Class 67: Patricia Turner

Meetings

Carol Smith talked on 'Garden Design' at the meeting on 27 September at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

We are all most grateful to Mrs Valerie Rivers and Mr & Mrs David Piggott for their hospitality at our June meeting. A very enjoyable and educational evening, followed by delicious refreshments at the Piggott's. Both gardens most beautiful!

Tina Steele

Pensax Thrift Shop

Wednesday 26 September - Come and have coffee with us between 9am and 11am in aid of Cancer Research's Biggest Coffee Morning! There will be a small raffle, Bring and Buy and a cake stall.

Wednesday 3 October - Mr Bob Seaward will be with us at around 10 am to collect the cheque for the money raised in aid of The Air Ambulance. To date this sum stands at £1652.50. There is also a raffle in aid of the charity of a hand made (by Ann Pratt of Thrift Shop) patchwork quilt - (king-size). This will be drawn in November when there will be a small tombola. Christmas cards will be on sale by then as well.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ben Taylor who has graduated from Bristol UWE with a 2:1 in Law. With all our love and best wishes for the future, Mum, Dad, Sarah and Harry.

Quiz Night with Supper

A Quiz Night with supper will be held in Martley Village Hall on **Friday 12 October – kick off at 7.30pm sharp**. Price £5 per person including supper – tables of four. Good prizes, raffle and an open bar. Come along with your mates, test your general knowledge and have a fun night out. Please book

your table by ringing Dave Cropp on 01886-888398, John Woolley on 01886-888104 or speak to R McHugh at the Central Stores, Martley.

Martley Reformatory

A query

As avid readers of The Villager, due to ancestors coming from Martley and Wichenford (the Hickens/Jones), we wondered if you could help out with a query. A reader of our local weekly history newspaper, The Black Country Bugle, has asked if anyone knows about a place called Woodbury Hill Reformatory, Martley. According to the 1881 census, his ancestor was there in 1881 and he wondered what sort of Reformatory it was. I have checked my local books of your area and can find no trace of this institution.

We started researching our family tree many years ago with my mother, whose gran's family used to keep 'The Masons Arms' in Wichenford. She was Jane Hicken, and her father was William Hicken, who was a Mason and married Eleanor Jones daughter of Shadrach Jones of Berring Bush Farm, Wichenford. They owned a lot of property in the area. Many of the family are buried in Wichenford and Martley, which we visit quite frequently. Great Gran married in Birmingham (don't know why), moved to Worcester where grandad was born (the house is still there). He then ended up in West Bromwich (don't

know how but probably for work) and here we still live. We have tracked various members of the family all over England. James Hicken (buried in Wichenford) died in Bradford after being run over by a train. Another relative was given a hero's funeral in Worcester because he was in the Charge of the Light Brigade! We have many tales which I'm sure my sister will be sharing at the Wichenford History Fair.

Barbara Humphreys

(If anyone has information for Barbara or about the Wooddbury Reformatory, please contact msh_47@yahoo.co.uk 01886888344 and I will put you in touch.)

The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins

Presented by the Ferndale Singers

The Armed Man, which is a Mass for peace, composed for the new Millennium by Karl Jenkins, is to be performed by the Ferndale Singers in **St Peter's church, Martley, at 7.30pm on Saturday 10 November and in St John's church at 6.30pm on Sunday 11 November 2007.**

This choral work, which lasts approximately 80 minutes, comprises 13 short eclectic movements. It interpolates a number of different texts within the usual Mass form, Malory, Dryden, Swift, Tennyson, Kipling, the Koran and the Hindu Mahabharata all contributing to this compelling account of war and its moral and

spiritual consequences.

The members of the choir feel that the message of the work

"Ring out the thousand wars of old

Ring in the thousand years of peace"

is ideally suited to Remembrance Day and hope that as many as possible will put these dates in their diaries and will be able to attend one or other of the performances.

Martley Spurs

There were no games in August, but the new season will be underway when you read this. All three of our teams will be playing in the Worcester League, but no matches will take place on the Jury field until the end of the cricket season. Our boys will be taking part in two cup matches at the end of the month. The Saturday eleven will play the first round on Saturday 19, and the Sunday Premier side will have their chance on Sunday 30 September. We are, of course, hoping they can both get into the following rounds.

Beth Williams

Harvest Supper

Grand Harvest Supper at
Upper Sapey Village Hall
8pm Saturday 13 October 2007
Tickets £12 or £6 for under 12s
Call 01886 853327 or 01886 853634
for tickets or information
*All proceeds to the upkeep
of the hall*

Martley Ramblers

14 October 10am Church car park “Ditches and Stream”

Yet again there was a cancellation of a planned walk, not due to adverse weather this time, but to foot and mouth restrictions. The walk around Mordiford with Ken Brooks would have been partly over fields containing stock, so it had to be called off. Ken has it on hold and will be only too pleased to lead it another time. Three prospective members had seen details on the Martley web and were disappointed but understanding. Hopefully, they will try us again.

Jill Strudwick called off from leading the September walk and Colin Hill nobly agreed to step into the breach. His slot for November will be filled in by another, so watch this space.

This month we shall be following/jumping over/avoiding ditches and streams led by Helen and George Coombey-Jones. Do not forget this is another morning walk, start 10am, so plan your bacon and eggs for your return.

Attendance this year has been disappointing and spasmodic, the weather has not helped and maybe the variations in times have caused uncertainty. If we are to continue as Martley Ramblers do come along to the AGM which is planned for 19 November and have your say about timing and planning of venues for 2008.

Kate King

Thank you!

Thank you to Neil and Eileen Stammers and all the members of Martley Horticultural Show and Fete Committee. We are extremely grateful for the loan of the two marquees on 15 August when we held the Teddy Bears' Picnic, which had had to be postponed from 25 July. We were disappointed because so much work had been done to maximise the opportunity to raise funds for St Richard's Hospice when there was no alternative but to rearrange the date. We were grateful to Neil and Eileen for their immediate co-operation, even when they realised how close the new date was to the Martley Show.

Neil and Eileen arrived promptly on the day and so did the bad weather. Fortunately, with their expert help, we were able to put the tents up before the deluge, and to prepare the activities during some terrific showers. The weather did clear between 12 and 2pm – picnic time – and quite a good number of teddies had a lovely time. None of this would have been possible without the two marquees, and, in particular, the help of Neil and Eileen. Thank you to you all.

*Pat Hodgson, on behalf of The
Worcester Christadelphions*





Martley WI

*Wednesday 10 October 7.30pm
Heaton House*

Many thanks to all those members who baked, supplied produce and supported our stall at the Horticultural Show on 17 August. In spite of the appalling weather, the total takings were over £120. The many items left over from the bric-a-brac stall were passed on to June Lawrence who will take them to her charity shop. All the helpers were glad to get home and change into some dry clothes. The friendly St John Ambulance man said he was sorry not to be able to treat hypothermia but had been expecting cases of sunstroke.

We were disappointed to miss out on the evening outing on the River Avon and felt so sorry for the owners of the boat who had suffered so much due to the floods. We were also sorry for Sheila Craker who had spent a lot of time organising the outing and then had to tell members of the cancellation. Perhaps we can try again next year. This month Jane and Bill Richards will be taking us from the Amazon to the Antarctic. The competition is for a fridge magnet. Once again it is an open meeting, so please come and join us from 8pm onwards.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

The on-going saga of Lane folk

There have been many comings and goings over the summer, with visitors both human and otherwise.

At the time of writing, swallows are still soaring and crying, feeding on the late surplus of insects. They tend to congregate on the power line for one last goodbye and one knows then that the summer is truly at an end.

A visitation of a different winged object frightened fowls and donkey when a small red helicopter appeared to try to land in our orchard. Luckily for us, it landed among Jefferies sheep on the other side of the lane. Recently an ambulance was led along the lane by its sat. nav. which was ignoring the presence of a stile, two fields and a wood between the lane and its objective. Hopefully the patient was not a dire emergency. Do helicopters have a sat. nav. system as well?

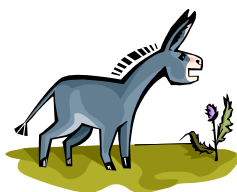


Lay-by news is small this month (is everyone breathing a sigh of relief?) The only unusual finds have been a carpet and a trailer wheel.

Kate King

Story of a Hay Meadow

The hay saga continues. Suddenly, at the end of July, we had some warm, dry weather. The Shelsley Beauchamp Conservation Group sent us some haymakers. We tossed and turned and rowed up and haycocked and carted. The ground was too wet to take the tractor and baler so we reverted to pre-1939 methods – pitchforks, light trailer enlarged with thripples. The family all came to lend a hand. We now have a hayloft chock full of loose hay and had to search for a suitable roly-poly person to compress it. And still there was hay so we made a rather un-professional stack, covered with sheets. All done! Quantity great, quality middling to poor, but Jacob has sampled and passed it as fit for donkey consumption.



The site has greened up and there is a scattering of flowers again. I counted 22 species in flower on a

stroll around the perimeter today, not bad for the last day of August, after a complete cut. Now sit back and await the sheep to graze sometime before Christmas.

Harry King

Martley's Past

October 1907, one hundred years ago, was reminiscent of 2007's 'summer',

as recorded by the village schoolmaster.

“Oct 7. Reopened school after Harvest holiday. 34 present. Admitted 2 boys. A Roberts has left the district.

Oct 9. Very wet day. Attendance good, 34.

Oct 10. E Kenley is absent again. The most irregular boy in school. Another wet day.

Oct 11. Many boys were wet through going to and from school yesterday, but they have attended well today, which is fine and dry at present. The attendance officer called this pm. T Hadley has an eruption of a contagious nature and on the advice of Medical Officer is kept away till it has disappeared.

Oct 18. Alfred Lippett, aged 14, has left. Despite the stormy weather the attendance has been satisfactory, 93.3 per cent. C Smith, a visitor from Cheshire has returned home.

Oct 22. Ernest Jones is suffering from a wound in the leg, caused by being hurt with a cartwheel some 3 or 4 weeks ago. Although at school, he was evidently in pain and was advised to stay at home till better.

Oct 25. Heavy rain again today. 31 present.

Oct 30. Many children arrived this morning with clothing saturated. J Lippett was sent home to get dry. Only 25 and 26 present. 1.61 ins of rain have fallen this month.”

Alan Boon



Teme Valley Views

Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers, the biannual Children's Centre Nearly New Sales are highlights of the year. Each Spring and Autumn, Great Witley Village Hall is filled with virtually new children's clothes, toys and baby equipment.

Unlike many sales, you do not have to fill and man a stall yourself, just obtain a sellers' pack in advance with full instructions of how the sale works and on the day turn up with your priced items. The team swiftly sorts things so that within two hours of receipt of the goods, the doors can be opened to the eager shoppers. For the next two hours the volunteers don't stop sorting, selling and recording who has sold what. After a frantic selling period, the team quickly tidy up before relaxing over a much needed lunch.

The day is great fun and we are always looking for more volunteers so if you're interested please contact the Children's Centre. A perk of being a volunteer is that you get back 80% of the sale price of any of your items.

The next sale is on 13 October, so if you have any items you would like to sell, bring them to Great Witley Village Hall. If you haven't time to volunteer, you'll receive 70% of the sale price. Any profit will be used for the benefit of children in the Teme Valley, and you just pick up anything

unsold at the end of the sale. Your cheque will arrive a few days later. Easy! Please put the date in your diary and come and pick up a few bargains.

Please contact the Children's Centre (01886 812982) for a sellers pack or for more information about volunteering.

All change!

Editor

This month sees Michelle Higgins resume her former position of Editor of *The Villager*, additional teacher training all completed and a government target tick-box ticked! The Chairman and committee of *The Villager* would like to thank Andrew Chilvers for undertaking this difficult task for the last two years. The job of editor is a bit like the apocryphal swimming duck—all calm on the surface but paddling madly below it.

Advertising in *The Villager*

We are looking for a new advertising manager for *The Villager* following the decision of Neil Stammers to resign from this position. The Chairman and committee of *The Villager* take this opportunity to record their appreciation of the contribution Neil has made to the magazine.

The position of advertising manager does not require any hard selling as *The Villager* has a well-established (16 years) as a successful medium for promoting local businesses. The main requirements are administrative skills, a basic knowledge of book-keeping,

computer literacy and the ability to work as a member of a small management team.

For more information contact Tony Lewington (Chairman) 01886 888500 or Jim Sandison (Treasurer) 01886 888393.

Pre-School Snippets

The beginning of term has been lots of fun at Pre-School with colours still the focus.

It seems very early, but we are already looking ahead to Christmas and have arranged for the children to star in their very own Christmas videos. The videos are irresistible and make wonderful presents for grandparents and other family. Filming will take place on 18 October (dark sunglasses optional!). Speak with Kath if you have any questions.

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted clothing, material, bedding and cuddly toys at the end of the last academic year. We are having another collection in November so get ready to pick up those bags!

Local Author's Book Launch

By the time you read this, Eileen Mohr, of Crossbridge Books and living in Berrow Green, will have had her book launch on 29 September at The Hundred House. Her book is called "Sacred Instincts".

Bridge

Would anyone like the occasional friendly game in an afternoon every now and then? If interested, please contact Alan Boon on 01886-888527.



A trip to Bristol to see SS "Great Britain"

Margaret Lloyd-James has written an interesting account of a trip in August to visit the SS Great Britain—we hope to be able to print it in the November issue of The Villager.

Martley Library Opening Hours

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

Mon	2.00-7.00pm
Wed	4.00-7.3-0pm
Thu	10.00am-1.00pm
Fri	2.00-4.00pm
Sat	10.00am-12 noon



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS



Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378

Church Flowers

7 October Mrs Randall
14 October Harvest Festival
21 October Harvest Festival
28 October M Fisher

Ladies Fellowship

The October Ladies Fellowship meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 16 October. The speaker will be Mrs Jupe, speaking on the work of The Samaritans. This is an Open Meeting for anyone interested in the work of The Samaritans.

Harvest Supper

The annual Harvest Supper is on **20 October in the Memorial Hall, 7.30-8pm**. Tickets may be obtained from Janet Andrews, 01886-888303 and Sheila Richards, 01886-888378.

Wichenford Cook Book

Copies of the Wichenford Cook Book are still available, price £3.50 from Alan and Colin, tel: 01886-888158. A copy of this book would make an ideal Christmas gift.

Wichenford Memorial Hall Whist Drives

These popular whist drives will begin on Friday 12 October at 8pm, and from then on the second Friday of each month.

Wichenford Memorial Hall

The Wichenford Memorial Hall committee are desperate to raise money to install a new kitchen.

Mrs Britten invites people to take four pounds of fruit and four pounds of sugar to her at Keepers Lodge, where



she and her team will make jams, jellies and chutney.

These will be sold at the Harvest Supper and money raised given to hall funds.

Living in the country

I moved to Worcester with my partner Frank in December 2003. We moved into Bury End Farm in November

2006. We have our rabbit, Flopsy Rabbit, and Bubble the guinea pig. I originally come from Brighton but intend now to stay in Worcester. I entered this poem into the National Anthology Poetry competition of 2007 and it got into the semi-finals but unfortunately not to the final! However, it has since been picked to feature in a book being published later this year called "Dreams of the Night".

Mary Kingan

"Our Country House"

Living in the country
Full of calm and charm
In a lovely property
A converted character barn.

We live in peace and harmony
An idyllic life we share
Which living in a townhouse
Simply can't compare.
Our rabbit and our guinea pig
They love to run and play
The fresh air and the country smells
That suit the country way.

We really love to live here
We have made the barn our own
So taken with our country life
It's our lovely home sweet home.

*An original poem by Mary Kingan of
Bury End Farm, Wichenford,*



***Kenswick and Wichenford
Parish Council***

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
the Parish Council held on Monday 20
August 2007 in the Memorial Hall
Wichenford.

Councillor K Randall opened the
meeting.

Present : Mr. D.Stinton, Mrs J Panton,
Mrs H Rendall, Mr M Andrews, Mrs
G Britten-long, Mrs C Woodward

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

Cllr Randall welcomed to the meeting
the return of Mrs Britten-Long (co-
opted at the meeting on 9th July) and
the County Cllr.

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

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

Election of Chairman

The chairman has tendered a letter of
resignation from the post as chairman,
and asked for nominations for
chairman. Georgina Britten-Long was
proposed by Cllr Randall and asked if
anyone else would like to stand. No
nominations were received and Mrs
Britten-Long was 2nd by Cllr Rendall

Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Britten-Long signed her
Declaration of Interest form just
after the last meeting.

Apologies and approval of absence.

Councillor N Oldfield (Accepted)
District Councillor B. Williams.

District and County Coucillors Report

County Councillor A Davies mentioned the recent flooding and hopes the government will find the money as many schools were affected. It was suggested this parish council write to the environmental services naming problem areas prone to flooding in our parish.

The RSS preferred option is not available until Sept, due at government in October.

If the ambulance station at Bransford closes the alternative will be Brierley Hill. The parish council will write to the NHS Trust asking for it to stay open.

Rosses and Guises Lane public enquiry will be held on 23-25 October. Flooding leaflets with advice, guidance and contact details were given to the parish council.

Declaration of Interst

The clerk reminded every-one of the need to declare interests and to keep the book up to date. Cllrs Britten-Long, Stinton, and Randall declared a personal interest in agenda item 10. Wichenford Memorial Hall.

Cllr Rendall, Stinton, and Britten-Long declared a personal interest in agenda item 11, Millennium Green.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2007 were accepted and signed as a true record.

Progress Reports

Festival Housing Meeting

A letter from festival housing was read

to the council. The meeting scheduled for 24 July was cancelled due to poor weather. The clerk and Cllr Randall will be attending a meeting on 24th August to discuss the problem areas in the parish.

Rosses and Guises Lane

The public enquiry was cancelled due to the floods.

Cllr Rendall has a complete set of documentation photocopied by Mr Harris. Evidence has been accepted that Guises Lane is a common and been entered on the historical record. Clerk was asked to write to Mr Harris thanking him for producing the report.

Litter picking. The clerk has contacted the Cecil Duckworth trust regarding the litter picking, they were supposed to ring back.

Planning

Applications considered since the last meeting

No applications have been discussed.

Decisions made by MHDC

07/00811/FUL. Erect rear, side, front ground floor extension. 1 Malvern View, Wichenford. (Approved)

07/00841/FUL. Conversion of store within domestic cartilage to ancillary accommodation for use by dwelling. (Approved)

Applications to be considered

07/01203/FUL. First floor extension over side single storey flat roofed extension. Mallenders, Venn Lane, Wichenford.

07/01110/FUL. Change of use of agricultural barns to light industrial/storage. Allsetts Farm,

Broadwas. The Parish council felt that no comments were valid as this application is retrospective.

07/01114/FUL. Extension to barn to form additional bedrooms to dwelling. Ridgend Barn, Wichenford. The parish council has no objections to this proposal.

West Midland Regional Spatial Strategy informal briefing on 28 Sept in Birmingham.

Finance

The income/expenditure accounts were discussed and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Britten-long and seconded by Cllr Woodward.

Calc cheque for £25 was agreed.

The invoice for £160 for the removal of the tree on the green was agreed.

The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

Memorial Hall Donation

Cllr Randall explained to the parish council the situation regarding the Memorial Hall finances. The parish council discussed the amount it has given the hall over the last 4years.

The parish council asked for a current financial statement of accounts from the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Britten-long presented a report from the custodial trustees giving a brief history of the memorial hall and explained that two custodial trustees were retiring and therefore two more are needed to replace them.

There are other alternatives but that is a matter for the Memorial Hall to discuss at its meeting on 21st August.

The outcome of the meeting will be

reported at the next parish council meeting.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Panton to donate £750 to the Memorial Hall, this was seconded by Cllr Rendall.

Millennium Green Donation

It was resolved to donate £350 to the Millennium Green under Section 137. Proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Panton.

Standing Orders Review

It was resolved to accept the Standing Orders without change.

Model Code of Conduct

The clerk and Cllr Panton are to attend the training session at Great Witley, and then a meeting of the parish council will be arranged in September on order to adopt the Model Code of Conduct.

Councillors Training

The clerk and Cllr Randall will be attending the Risk Assessment and Budget Planning in September. Cllr Rendall has completed a strimming and hedge cutting course

Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting

There was nothing to report.

Correspondence

Included: letter to J Wells. Re: Wooden posts, J Wallace email. Re: Rosses lane, Planning Inspectorate. Rosses and Guises Lane, SWJCS, Code of Conduct training sessions
Cpre letter writers, Calc Mail ,Vitalise, Partnership Matters Newsletter, The Network Leaflet, Recycling update July 07, Letter to A Moore Re: Rosses and Guises Lanes.

For decision by the parish council. MHDC Flood Relief Scheme Grant Application Forms were taken for parishioners that the council knew of who had suffered with flooding. County Highways will fund Parish Councils for additional roadside maintenance work carried out by the lengthsman as a direct result of the recent flooding. Separate invoices are to be sent to County Highways.

For information only. All Correspondence listed on the agenda has been circulated for councillors to read. Calc up-date 7-29 was passed for cllrs to read. The memorial hall report will be included in the next correspondence folder.

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas

Cllr Britten-Long is applying for a grant to obtain a new notice board. Cllr Rendall was asked if she could obtain further leaflets on hedge cutting.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be 1 October 2007, in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford at 7.30pm. Please check dates and bring your diaries.

Meetings were arranged for 12 November, 10 December. All will be held in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford at 7.30pm
Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Note

The parish council is considering putting together a working party to litter pick in the village. All equipment eg: pickers, gloves, jackets and bags

will be provided. The date has yet to be arranged. If you are interested and would like to join us for a couple of hours one morning please call me the clerk, or contact any parish councillor. The names and addresses of all parish councillors are on the parish notice boards.

List of Parish Councillors

Kenswick:

Mrs .G. Britten-Long

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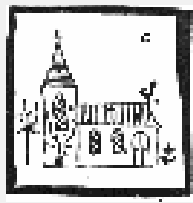
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Amnesia—a funny story

A very elderly gentleman, very well dressed, hair well groomed, good quality suit, flower in his lapel and smelling slightly of expensive after-shave, walks into an upmarket cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady. The gentleman walks over, sits alongside her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "Tell me, do I come here often?"



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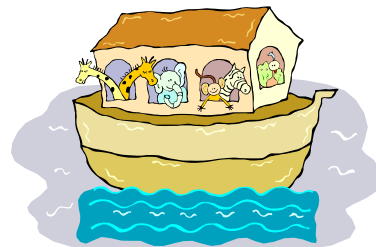
As I sit here writing this article at the end of August it is hard to foresee what lies around the corner for October! It is a dark cool evening, not what we expect for late August, there is a hurricane in the Caribbean, typhoon in China, earthquake in Peru, recovery from floods at home and on the Indian sub continent, not to mention the war-torn zones of Iraq, Afghanistan and Sudan, to name but a few places. People have also been troubled by the violence in our own country, shootings and stabbings, people living in fear. It sounds like a disaster movie yet its not!

Where does hope lie in the midst of all these troubles? As a Christian you would expect me to say God! Jesus! But I also hear the questioning and disbelief that he is there at all. With so many problems why does he not act?

I recently saw the film 'Evan Almighty', a revisiting of the Noah's Ark story for our time with a comedy take. Funny

as it was, the film made a serious point through the Noah character who prayed at the beginning of the film to 'change the world'. The response to the prayer was that God asks him to 'build an ark'. Much of the backdrop to the film concerned environmental issues, yet God chose to act through the requests of his people: you and me. Troubled as the world and we might be, each of us can pray. Does it make a difference? Our response to God's answer to us will indeed make that difference. Jesus himself explained to his disciples that there would be many things to 'make their hearts faint with fear' before he returned (Matthew 24-25 and Mark 13), but they were told not to be afraid but to hold fast to their faith and to look 'up', to pray, to be constantly aware that God had not forgotten them and that his help was always there if they asked of him.

Whatever we may feel about the world, our country, our own lives, God is there for us in Jesus, why don't you pray and see what answer you get. You may even get a surprise!
God Bless and Keep you



Rev David Sherwin

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Services for October

Monday 1 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford 7.30pm Wardens Meeting at the Rectory
Tuesday 2 Oct	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study at Berrow View
Saturday 6 Oct	9.00am Board for Mission Seminar with Tim Goringe, The Old Palace (The Church and Food Production)
Sunday 7 Oct	8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel 9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 11.00am Harvest Family Service, St Peter, Martley 11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 6.30pm Harvest Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Monday 8 Oct	8.30am Prayer Breakfast at the home of Bruce and Margaret Thomson
Wednesday 10 Oct	10.15 Heaton House Harvest Songs of Praise 9.00am Broadwas Primary School Harvest Festival, St Mary Magdalene, B' was
Thursday 11 Oct	2.00pm Little Minnows, St Peter, Martley
Saturday 13 Oct	9.30am – 4.00pm Rural Children, Rural Church at Worcester University (St Johns)
Sunday 14 Oct	8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge 11.00am Harvest Service, St Laurence, Wichenford 11.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 6.30pm Harvest Evening Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Monday 15 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tuesday 16 Oct	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Saturday 20 Oct	7.30pm Wichenford Harvest Supper, Memorial Hall
Sunday 21 Oct	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge 11.00am Holy Communion + Healing, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 11.00am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley 3.00pm Harvest Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Monday 22 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 24 Oct	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thursday 25 Oct	12.00 Mother's Union at Noumena, the home of Jenny Barton
Sunday 28 Oct	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 11.00am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 11.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Monday 29 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Leonard, Cotheridge

In the Garden



Garden Tips for October

Plant all hardy spring-flowering bulbs. Lift and plant rooted layers of Border Carnations. Insert cuttings of hardy shrubs on a sheltered border, rearrange and replant herbaceous borders. Lift and store Gladioli, Dahlias, Tuberous Begonias etc, dig and manure beds and plant spring-flowering plants. Lay turf if required for lawns. Remove undeveloped figs from outdoor trees; insert cuttings of bush fruits. Lift and store beetroot, potatoes, carrots and other roots. Earth up celery, plant cauliflowers in frames.

And if you haven't already done them, these are the jobs you should have been doing in September! It's not too late to start now! Clumps of pinks and sweet Williams can be divided this month, mix sand with soil at new sites. Sow (thickly) sweet peas in a shallow trench 2 inches down, earthing up seedlings and providing twigs. Lift and pot chrysanthemums. Plant Spring bulbs – snowdrops and aconites 4 inches deep. Insert rose cuttings

on a sheltered border. Plant Arum lily crowns in baskets in the pond if 18-24 inches of water and plenty of mud can be provided, they do not like shade.

Harvest onions, lift potatoes (if keeping any for seed) allow them to green, they will withstand more frost than covered ones. Lift beetroot, also chicory roots (screw off the tops of these). Cardoons should be firmly encircled with a hay-band commencing at the bottom and winding upwards to the full height of the leaf stalks, then bank soil up around the hay-bands to the top. The plants should be ready for use in about 3 weeks. Sow spinach. French beans can be sown in pots in a heated greenhouse. When picking apples and pears keep the 'early' ones away from the late keepers. The release of ethylene gas from ripe fruit speeds the ripening and decay of fruit nearby.

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Some of the exhibits in the show tent at the Martley Show in August

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