

# 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 Mums and Tots:** 9.30-11.30am  
Martley Memorial Hall

### **Wednesdays**

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

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

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

### **Thursdays**

**Wichenford Wine Club:** 3rd Thursday in the month

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

See Church Words on page 27 for details of services

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

***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](http://www.martley.org.uk)



## ***Jim Sandison***

It is with sadness that The Villager has to report the recent death of Jim Sandison. Jim took over as Honorary Treasurer of The Villager at a time when the magazine no longer had the driving force of founding editor Joan Campbell Grant. Jim handled the business management, accounting and organised printing, ensuring the magazine's financial viability. He has also stood in as Advertising Manager at times when there was no-one else to fill the role. In addition to these duties, Jim was head of the (vast) distribution network collecting The Villager from the printing company and delivering copies to the heads of the distribution chains in Wichenford, Martley and Hillside. He found people to edit, manage the advertising and chair the management committee, doing much behind-the-scenes work himself, determined that The Villager should be a worthy, politically neutral, community magazine. Martley and Wichenford owe him a debt of gratitude for this ten years' work.

*Michelle Higgins*

## ***Village of the Year***

We were runners up in Worcestershire! Menithwood was the winner and Mansel Lacy was the winner in Herefordshire. Martley's ICT had a special mention.

The judges felt that all the entries were good, but there are always ways to improve! They said that Martley was a very good entry on paper, mainly because there are many facilities within the village. However, they commented that in the Communications section, Martley is an excellent example of a bright idea leading to a lot of community benefit. Martley's website was good, and they noted that a photo taken on the judging day had been posted on it.

The judges also commented on other areas of Martley activities: the display by the bell ringers was exciting, and they appreciated a warm welcome from the bell ringers when they went to the church; the Path-or-Nones information was interesting; they liked the library and resource centre and felt both seem to be well used; but they were not convinced that the pub makes a great contribution to the village community!

Finally, the judges had expected us to be easy winners, and we could have been if we had been able to demonstrate a wider community 'buy-in' to community life.

*Michelle Higgins*

### ***Weekend Walkers Welcome***

A new initiative by the walker-friendly village of Martley in West Worcestershire will enable walkers to enjoy some home comforts if they venture to the parish.

Following a call or email to make a booking, someone will be at Martley Village Hall to greet the party and open up the facilities for coffee/ tea and toilets; and provide tables to use for maps, eat lunch etc. A nominal charge will be made for refreshments.

For more information (or to volunteer to "meet and greet" – see Village of the Year item above), contact David Cropp on 01886 888398 [dvecro@dialstart.net](mailto:dvecro@dialstart.net) or John Nicklin on 01886 888318 [johnn@martley.org](mailto:johnn@martley.org).

Martley footpath group has its own web site, [www.thepathornones.co.uk](http://www.thepathornones.co.uk), from which you can download information on 10 circular walks with narrative and map, and Martley also has a very informative website at [www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk)

If you find difficulties using our paths, kindly call John (as above). He admits that the local footpath group (the Path-or-Nones) do struggle to keep the 41 miles clear, especially in a wet summer (as 2008!!)



### **Teme Valley Children's Centre**

Have you just had a baby? Do you know someone who has? Being at home with a newborn can be great fun and provides the perfect opportunity to bond with your baby, but at times it can make you feel quite isolated. The Children's Centre appreciates the valuable support that can be provided by parents in a similar situation and organises postnatal courses for parents with new babies. Our 8th postnatal course will take place in October – we're still finalising details so please contact the Children's Centre to register interest.

A range of experts visit the course to discuss feeding, sleeping, dental hygiene and weaning over a sociable cup of tea. The sessions are also a perfect opportunity to hear about the many services provided by the Teme Valley Children's Centre and introductory sessions on baby massage and paediatric first aid are planned. Crèche facilities are provided for older children at this free course and refreshments are available. Experience gained from previous courses has shown that many of the Mums who meet at these courses still meet up regularly – even when their children have started school – highlighting the long-term support initiated by the course.

Our Autumn Nearly New Sale will take place on Saturday 18th October

so if you have children's clothes, baby equipment or toys to sell please contact the Children's Centre for a sellers' pack. The sale will run from 11am to 1pm so get there early to 'bag' a bargain.

If you are interested in the postnatal course or Nearly New Sale – or any other Children's Centre events – please contact Sam at the Children's Centre (01886 812982) or check out our website [www.temevalley-cc.org.uk](http://www.temevalley-cc.org.uk).

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

### **Martley Show**

The wet weather in the first half of August meant that entries for the Show were down on last year, but all the same there were some quality vegetables, fruit and flowers, also some wonderful and unusual pot plant specimens. Flowers always seem particularly colourful under canvas, and the sweet peas, dahlias, hydrangeas and many other perennials, annuals etc and of course lovely floral art all cheered up a cloudy day – fortunately the rain did not set in until near the end of the afternoon. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Results were:

*R Lloyd Gibbons Open Challenge Cup, best exhibit in show, Steve Jones.*

*Messrs Landale & Son Challenge Cup, most points in vegetable section, Terry Gale.*

*FW Morris Challenge Cup, most points in flower section, Mike*

*Dunnett.*

*Ted Whelan Memorial Trophy, most points in floral art section, Sheila Badgery.*

*Shield, for under 6 yrs, Lucy Williams.*

*Shield for under 11 yrs, Charlotte Honeyborne.*

*TW Sanders Trophy, most points in fruit section, Jackie Taylor.*

*Shield, most points in cookery section, Angela Everiss.*

*Charlie Amos Memorial Trophy, most points in onion classes, Lionel Minchin,*

*Wilf Hill Memorial Trophy, for the best fuschia, D Goodyear*

*Society Sup, club member gaining most points, Mike Dunnett.*

*John Clark Memorial Cup, best tomatoes, Dave Cropp.*

*C&H Barnard Trophy, 3 blooms of roses, Margaret Rushgrove*

*Wendy Stinton Memorial Shield, flowering pot plant, Steve Jones.*

*Banksian Medal, highest amount prize money, D Goodyear.*

*Jack Millward Memorial Trophy, best gladioli, Mike Dunnett.*

*Trophy, most points in preserves, Patricia Turner.*

*Smallholder Medal, best exhibit in vegetables, Sheila Badgery.*

*Claudia Steele Martley Poetry Cup, best poem, Kate King.*

*PS There are some photos of the show on [www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk) (Editor)*

### **Teddy Bears Raise Money for St Richard's Hospice**

On 23 July 2008 over 1,000 teddy bears made their way to Gheluvelt

Park for their Annual Picnic. The weather was lovely – warm and sunny – and everyone had a very good time. Lots of activities were organised from the shelter of the marquees, two of which were kindly loaned by the Martley Horticultural Show and Fete committee. Puppet shows, colouring competitions, crafts, face painting, beanie hoopla and a raffle kept everybody busy and after they were able to cool down in the paddling pool and have an ice-cream. The event was a great success and £1,567 was raised for St Richard's Hospice in just two hours.

We are so grateful to Neil and Eileen Stammers who arrived very early in the morning to put up the marquees so giving us plenty of time to prepare, and then gave up most of their afternoon to help clear up. Thank you to all the members of the Martley Horticultural Show and Fete committee – without the Martley marquees it would have been a very difficult day. Thank you to all on the committee and particularly Neil and Eileen.

*Pat Hodgson, Worcester  
Christadelphians*

### ***Martley Spurs***

We are now into a brand new season with a cupboard full of silverware from the last one and hoping to repeat our endeavours. The season started off well with a 1-0 victory over Upton Town in the Saturday league on 30 August, Steve Prickett netting his first of the season. Let's hope this is a good

omen for the rest of the teams. The fund raising Race Night, held at the Crown in early August, raised £450 for the club funds. Unfortunately the advertised boot sale had to be cancelled.

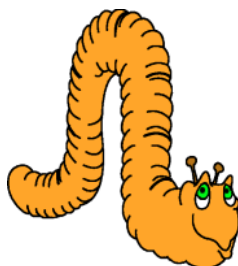
*Beth Williams*



### ***Martley WI***

#### **8 October, 7.30pm Heaton House**

"There's a worm at the bottom of the garden and his name is Wiggley-Woo". That is the way the pantomime



song goes but, doubtless, Sheila Nelson, our speaker this month, will have a different slant on worms when she tells about worms and wormeries. No, the

competition is not a picture of your pet worm, but it is for a decorative button. Many thanks to all who helped in so many ways with our stall at the Horticultural Show on 16 August. This resulted in raising £100 for funds. Support from non-members is always greatly appreciated. Elsie Corti's daughter, Helen, always sends a lovely selection of cakes and goodies. President Gwynneth Darby's husband, Ray, is a brilliant baker of cakes and quiches. The Cadet Force and Monty Walker helped to erect and dismantle the gazebo and also held on tightly

when wind threatened to blow us away. No head injuries this time, thank goodness. A very sincere thanks to everyone.

*Kate King*

### ***A Year in the Teme Valley***

#### **Local photographer exhibits locally**

Photographer Lorentz Gullachsen moved to the Teme Valley this time last year. He moved here because he fell in love with the stunning landscapes in this area. He wanted to capture the unique landscapes and started photographing the area the day he moved in.

“Photography is not only my job”, said Lorentz, “It’s my passion. In the past year I have shot yachts in Italy, cars in Wales, models in Yorkshire and recycling centres in Oxfordshire. When I get home, I enjoy taking pictures of the landscapes in a wonderful part of the country that I now call home.”

Images Lorentz has shot between October 2007 and October 2008 within 20 miles of Martley will be exhibited at The Crown, Martley. They can be viewed during pub hours.

### ***Martley Ramblers***

12 October, 2pm Church car park

How quickly the season has passed and this is already the penultimate walk this year. We are hoping, weather permitting, to walk around and over Hartlebury Common. Cars leave church car park at 2pm. The AGM is approaching in November when starting times will be reviewed.

The morning ones have not been well attended, so think about what is wanted in 2009. The walk around Mordiford, led by Ken Brooks, was most enjoyable with wonderful views, and the hospitality and refreshments at the end of the walk, provided by Ann and Ken, were much appreciated.

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane***

Free produce has been available for collection over the last few weeks – potatoes, windfall apples, walnuts and blackberries have been lying in the lane and cascading along in the Pudford Puddles. Sadly, the bounty has now come to an end. If the weather turns cold and the



Pudford Glacier re-appears this year, there might be ready-frozen food available.

The SSSI hay crop has been a disaster. Cut by helpers with a motor scythe, turned by family and friends from Shelsley Conservation Group and baled by Alan Jefferies, the record number of bales is gradually disintegrating, and rejected by donkey Jacob with a derisive snort. BBC Countryfile rang to ask if the hay had not been cut, could they come and film. (They were probably short of a few minutes to fill in). Sorry, too



late, but the forlorn mouldy bales in the field could have been indicative of this wet year. Thank goodness we are not farmers, reliant on income from crops. The good thing is, the hay was cut and the flowers will be able to bloom next year.

*Kate King*

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

At the time of writing, the record of the September meeting of the Parish Council is unavailable to The Villager. To see the record of the meeting, please apply to the Parish Clerk, Sally Williams, 01299 832949.

### ***Martley Past***

Sir Charles Hastings, (founder of BMA) and Thomas W Sanders (edited 'Amateur Gardening' for 40 years) are both fairly widely known as being born or raised in Martley. Here are three more lesser-known "Worthies of Worcestershire" (and Martley!).

"John Doughty (1598-1672) born at Martley. Educated at Worcester under Mr Bright (qv) and at Oxford. Fellow of Merton, 1619; MA 1622; Rector of Lapworth 1633. Joined King Charles I at Oxford. Lecturer at St Edmund's, Salisbury. Retired to London during the Commonwealth. Prebendary of Worcester and Rector of Cheam 1662. Author of theological books. Buried in Westminster Abbey."

"Sir Thomas Hastings (1790-1870) son of Rev James Hastings, Rector of Martley. He entered the Navy in 1803, commanded a gunboat in the disastrous Watcheren expedition and

was First Lieutenant on the Undaunted when she took Napoleon to Elba. In 1832 he was made captain of the Excellent, the school of gunnery at Portsmouth and superintendent of the Royal Naval College, but retired from these posts in 1843 when he was appointed store-keeper of Ordnance. He had been knighted in 1839 and was given the civil CB in 1850 and the civil KCB nine years later. Placed on the retired list as rear-admiral in 1855, he received in due course the rank of vice-admiral with his KCB and of Admiral of the Fleet in 1866. He married in 1827 Louisa Elizabeth, daughter of Humphrey Lowe of Bromsgrove."

"Francis Jukes, who has a biography in the National Dictionary as an 'aqua tinta' engraver, was born at Martley in 1745 and specialised in topographical illustrations. Notable ones were those in the published "Voyages" of the celebrated Captain Cook.

In earlier life Jukes devoted himself to engraving and etching but later took up 'aqua tinta', an art which he brought to high perfection. He was especially successful in views of shipping and his principal works were hand-coloured. He died in 1812 and has an obituary notice in the Gentleman's Magazine of that year as well as a biography in Dodd's manuscript "History of English Engravers."

*Alan Boon*



## Music

I have always loved my music  
I take it wherever I go  
I listen to it while out walking  
Or driving in the sun, rain or snow.

While at school, while doing home-  
work

I would always have the music on  
It would help me to concentrate  
Much to the bewilderment of my  
Mum.

I have been to many concerts  
Including Boyzone and Westlife  
I've been to many discos  
To dance away the night.

Living without music  
I would find so very hard to do  
When I am having troubles  
It's music that helps me get through.

*An original poem by Mary Kingan*



## Martley Web Mesh Update

MWM is spreading! We now have secure connections heading for Newtown and we have been updating some of the older equipment around

## An Evening with Henry Sandon

**Martley Memorial Hall  
Friday, 24 October  
7.00 pm for 7.30 start**

**Tickets £8.00 each  
(includes glass of wine)**

**All proceeds to:  
Nora Parsons Day Centre,  
Wichenford  
St Richard's Hospice, Worcester**

### Tickets Available From:

**Janet Dale - 01886 888472  
Bob Whyatt – 01886 822298  
Central Stores Martley**

**Bring along a treasured pot  
and  
have Henry evaluate it**

the centre of Martley and making the provision more robust—the storms in early September knocked out mobile phone and satellite TV reception for a time, but MWM kept on going!

You too can join the growing number of MWM members and receive competitively-priced broadband from a LOCAL provider run by LOCAL volunteers - subject to a survey of your location. For more information contact Richard Jackman (01886 821237 [richard@martley.org](mailto:richard@martley.org)) or John Layton (01886 888460 [john@martley.org](mailto:john@martley.org)) or see [www.martley.org.uk/broadband](http://www.martley.org.uk/broadband)





# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378



## *Church Flowers*

5 October No Service  
12 October Harvest Festival all  
Members  
19 October Harvest Festival all  
Members  
28 October M Fisher

## *Special Mission Service*

There will be a special Mission Service in Martley Church on Sunday 5 October at 10.30am, to meet our two Missionaries and hear about their work

## *Harvest Supper*

Wichenford Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 18 October in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets from Janet Andrews and Sheila Richards.

## *Ladies Fellowship*

The Ladies Fellowship will meet in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 21 October at 2.30pm. The Speaker will be from Age Concern.

## *Memorial Hall Whist Drives*

These very popular whist drives will start again on Friday 10 October at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. They will continue throughout the winter on the second Friday of the month. Do come and enjoy these fun evenings.

## *Litter-Picking Working Party*

The Parish Council are putting together a working party on 4 October to pick litter in the village. All equipment; gloves; jackets and bags will be provided.

If you are interested and would like to join us for a couple of hours please call the clerk or contact any member of the parish council. The names and numbers of all councillors are on the notice boards. Hot drinks and Hot Dogs will be provided on production of your filled bag.



### ***Wichenford Harvest Supper***

Saturday 18 October 2008. 7.30pm for 8pm start, at the Memorial Hall. Ring 01886 888303 or 01886 888378 for details/tickets.

### ***Wichenford 100 Club***

August winners:

No 178 Mrs Davis £85

And returned subscriptions to:

210 Brian Jones £12.00

44 Val Mills £12.00

Drawn by Mary Hylan

Thanks Mary! Our run of 'odd' draws has come to an abrupt halt with this month's selection and three utterly unrelated numbers enjoy the main prize and the two returned subscriptions.

### ***Nora Parsons Day Centre, Wichenford***

#### **Volunteer drivers and helpers urgently needed!**

The Nora Parsons Day Centre is run on a totally voluntary basis and provides much-needed day care facilities for persons from 17 villages (Abberley, Astley, Broadwas, Clifton, Cotheridge, Grimley, Great Witley, Hallow, Holt, Knightwick, Little Witley, Lower Broadheath, Martley, Rushwick, Shrawley, Shelsey and Wichenford). We are open every Monday and Thursday and have between 15 – 25 people on each occasion. We are always looking for people who can provide some hours – however few - to help us keep this vital facility up and running.

Drivers are urgently needed to

transport people from the above villages to, or from, the Nora Parsons Day Centre at Wichenford. One each way journey would be appreciated. If you can spare as little as one hour per week either Monday or Thursday at 9.30am or 3.00pm please contact Mrs Margaret Johnson on 01905 754410. A mileage allowance can be paid if required.

Day Care Assistant volunteers are also urgently needed to help at the Day Centre on either day.

If you feel you would be able to spare the time to serve refreshments, serve meals, socialize with the “members” etc, please call the Day Centre (01886 888374) on Monday or Thursday between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm or call in and have a chat and a cup of coffee with us.

Without the generosity of our volunteers it is going to become increasingly difficult to keep the Day Centre running.

#### **An Evening with Henry Sandon**

Henry Sandon – BBC Antiques Roadshow “Potaholic” has very kindly offered to do “An Evening with Henry Sandon” to raise very-much-needed funds for the Nora Parsons Day Centre at Wichenford with a donation to St Richard’s Hospice, Worcester.

Full details are as follows:

#### **Martley Memorial Hall**

**Friday, 24 October**

**7.00 pm (7.30 start)**

**Tickets £8.00 (inc glass of wine)**

Please come along and have an enjoyable evening whilst at the same time supporting two very worthy local

causes. Henry will value some items during the evening..

### ***Wichenford Fete***

The profit from the fete was distributed as follows:

Wichenford Church £1,500, Memorial Hall £1,500, Nora Parsons Day Centre £500, Martley and District Pre-School £350, Millennium Green Trust £250, Wichenford nursing Association £50 and Allsorts Dog Display £40.

### **Wichenford Fete**

It may seem long ago, but it is never too late

To reflect once again upon

Wichenford fete,

To thank parishioners who in response to the call

Helped to raise funds for the village church and hall.

There were tickets to be printed, distributed, and sold,

And for the making of cakes, there were ladies to cajole,

Volunteers were required for taking care of the stalls

Waitresses needed preparing and serving teas in the hall.

There were items to collect, sort, and label for sale

Then later positioned on tables for all to avail.

Hedges were trimmed, the grass rolled and shorn

Thanks must be given for the weather, sunny and warm.

A bowling pitch was prepared by levelling the ground,

(Though at the end of the day no pig

could be found.)

A bouncy castle was quickly installed on the day

In which children could safely frolic and play,

Tombola, ice cream, magic tricks, all were there

There was more fun to be had than at Finnegan's fair.

However, the biggest attraction I think I can safely reveal

Was that the canine performers had the greatest appeal.

Although many helpers were tired at the end of the day

It all had to be dismantled and once more stowed away.

Nevertheless, the time and the effort would have truly been in vain

Had the public failed to respond, so thank you, please come again.

The whole event required someone to chair and to plant it,

And for that, we all know whom to thank, as always, it was 'Janet'.

*Cair T Acre*

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

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28th July 2008 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

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

The chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about parish business. 1. The parish council were asked what they were doing about the Motor Cross at Allsetts

Farm and questions were raised with regard to the noise level. (Parish council have spoken to parties concerned and will confirm date of the next one so noise level can be properly monitored.). Letters regarding this have been received by the clerk

The parish council meeting was opened by the chairman at 7.45pm.

### **District and County Councillors Reports**

District Cllr Williams reported that this time of year at MHDC (because mainly it being the holiday period) is generally quiet.

### **The Revenues and Benefits Team is moving out**

Following on from the Council Tax Teams' move to Pershore earlier this year, the Benefits Team are now packing up their belongings ready for their move. This will be the final part of the new 'Revenues and Benefits Shared Service' as by Wednesday next week, the whole team (staff from Worcester City, Wychavon and MHDC) will come together under one roof for the first time.

### **The Malvern Hills plus Worcester initiative:**

At a meeting of the Executive Committee on 17 July it was agreed that: i) the Council reaffirms its commitment to the principle of collaborative working with Worcestershire County Council and other District Councils; ii) the Council fully supports the accord with the County Council and Worcester City Council to collaborate, initially in the service areas of: the Worcestershire

Hub; Youth and Community Services; Economic Development; Human Resources and Payroll Administration. County Cllr A Davies thanked the council for dealing with Allsetts Farm as he has also had numerous phone calls on the subject. It appears that they are acting within the law as they are allowed 14 days for the Motor Cross and 14 days to practice.

The County Council have been approached about Hartlebury Castle. The CC already rent half and is looking at buying the other half. £11.5 million is being spent on Droitwich Canal. The County Council is not joining forces with Worcestershire City Council. If all six councils could get together and save money why not do it? There is plenty of work to do to try and save admin costs. The RSS is still going on. Baroness Andrews report is now out. The Highways have been allocated £5750 for small local highway works, either as one complete work or split between various parishes. I will be writing to all parish councils for any ideas on how this sum may be spent to improve a problem that you may have.

### **Minutes**

The clerk was asked to make an amendment to page 167 08/81 Postcodes. The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2008 were accepted and signed as a true record.

### **Progress Reports**

Allsetts Farm Motorcross: This has already been discussed under parishioner's time.

Planning at Wants Green: This has

caused a lot of distress to the surrounding properties. Councillor Williams has asked for it to go to committee. When the parish council received the application they were not aware that the access serves 2 other plots. We have written to MHDC and the reply was read out. This is an area which is land logged.

### **Planning**

*Applications considered since the last meeting:* None. *Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn:* 08/00711/FUL 4 Queensway, Wichenford. (extn) Approved. 08/00921/HED. Woodhall Farm. (hedgerow removal) Refused.

*Applications received:* None

### **Finance**

The current balance from 31 May to 30 June stands at £16,931.32. Of this £324 belongs to the Pathfinders Scheme; £1,247 is held on account for the NPDC and £2,336 was received for notice boards from the lottery funding. There were four cheques totalling £1,260.71 for agreement and signature. The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

### **Rosses/Guises Lanes**

Two Letters of support have been received. All documents will be photocopied and passed on to anyone who wants to read them. The date or inspector cannot be changed. It was agreed that there is no point in having another meeting before the public inquiry as all documents need to be in by 30 July.

### **The Nora Parsons Day Centre**

If all goes well a lot of the reserves

will be spent on repairs. The diocesan board of finance will charge a peppercorn rent, once the dilapidations are attended too. The Nora Parsons Day Centre will be responsible for the maintenance. The roof is being done shortly and will cost £7,000. The money the parish council has on account for the Day Centre will be handed over once the parish council are cleared of their responsibilities to the WDBF.

### **RSS**

Councillors were asked if they would like to write individually to the WMRSS regarding the housing proposals in our area. The 2010 figures need to be adopted.

### **Tree preservation order**

Councillor Rendall has taken this agenda item to read.

### **Postcodes**

Councillor Rendall has drafted a letter regarding postcodes and addresses. Addresses no longer reflect their geographic location but appear to be determined by their postcode. The government asked for every district council to set up addresses and had to give us all an official address which is determined by GPO postcodes. Cllr Rendall asked if the clerk could contact CALC to see if this is a problem for other parishes.

### **To Report Any Urgent Decisions Since The Last Meeting**

Temporary closure order on (C2068 from Monkwood Green to the junction of Hockhams Lane) for highway maintenance work.

### **Correspondence**

For decision by the parish council.  
(information only): Worcester County  
Council Flooding Project; Invite to  
NPDC AGM; Letter to planning  
inspectorate, Letter regarding post  
codes, Calc Update 8-21, Fieldwork  
magazine

Proposed extension to The Masons  
Arms, Draft Letter to Alan Moore.  
TRO's

Reply from Planning Inspectorate;  
Countryside Voice Magazine;  
Worcestershire Warden; Choice based  
Letting; MHDC Post Office Network.,  
MHDC Annual Report

MHDC Overview and Scrutiny  
Report; Reply from A Moore. RE  
Rosses/Guises.

Correspondence Re Planning, Wants  
Green stables and barn.

### **Councillors' Reports and Items For Future Agendas**

The clerk has advertised the litter-pick  
and the equipment is to be collected  
on 3 October. The clerk was asked to  
put the NPDC and the RSS on the next  
agenda.

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

8 September 2008. The meeting on 1  
December has been re scheduled for  
24 November. All will be in the  
Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30pm.

### ***Mobile Library***

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

#### **Malvern View**

10am-10.30am

#### **Wichenford church**

10.35am-11am

#### **Kings Green Farm**

11.05am-11.35am

#### **Rosses Green**

11.40am-12.10pm

### ***Martley Library***

#### ***Opening Hours***

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

Mon 2.00-7.00pm

Wed 4.00-6.00pm

Thu 10.00am-1.00pm

Fri 2.00-4.00pm

Sat 10.00am-12 noon

### ***Wichenford Harvest Supper***

**Saturday 18 October 2008**

**7.30pm for 8pm**

**at the Memorial Hall**

**Ring 01886 888303 or 01886**

**888378 for details/tickets.**

## What did you do in the Summer?

One day I decided to try using my bus pass to visit Monkey World in Dorset. I phoned Traveline to check times of buses to Bristol, where I planned to spend the first night. Careful thought went into my choice of clothing, dark colours and non-crease materials being selected, also I chose garments that would dry overnight. A cagoule and reading book went into my backpack, with water, phone and small purse to hand. I then informed my family of my intentions and was declared mad – nothing new there!



The next day I caught the bus to Worcester, I was off! Next stop surprisingly was Rushwick to pick up the connection to Ledbury. I was dropped in the middle of nowhere by the next bus, actually at Cowslip Lane (sic), very rural. Twenty minutes later a bus to Gloucester arrived, then on to Bristol. I did not manage to find an information centre, and booking a room for the night proved difficult because of the amount of construction work being undertaken in the city. A very helpful hotel receptionist on her sixth attempt found a B & B on the bus route outside Bristol. The house was called Toad Lodge. The steps to the front door held several ornamental frogs or toads, and the brass doorknocker was frog shaped. A lady showed me to my room. The bed linen was decorated with – guess – frogs! Even the toilet brush holder was a foot-high frog. In the dining-room I found the placemat and cruet decorated with, what else but, frogs! I asked a fellow guest if she knew the owners' name, she had been told "Lady Toad". A very smart waiter arrived to take my order for breakfast – no, I didn't ask for frogs legs! Then a rumbling noise was heard which I realised came from an old-fashioned food lift. By then I felt I had walked into a horror film.



I spent the day at Bristol Zoo, then moved on to Yeovil and a very nice B & B in the middle of a well-kept park. Next day, there being no bus to Wool, I took the train; I then found out there was no transport to Monkey World. It was said to be 1 ¾ miles away, so I set off, but took a wrong turn and ended up at Bovington Tank Museum. It was a long way back to where I had turned off, then another three-quarters of a mile to my destination.

After wandering around Monkey World and walking back to the station, I found it closed; it opened only when a train was expected. There being nobody about, I sat down outside to wait, when what did I see but a bus – no driver, no destination board either. After about ten minutes the driver appeared. I asked where he was going. "Where to you want to go", he replied. I told him "Anywhere away from Wool". He took me to Dorchester, and I booked two

nights at a public house in Charminster, only too pleased to rest a couple of days, as my toes were swollen by then; one big toenail has since turned black.

The Three Compasses, where I stayed, is run by a lovely couple in their seventies, and have been there twenty years. On Saturday they asked if I knew there were no buses on Sundays. I didn't, but luckily was able to book another night.

Charminster is a pretty little village. I looked into the church then walked along the river bank to a shallow part where the water was about three inches deep and very clear, so I paddled for a while, which was very refreshing. Then I sat and watched as some children played 'Pooh sticks' on the bridge.

Next day I travelled back to Bristol, again finding accommodation difficult to obtain. I managed to get in a backpackers' hostel; very basic but clean and cheap, except that I decided to pay for a three-bedded room to myself rather than share with strangers. I was handed clean linen with which to make my bed, and had to strip it in the morning. Then on to Worcester, Martley and my own bed – bliss!

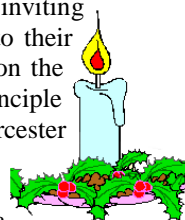
I enjoyed my trip, but found it very tiring and was pleased to rest at home, sweet home.

*Chris Smith*



## *Lights of Love Campaign 2008*

St Richard's Hospice is inviting people to dedicate a light to their loved ones this Christmas on the St Richard's tree. The principle service will be in Worcester Cathedral on Friday 14 November. It will provide an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one, to rejoice in a birth or remember those absent at Christmas. There will then be a short walk by candle light to the tree under St Andrew's Spire for the "switch on". Refreshments will then be served in the Guildhall.



There are two alternative events: Malvern Priory—Tuesday 25 November at 6pm and St Andrews Church (on the corner of the High Street) Droitwich followed by a special 'Switch on' around the tree in Victoria Square—Wednesday 3 December at 6pm.

There is no minimum donation to dedicate a light. The names of loved ones will be displayed around the tree in St Andrew's Spire and in a Book of Thanksgiving placed in Worcester Cathedral, Malvern Priory in and Droitwich Library in December. We will also send you a special photo star to hang on your own Christmas tree.

There are many other 'tree of light' initiatives in our community and we would like to remind you that ALL donations for the St Richard's tree come directly to the hospice in support of our work and we are hugely grateful for your generosity. For more information visit [www.strichards.org.uk](http://www.strichards.org.uk) or call the fundraising dept on 01905 763963.



# In the Garden



## In the Garden in October

If you are thinking of introducing something new into your garden, October is the month to plant container-grown trees, shrubs and climbers. The soil is moist but not too cold and this will give the plants time to establish their roots before winter.

If you are a novice gardener, or have limited space, think about growing some fruit next year. Autumn raspberries are very easy: you will have fruit in August and September, then simply cut the canes to the ground in February. New canes then grow from the root, the fresh fruit is delicious and it freezes well.

In the flower garden, perennials can be cut back as they die back. Don't be too tidy - try and leave some seed heads for the birds, and those late flowers are a valuable food source for insects. If you haven't planted your spring bulbs, do it soon, and also plant out spring bedding such as polyanthus wallflowers and pansies. Sweet pea enthusiasts can sow seeds now, under glass. Lift and store dahlias and cannas and bring tender plants inside, reduce feed and watering for house plants as the days get shorter.

October is the start of the autumn clear-up in the vegetable garden. Take care to bin or burn perennial weeds

and any diseased material, don't add it to your compost and risk spreading weeds and infection next year. Dig up outdoor tomato plants, tidy up strawberries by removing old leaves and runners; lift and divide rhubarb crowns. If you often use fresh mint or parsley, pot some up and bring it indoors onto a well-lit windowsill, for use over winter.

The majority of apples and pears should be picked by the end of the month.

## Apple Day

Did you know that 21 October is Apple Day? During this month there are Apple Fairs at Leominster, Much Marcle and Church Stretton and apple-related events in Hereford, Gloucester and Tenbury. For dates and details see:



[www.commonground.org.uk/appleday](http://www.commonground.org.uk/appleday).

## Autumn visits

The Picton Garden, Old Court Nurseries, Colwell nr. Malvern, holds a National Collection of autumn-flowering asters and should be well worth a visit. It is open up to 12 Oct. Hergest Croft in Herefordshire has a 56-acre site with a collection of birches and acers which should tempt some of you for a walk to view the autumn colours, or to visit their Plant Fair on Sunday 12 Oct.

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# Church Words

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**A**utumn looms and we may be asking ourselves where did the year go? Looking on the bright side, it's an exciting new term for those starting school and we can look forward to Christmas ... Joking apart, all this may give us some concerns and worries, particularly as the cost of living has risen so significantly this year; mortgages have increased, as has the cost of fuel and food. We may all have had to tighten our belts in some way. This is particularly relevant as we approach harvest. When we are in a season of plenty, sometimes it is hard for us to imagine what it's like not to have sufficient for our daily needs. It reminds me of the story of Joseph, as in 'Technicolor Dreamcoat', and how God used him to save his people from an impending famine, even though they were in what would be seven years of plentiful harvests. These years soon passed, leading to the famine, and his wise oversight in Egypt at the time must have saved thousands of lives. Our own personal circumstances may not be quite on the scale of Joseph's, yet we all contribute to the bigger picture. This year we have all been asked to save fuel and energy where we can. We have been asked not to waste

food; and we have all been made aware of the increasing strain upon the resources of a developing world. That developing world will be brought to us when we are visited by our Mission Partners, David and Heather Sharland, who work in the Sudan – a farmer and a nurse who work under very difficult circumstances to help people grow food and face difficult health issues. We will be hearing from them in our services on Sunday 5 October. It may help us to put our own difficulties into perspective to look at how others cope. Whilst we may not face the famines on the scale faced by African countries, we all need to appreciate that which we have and that which is provided for us year by year. For a Christian, a Harvest Festival gives us that opportunity to thank God for another harvest and his provision for our needs.

*God bless  
David*

## Church Diary for October

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Wed 1 October         | 10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley  |
| Thu 2 October         | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford   |
| Sat 4 October         | Our Mission Partners, David & Heather Sharland, are here all day<br>7.00pm Martley Harvest Supper at Martley Memorial Hall   |
| <b>SUN 5 OCTOBER</b>  | 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel<br>10.30am Benefice Service – Worship together, St Peter, Martley<br>6.30pm Harvest Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge<br>4.00pm Installation of new Archdeacon at Worcester Cathedral  |
| Mon 6 October         | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford   |
| Tue 7 October         | 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  |
| Wed 8 October         | 10.15 Harvest Songs of Praise, Heaton House  |
| Thu 9 October         | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford   |
| <b>SUN 12 OCTOBER</b> | 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge<br>10.30am Harvest Festival, St Laurence, Wichenford<br>10.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley<br>6.30pm Harvest Festival, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas   |
| Mon 13 October        | 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at the home of Jill Smith<br>7.30pm Licensing of Rev'd John Sumner at All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp  |
| Tue 14 October        | 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  |
| Wed 15 October        | 10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley  |
| Thu 16 October        | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford   |
| <b>SUN 19 OCTOBER</b> | 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley<br>9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge<br>10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley<br>3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel<br>6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford |
| Mon 20 October        | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley   |
| Tue 21 October        | 10.00 Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Brian Woodburn  |
| Wed 22 October        | 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House   |
| Thu 23 October        | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford   |
| <b>SUN 26 OCTOBER</b> | 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley<br>10.30am Worship All-Together, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas<br>10.30am Holy Communion + Healing, St Laurence, Wichenford<br>6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley                  |
| Mon 27 October        | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas   |
| Tue 28 October        | 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  |
| Wed 29 October        | 10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley  |
| Thu 30 October        | 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford<br>2.00pm Mother's Union at the home of Jenny Barton  |

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

Q. Why did the nurse tiptoe past the medicine cabinet?

A. *She didn't want to wake the sleeping pills.*

### **Spelling Test!**

Find the nine-letter word in the grid below, then see how many words of four or more letters you can make using the centre letter in all words and each letter only once per word. (Answer at the bottom of the column)

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### ***Some Medical Terms Explained:***

|            |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Artery     | <i>The study of paintings</i>         |
| Bacteria   | <i>The back door to the cafeteria</i> |
| Catscan    | <i>Searching for Kitty</i>            |
| Colic      | <i>A sheep dog</i>                    |
| Fibula     | <i>A small lie</i>                    |
| Outpatient | <i>A person who has fainted</i>       |

Answer: PRECIPICE