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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month:

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

3rd Sunday in the month:

Path-or-Nones meet 9.30am Martley Memorial Hall car park to help maintain the local footpaths

Mondays

Rhythm Time: 9.30-11.30am Martley Memorial Hall *Enq.* Rachel 01886 812565

Martley Parish Council: 1st Monday in the month 8pm Memorial Hall

Martley & Villages Carers' Group: 1st

Monday in the month 10.30-12.30 Heaton House

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling: 2.00pm Martley Memorial Hall

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

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

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

The cover photo shows prize-winning Best Dressed Bears at Martley Show on 15 August 2009

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



News of the Village Hall

No committee meeting in July due to holidays but should be back to normal in August.

We have now received all the new smart chairs in the hall with the grand total of 120. The Village Hall has been successful in obtaining another full grant (thanks to our Treasurer Dave Cropp) for additional floor staging needed to enable the hall to offer larger performances. It is also hoped that the redecorating in the front foyer will start in September.

Please feel free to come along to the Village Hall if you've not been for a long time - see some of the improvements made. All of these improvements would not be possible without the support of the members of the Village.

Martley 100 Club

The lucky winner in July is Richard McHugh and he wins £35.00. Thank you to all Martley 100 Club members who have made this Club a success in it's first year - let's hope we manage to entice more members in 2010.

Annette Smith
Village Hall Secretary

The Football Club

The Football Club would like to thank Tony Eggleton for very kindly mowing the football pitch on Tuesday 28 July 09, as our mower was out of action waiting for repair and we had a friendly match the next day. Many thanks Tony, it was a very kind gesture .

Gordon Griffiths, Chairman

Post Office Notice

Once again I have had to put up "Parking for Post Office customers only" signs. Unfortunately I am having to enforce the restrictions due to an increase in trade from the villages of Clifton and Sapey. Therefore I would appreciate it if customers for Central Stores only could park elsewhere as I lose trade as my customers cannot park. Posting letters and looking through the door does not constitute using the Post Office. Only customers purchasing goods may park at the Post Office. However customers using both the Post Office and Central Stores are welcome to park in front of the Post Office.

Your co-operation in this matter

would be greatly appreciated.

Mary

Post Office Services

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Mary and Louise

Mary

Martley Ramblers

13 September 2pm Church car park

Having had a couple of morning walks, with not many takers, this month we are back to an afternoon. Perhaps the popularity of morning starts can be reviewed at the AGM.

Pauline and Richard Mills led a very interesting walk around Clifton and Lower Sapey, with a rest stop at St Bartholomew's Church and with

Archie and Charlie in attendance. A deserted house was the subject of speculation and it has been suggested that Mabel could be awarded this year for the best ghost story based on this house.

See you at 2pm on 13 September, ready for a quick getaway to join David Wilkes to walk in the Bransford area. Please feel free to come and join us.

Kate King

Another Award for The Crown Inn

Our local pub has just heard that it is the winner for the East and West Midlands area of the Morning Advertiser Great British Pub Awards Family Pub of the Year. Not only that, but it has been short-listed for National winner! In early September, Caroline will be attending a "black tie" dinner at the Park Lane Hilton hotel, where the National winner will be announced. She commented that tickets are available for the dinner, if you fancy going – a snip at £210 + VAT per person! Good luck, Caroline!

Martley & Villages Carers' Group

Monthly Monday meetings (usually 1st week) 10.30am-12.30pm.

Heaton House, Mortlake Drive, Martley.

7 September Aromatherapy, an introduction and demonstration. Relax!

5 October Understanding Benefits – advice from an expert on what carers

and cared-for may be entitled to. Emma Cook.

2 November Poems for pleasure. Let's share some favourite poems.

14 December Christmas Lunch outing to a local restaurant.

Membership and refreshments are free. You can just turn up. Help to fund transport or sitters may be available, phone to enquire. The Nora Parsons Day Centre, Wichenford, is open at the same time as the group and may be of help to some carers for the person they look after.

For information contact Helen Lubin at Worcestershire Association of Carers 01905 26500 or 0800 6523151 or e-mail Helen.Groups@carersworcs.org.uk



Martley WI

**Wednesday 9 September
7.30pm Heaton House**

It has been a busy summer in spite of no meeting in August, so now we can sit back and anticipate the coming meetings, speakers and events. Not a lot of relaxation however, as arrangements have to be made for our hosting of the Elgar Group Meeting on 23 October. Ray Sturdy had some wonderful slides of Old Worcester and many interesting anecdotes when he came in July. Marion Cumella has arranged a varied and interesting programme this year and is busy with next year's. Thank you Marion, there

is a lot of hard work in picking, contacting and reminding speakers.

This month the talk is of the formation and work done by the British Red Cross. The competition is Autumn Fruits Pudding or Preserve, not the recipe but the actual product. Hopefully we shall be tasting them. Yum, yum.

Kate King



MWM Update

We met with Matt Smith from Advantage West Midlands, in July to tell him how a group of us in Martley have set up a broadband service using a Wireless Mesh system. He recommended we investigate the possibility of grants to aid our dissemination of broadband and in particular to use sustainable power supplies for out-of-the-way mesh boxes/ transmitters. Subsequent to receiving our registration document, the Marches Energy Agency have appointed Project Carbon to carry out the energy assessment of Martley Web Mesh. We already have in the network one user who is totally reliant on sustainables (wind, pv and so on) and has no mains to his house at all. Our feeling is that with strategically-placed relay stations we can reach more easily a wider spread of customers who, in this rural location, often have no broadband service at all. We are a non-profit company limited by guarantee.

John Nicklin

Pudford Lane

Apologies to Ray Ellis for getting the date wrong of his special birthday. The good wishes remain for the October date. Congratulations also to Fiona and Alan Jeffries who recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and neither of them look a day over 25.

Our SSSI was cut for hay during one of the few dry spells in mid-July, with help from family and friends. It is amazing how much chocolate cake and food is consumed on these occasions. Then, of course, almost three weeks of rain followed, causing much panic-stricken listening to weather forecasts. We are so grateful to Alan who came and tossed, tedded and rowed before baling and helping to barn it before the heavens opened again. The writer was so pleased not to have to do so much tossing and turning this year. Hopefully the plum pie was some little thanks to Alan for his help. Natural England did visit in July and are quite happy with our management of the flowers and herbage.

Long-term residents know the dangers of speeding in the mainly-single-track lane, especially when emergency stops and/or reversing is involved. Drivers attending Advanced Driving courses are told that British drivers to not sound their horns frequently enough as a warning, and that horns should not be used solely as a substitute for two-fingered gesticulation. Please note and remember!

Kate King



Martley and District Horticultural Society

Fortunately the weather had taken a turn for the better when twenty-two members visited the home of our Chairman, Mike Dunnett, and his wife Carol. His garden has two main parts – the top one by the house, and the lower garden. Mike welcomed the party, first ringing his cowbell, which is useful for calling his better half (or vice versa) from the far reaches of this large, sloping and partly-wooded garden. Firstly we were shown the beautifully-designed water feature with its decking and surrounding plants, shrubs and trees, also the patio area - there are many lovely things here, some in containers, and all carefully planted with their contrasting foliage shown off to the best advantage. The view to the Cotswolds from here is superb.

Everyone then proceeded past the caged vegetable/fruit plot, nursery part and many more interesting plants and features. Then came the sloping wild-flower meadow with its scabious. Getting to the lower garden area there are lovely mown (weedless!) lawns and walkways with ancient apple trees (two reposing on their trunks). There are wonderful displays of perennials

and shrubs in the large planted beds, all well-established. Mike adds dahlias for splashes of colour. The area is sheltered by the surrounding tall trees and woodland. At the summer house members enjoyed a glass of wine and tasty eats provided by Carol. Wandering on we saw beautiful specimen lilies and a large pool before wending our way back up for a meeting in the house – and more refreshments! - the Society's part in the St Peter's Church Flower Festival at the end of August being an important topic – members decorating the church porch. A most enjoyable evening spent in a real 'plantsman's' garden. A vote of thanks was given to Mike and Carol. On 24 September the Speaker will be Julie Richie talking on 'Late Summer Colour'. Not to be missed!

Tina Steele

Martley Oil Syndicate

Please note the following change:
I will be ordering for October on the 1st. of the month so please get your orders in to me by the end of September. Thanks!
Tel: 01886 888575
E-mail: alan.colburn@martley.org

Martley Parish Council

Unapproved, edited draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 July 2009 at the Memorial Hall
There were 12 members of the public present.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

The Chairman of Martley Parish Council presented Mr and Mrs Minchin with the Freedom of Martley. The Clerk is to ask the lengthsman to clear the footpath running alongside Larkstone Cottage. Queries were answered around the financial accounts of 2008/2009. Concerns were raised with regard to excessive speeding through Martley, with specific mention being made to Newtown, from Willow Road to the Mason's junction and Hope House Lane. Concerns were raised with regard to heavy goods vehicles not adhering to the weight restriction at Ankerdine, which, is possibly also being affected by the weight restriction currently on Holt Bridge. The Clerk is to write to WCC regarding speed enforcement measures. The Clerk is to identify the hot spots and times to the police. Parishioners can advise Police of persistent offenders. Concern was also raised about the number of cycling events organised to run through Martley. The Clerk is to write to Malvern Hills District Council to ascertain what prior notice has to be given and to whom. Query was made with regard to possibility of allotments on Willow Road. The Chairman advised that Martley Parish Council were looking into the possibility of allotments and were awaiting further detail from Malvern Town Council. Discussion had not yet been entered into and consultation about any possible sites will happen sometime in the future if Martley Parish Council

pursues the matter further. The Clerk confirmed that permission had been given for the milestone to be moved and arrangements will be made to move it.

Chairman opened the meeting at 20:40pm and welcomed Cllr. Mr. N. Stammers as our newly elected Councillor.

Minutes:

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

Progress reports:

The Clerk.

1. The bottle banks are causing concern to parishioners, especially since a further bank has been added. The Clerk is to contact Deborah Parker at Malvern Hills District Council to investigate the possibility of moving the banks to another location within the village. 2. Highways have reported that there is no work on their log for 24 Hollins Lane. The Clerk has asked them to check. 3. The restriction on Holt Fleet Bridge will remain in place until essential strengthening works are completed. The structure is a complicated listed structure and the restriction is anticipated to remain in place for up to 18 months when following the works the restriction will be reviewed. 4. Speed checks were carried out in Martley on 25 June. Out of approximately 40 vehicles, 2 were found to be speeding and both were threatened with future prosecution. Police will be carrying out further checks but will not confirm a date as prefer the element of

surprise. 5. The Clerk confirmed that Malvern Hills District Council Environmental Health will get involved in disputes over high hedges if the hedges are over two metres. However, if hedges are a danger to road safety and details are provided to Highways at WCC they will contact residents to request hedges are cut back.

Landowners support – ditch clearance

The Clerk is speaking to Malvern Hills District Council around the letter of permission needed for the ditch clearance.

Lengthsman

The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to: cut back the verge edges from The Crown to the Pumping Station as the footpath is so narrow as the hedge has been allowed to overgrow the footpath; cut back the hedge at Horn Lane; clear the signs along all of the lanes

Allotments

Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp read out a letter received from Martley Allotments Association. A small group of parishioners have expressed an interest in having an allotment in the village of Martley. The letter detailed a number of wants and needs they would have from potential sites such as water, easy access, use of toilet facilities, etc. Cllr. Mr. Nott questioned Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp about previous site visits. The Clerk is to gain further information from Malvern Town Council as Malvern Hills District Council does not have any allotments. The Clerk is to also seek

advice about grants. Cllr. Mr. M. Nott is to approach farmers within Martley regarding any available land for lease for the use of allotments.

Village Hall

Martley Parish Council agreed to allocate £200 as a reserve to Martley Memorial Hall which can be used to support grant applications. The £200 must not be used without the permission of Martley Parish Council.

Police

A police representative confirmed that they had been carrying out a survey around Martley last week and the two main concerns of parishioners were speeding and youths on mopeds, especially around the Church. Police have asked that you make contact if you see the youths misbehaving. The Police are to move their surgeries from the weighbridge to the library at The Chantry High School. Top Barn Farm programme is proving to be successful. Some youngsters will be involved with the police in a project at The Chantry High School in the summer holidays digging out a small pond.

District and County Councillors' reports:

District Cllr. Mrs. Williams report is under Addendum 1.

County Cllr. Mr. Davies reported that both County and District were looking at properties affected by the 2007 floods. Highways are to make two road signs available to parishes on loan for a month at a time, County Cllr. Davies is to express Martley's interest in using the signs. WCC will

fund the concreted posts. WCC are due to undertake a speed review in Martley in 2010. County Cllr. Davies has £3500 to allocate to activities for 8-19 year-olds in his area. The Clerk is to liaise with Emma Rothwell with regard to submitting an application for funding for YIMMS. County Cllr. Davies also has been asked to nominate the five worst footpaths needing repair in his area, which he will confirm with The Clerk.

Planning:

New

09/00837/FUL Adj Three Acres, Willow Road – Proposed 2 no 4 bedroom detached dwellings. 09/00789/HOU Old House Farm, Horsham – Proposed first floor roof light to courtyard elevation. 09/00752/OUT Horsham Court, Horsham – Erection of dwelling. 09/00751/FUL & 09/00750/LBC Stables at Horsham Court – Conversion to create new dwelling with new garages. 09/00749/FUL The Old Court, Horsham – Refurb. Of derelict former house with 2 storey extn. & new garage. 09/00748/FUL The Old Smithy, Hillside – Change of use of land to domestic cartilage and erection of building for storage. 09/00662/FUL & 09/00663/LBC Rodge Hill Farm, Hillside – Conversion of barns to form staff and guest accommodation

Pending

No pending applications

Permitted

09/00514/HOU Rose Cottage, Berrow Green – Single storey rear extn. (21/05/09). 09/00515/FUL Berrow

Farm, Berrow Green Road – Fry pools (28/05/09). 09/00369/HOU The Old Barn, Hillside – Garden Room (4/05/09). 09/00370/LBC The Old Barn, Hillside – Retention of two roof lights (4/05/09). 09/00673/HOU Penny Patch, Hillside – Minor amendment to 08/00226/FUL, rear bay under balcony and front porch (10/06/09)

Refused

No refusals

Appealing to Secretary of State

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

Councillor Protocol:

Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp referred to the 10 general principles of public life. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp re-affirmed to Councillors that conversation could not take place around individuals who were not present at the meeting. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp as Chairman ruled that a councillor was not following standing orders. The Chairman was asked if he should have declared interest at the previous meeting when the renewal of CALC subscription was raised, Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp advised that he had no pecuniary interest in CALC and therefore did not need to declare interest. A copy of The Code of Conduct was given to each Councillor. Democratic process: It was acknowledged that in future when taking votes a show of hands must be made.

Councillor Training:

The Clerk referred to training sessions organised by Clifton Parish Council and an invitation received from them to Martley Parish Council to join in with this training for Councillors and the Clerk. The Clerk is to contact Clifton Parish Council for further detail.

Freedom of Martley:

Cllr. Mr. T. Gale confirmed a quote from a local contractor of £80.00 per board - a total of £160.00 + VAT. Martley Parish Council agreed this amount. This item to be discussed under Finance at the next meeting.

Speed signs:

The Clerk has had responses from Stoke and Cookhill parishes confirming they have recently purchased speed signs. The Clerk is to contact both councils for further details and agenda this item for the next meeting, where Parish Council will also discuss possibilities of grant funding for speed signs.

Highways:

Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp confirmed that CALC are to meet with Highways next week to discuss the poor workmanship and response. The Clerk will also look at the current position around outstanding reported issues.

Litter bin outside Central Garage:

The Clerk referred to an e-mail from a parishioner regarding the poor state of the bin in the centre of the village. Martley Parish Council agreed that new bins need to be purchased and installed within the village. The Clerk is to gather some information around costs and agenda for the next meeting.

Precept:

It was agreed that the village needs to see some improvement as a result of the increase in precept.

Martley Recreation Association:

The Clerk advised Martley Parish Council that Len Hoskins is to have a meeting with Martley Recreation Association next week to advise that he wishes to stand down. Len Hoskins will contact the Clerk with contact details of the new representative for Martley Recreation Association. The Clerk and Councillors will obtain as much information as possible concerning the deeds and lease of the playing field.

Finance:

a. There were 4 cheques totalling £1508.26 approved. b. The Clerk has contacted Bank of Ireland only to be told the contact she was dealing with has now left and the signatories form will need to be completed again. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the service was poor. The Parish Council gave the Clerk permission to approach CALC for advice around other providers. Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp will contact Bank of Ireland on behalf of Martley Parish Council. The Clerk will agenda this item for the next meeting. c. It was agreed and accepted to pay for the maintenance of the church clock. d. It was agreed and accepted to renew Community First membership. e. The Annual Return was approved.

Councillors reports and items for future agendas:

Deferred to the next meeting due to

time. Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear reported that there had been a meeting at the tip where there were no issues to report, the generator is running at 220kw (standard output). It is expected to generate electricity for a further two years but will review again in September 2009.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 August 2009.

S. Williams, Clerk to the Council
For Addendum 1, please refer to the Clerk or see the Parish Council page of the Martley website.

(Readers are asked to note that if this record of the Parish Council Meeting was reproduced in The Villager exactly as presented to the Editor, it would have occupied 13 pages. Some changes in layout and editing of the text are therefore required in order to leave room for other items of news. The Editor wishes to state that every care is taken not to alter the meaning of the text. Please contact the parish Clerk to see a full version of the minutes.)

Martley's Past**The Rambler in Worcs. (Part 4 and last)**

'New and most commodious schools were erected hard by within the last 2 or 3 years (1846), for which Lord Ward gave the land and £300. The Rev J Hastings, incumbent, also gave £300, being the profit arising from his publication of Sermons. Dr Nash gave

a donation of £50, and others subscribed liberally. I walked through this school, and was much pleased with its arrangements. There are 64 boys and 34 girls, who are all taught on what is called the National System. Whether this has risen out of the ashes of the grammar school, and is in part supported by its funds, I could not ascertain; but with regard to Thomas Sheppard's legacy of £170, that is invested in land at £25 per year, and goes to the support of the mistress of the present school.

At the last commutation the value of the living was £835, from which the incumbent pays a curate, the Rev E Acton, and assistant curate, the Rev J N Townsend. The patron and rector of the living is the Rev James Hastings. Mr J Merrick is clerk. Mr WH Pennington, schoolmaster; (he was last head of the grammar school). Mrs Merrick, schoolmistress. Population 1,354.

In this parish is a noble conical elevation called the Berrow Hill, and the name implies either that it was a place fenced and fortified or that it was an ancient place of sepulture. It is of a fine oval form, and although a natural hill, its sides were evidently pared down by the aborigines of our island to its present shape. There are two lines of entrenchment round the brow of the hill, which show it to be the site of an ancient camp. Mr Jabez Allies, of this city, a few years ago, measured the camp, and judged it to be about 400 yards long and 190 yards wide. The trenches were still perfect in

some parts, particularly at the north and south ends of the oval. It is supposed to be as large as anything of the kind in the Kingdom, and it is therefore strange that the camp has not been noticed by Nash or any other historian.'

Written by John Noake.

Alan Boon



Martley Harvest Celebration 2009

**Saturday 3 October
7.00 pm**

At Martley Village Hall

**Tickets: Adult £7.50
Primary-Age Child £5.00**



Martley Library Opening Times

Monday 2—7 pm
Wednesday 4—6 pm
Thursday 10am -1 pm
Friday 2 - 4 pm
Saturday 10am -12 noon
01886 888396 (opening hours only)



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Flower Rota

6 September Wedding
13 September Wedding
20 September Mrs Smith
27 September Mrs Smith

Wichenford PCC

The September meeting of the PCC is on Monday 28th at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall

Sympathy

We are so very sorry to hear of the tragic death of Karen Challis at the age of 42 years. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her parents Mr & Mrs Arthur Challis and to her brothers Bernard and David. Tribute to follow.

The Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Thw LHG will reconvene on 23 September 2009. Registration for the Autumn /Winter lecture series will take place from 7.00 p.m. in Wichenford Memorial Hall. The first lecture will start at 8.00 p.m. Membership of the group costs £5.00

per annum. This entitles individuals to the Christmas Carol Concert and the Tim Bridges Church Tour. Individual meetings cost £6.00. Subscription for the whole series of seven lectures only costs £35.00. This subscription also includes optional monthly palaeography classes under the instruction of Kevin Down.

23 September

Registration. Robin Whittaker 7.00-8.00. 8.00-8.45 Conserving our Records: John Moulding's Notebook & Maps. 8.45-9.00 refreshments. 9.00-9.30 Report on the Graveyard project: 2009 update.

21 October

Mike Field Two films. i.) The Dansy Green Windmill removal to Avoncroft; ii.) Chainmaking

18th November

Colin Jones The Defence of Worcestershire in World War 2

16 December

Worcester Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert in St Laurence's Church

20 January 2010

Malcolm Atkin The Home Guard

WW2.

17 February

D Rouse, H Whitefoot, R Sproate
Oliver's Mound, Shrawley - a report
on the findings.

17 March

Derek Hurst The Cotswold Wool
Trade.

21 April

Adam Mindykowski WLHG 7.30-8.45
Medieval landscape development.
9.00-9.30 AGM.

10 July

Tim Bridges Local church tour :
churches tba

Research areas now include: Crown
East, Lower Broadheath, Hallow,
Grimley & Little Witley. New
members from these areas will be
particularly welcome.

Heather Rendall, Secretary

Ladies Fellowship

The next meeting of the Ladies
Fellowship is on 15 September at
2.30pm. The venue to be decided.

P Webb

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come to the coffee morning in
aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on
Friday 25 September 10am-12 noon,
in Wichenford memorial Hall. More
details on 888232. This event is part
of the World's Biggest Coffee
Morning.



Harvest Supper

**The Wichenford Harvest
Supper is on Saturday 10
October, 7.30 for 8pm in the
Memorial Hall.**

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes
of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish
Council held on Monday 29 June 2009
in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

Councillor Britten-Long chaired the
meeting. (Chairman). The meeting
was attended by Vicky Bilton and
Simon Rowles from Malvern Hills
planning department.

Democratic half hour/public question time.

The chairman invited all present to ask
questions or make statements about
parish business. The planning officers
were invited by the parish council to
discuss local issues in our parish. They
explained how the system works and
the process they go through to arrive
at the final decision.

District and County Councillors Report

The District Councillor reported that it
is the new civic year and Phil Grove
from Tenbury is the new leader with
Reg Farmer elected as the new DC
chairman. Cllr Williams is chairman
of the planning committee. County
Cllr. Davies is the new chairman for
Worcester City planning. He referred

to money available for health improvement and is progressing with The NPDC and hopes to make a formal grant. There is also funding available for Positive Activity Money for Children and Young People, whereby the parish council can apply to Grant Funding 2009 on the web site. Alwyn agreed to speak to Alan Moore regarding Rosses/Guises Lane as the temporary TRO ends in August.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2009 were accepted and signed as a true record.

Progress Reports

Allsetts Farm Motor Cross. The chairman and clerk met with Chris Bocock at Malvern Hills on 1 June and have heard nothing since. The next motorcross meeting is scheduled for 12 July and we are expecting the district council to be present with sound monitoring equipment. Cllr Rendall explained that the Kings Green hasn't been cut for the open gardens due to the wildlife that it now attracts and has spoken to the residents concerned.

Planning

Applications considered since the last meeting. 09/00646/FUL Coronation Cottage, Broadwas. Change of use from private equestrian use and construction of stables. The parish council have no objection to this proposal although would question if a simple soak away is sufficient for four horses. 09/00680/HOU Meadow Cottage, Wichenford. The parish council has no objection to this

proposal but would question if there is enough headroom in the roof without raising the roof profile.

Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn. 09/00255/FUL Erection of stables and barn at Wants Green (Approved). 09/00536/HOU Rear extension at The Tallett, Cockshoot Farm (Refused). 08/01819/FUL Erection of agricultural building at Crabtree Orchard (Refused). 09/00251/FUL Proposed construction of a building to provide angling facilities with ancillary car park and a new building for archery training for Cob House Fisheries (Approved).

Applications to be considered. 09/00723/HOU Two-storey rear extension for Arundle Farm. The parish council agreed to visit the site on 3 July at 0am.

Finance

The balance for the 29th May stands at £17,273.52. WCC BACS payment of £720 has been received. There was one cheque totalling £600.01 for agreement and signature. The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

Annual Return

The Annual Return was completed and certified by the chairman and clerk to the council for submission to the external auditor together with a copy of the bank reconciliation; asset register and a report on the major variances between 2008/2009.

Risk Assessment

The Annual Risk assessment was discussed. The clerk was asked to include the trees on Elm Green Kings

Green and Laughern Triangle. The clerk has asked the lengthsman to cut the grass around the bus shelter.

Rosses/Guises Lane.

Worcestershire County Council is seeking a proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Order and we are waiting for the publication date.

Insurance Review

The parish council is now insured by Came & Co which is part of Norwich Union. (Aviva). We have been able to insure the Millennium Green under the same policy and are now covered for £10million with the same cover for both, saving about £150.00

NPDC

Nearly everything on the dilapidations list has been done and once we have received notification relinquishing the parish council of all its responsibilities we will hand over the money we are holding.

Councillors Training

Cllr Rendall has attended a meeting on noxious plants.

To Report Any Urgent Decisions Since the Last Meeting

The lengthsman contacted the clerk and chairman regarding the ditching that need to be done in particular along Venn Lane. It was agreed by the parish council to hire a contractor for two days to do as much as possible along Venn Lane then we will review the situation and possibly hire him to do other areas in the parish that are prone to flooding. The clerk is to ask the lengthsman to clear the signs at Kings Green and Poplar Road.

Correspondence

For decision by the parish council. (information only) Cllr. Rendall informed the parish council that a Waymarking Day had been held in the parish. Cllr. Panton agreed to respond to the WMRSS. Emails regarding NPDC; Letter regarding Countryside Area Access Officer. Policing Matters; Involve Newsletter; Lengthsman Scheme; Email Re: Cob House Fisheries; Calc mail (emailed) 9-13; 9-15; 9-16; 9-17; 9-18; 9-19. Fieldwork Magazine; CPRE Newsletter; Worcestershire Warden. Email:-Big Lottery Funding; Community First E Bulletin; Water Mains replacement – Ombersley; Stray Dog Service.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be 17 August 2009. Meetings were arranged for 28 September; 9 November and 14 December 2009. Please check dates and bring your diaries. All will be in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30pm.

Enjoy films?

**Then sign up for the Little
Witley Film Society SEASON
TICKET for only £30.00!**

Benefits include:

1 FREE show

End of Season party!

Help plan programmes

Contact: Jean Latham on

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In the Garden



In the Garden In September

Late summer-early autumn weather can be great, making September a good month for planting. Trees, shrubs, climbers, herbaceous perennials and biennials can all be planted now and have time to get established before the colder, wetter weather arrives. It is a good idea to put in plenty of compost and some fertiliser as you are planting to get your plants off to a good start, it is better to make an effort to improve the soil before planting shrubs and perennials simply because it is so much more difficult to do it afterwards.

Large clumps of hardy perennials such as *Crocsmia* and *Hemerocallis* (Day Lilies) will benefit from being split up now, as soon as the leaves start to yellow. Towards the end of the month bring tender perennials such as Fuchsias inside and think about lifting Dahlias and Cannas. Finding frost-free storage space can be a challenge but remember that we had some very sharp frosts last winter and you may lose tender plants left outside. Take

cuttings of *Pelargoniums*, they often do better grown from new cuttings than the overwintered mature plant.

September is the best month for planting Spring-flowering bulbs (except tulips). When you are planting, incorporate some compost and grit to help drainage, most bulbs don't like sitting in soggy soil. If your soil is clay you will probably do better planting in compost in containers.

In the vegetable garden, Spring cabbages can be planted out, but don't forget to protect them with netting or you will just be feeding the pigeons. Keep picking beans, and please remember, fellas, big beans are only good for show, not for eating! Outdoor tomatoes need to be picked by the end of the month and if necessary they can be ripened indoors. Carrots and beetroot can be lifted and stored but parsnips are best left a little longer. You might like to try sowing a green manure, such as mustard, on empty ground, which should prevent autumn

weeds establishing and can be dug in next spring to improve the soil.

This is a key month for those of you who are lawn carers. Basic Autumn lawn care involves 1,'Scarifying' - raking out the dead grass and moss, 2,'Aerating'- making holes in the compacted ground to allow oxygen from the air to reach the grass roots, and 3,Feeding with specially-formulated



Crocsmia

autumn lawn feed. While you are in the swing of it, this is also the time to reseed the bare patches.

Gardens to Visit

September brings the end of the visiting season for most gardens. Shuttlefield Cottage at Storridge, Malvern is open for the National Gardens Scheme on 19, 26 & 27 September (afternoons). Malvern Show is with us again on 26-27 September. The theme this time is 'A Celebration of Nature's Harvest'.

JC

Composting Musings

Maybe by the time you read this we'll be in the midst of an Indian Summer! As I write (in August), it is pouring again, the trees blowing violently in the wild winds that seem to have plagued our summer this year. My runner beans are now leaning drunkenly, the vines on the windward side having acquired a "parting" from the prevailing south-westerlies.

Composting is always high on the agenda. The wet season has resulted in a mass of very lush growth, and consequently the compost bins are filling up faster than usual. This makes me very happy. There's never enough compost. But, the downside is finding enough carbon-rich material to mix with all this green stuff. Up to now I had a good supply of shredded prunings to use, but this is nearly exhausted, and I am now reduced to scavenging corrugated cardboard from supermarkets to balance the mix, along with scrunched up low-grade paper,

and non-returnable egg boxes. (The high quality paper gets recycled into more paper).

Most people think of mulching as a drought-prevention measure, but it is also a great way to prevent water-logging, as compost and other organic mulches absorb excess moisture in the soil. Mulching not only prevents heavy rain from damaging the soil surface, it also encourages worms to pull it into the soil. The worm tunnels become perfect mini land drains! Everything benefits, from soil that is aerated and rich in beneficial microbes and humus, to healthy plants. Compost locks up carbon, so you're doing your bit for the planet too!

Don't let extreme weather put you off composting. Your garden will reward you for all your efforts!

AH

Martley Allotment Association

We are nearly up-and-running, and by the time you read this, we might have some land!

If you are interested in having an allotment in Martley, or want to find out more, contact Angie Hill on 01886 888762 or angiehill1350@yahoo.co.uk





Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

September already and it's the time we start to wind up again from a 'quieter' holiday period. It really is 'back to school' now the holidays are over. I don't know if you noticed the signs that were up as soon as the school holidays arrived, 'Back to school' was featured in many a shop. A little sad when you are only just beginning

your holiday, it is something that has happened for years even when I was a youngster so it must have been happening a while! I remember the mixed emotions of returning to school, of an eager expectation of new things, new classmates,

new lessons, a new teacher. I particularly remembered starting secondary school when we had to get so many new items of clothing and equipment. There were the uniform, the sports gear, the books and more. I remember my first day at secondary school carrying a satchel full of stuff that I could hardly carry. Everything was so different.

I mention this because this month there are events that focus on the past and on returning somewhere. The 'Heritage weekend' (11-13 September) will be a time to remember the past and its influence upon us now. There are talks and displays planned at Martley and the sponsored cycle ride that some of you are taking part in will bring you to many a place with which you may have memories.

At the end of the month there is the national 'Back to Church Sunday' (27 September) happening across our family of churches. Maybe we have memories of church that go back some time maybe we don't but it is a chance to come along and worship. You may have told yourself, "I must go to a service sometime this year",

but don't know when to start. For others it may be a whole new concept to go to church. Whoever we are there is a welcome for each and every one. Like that first day back at school we may be anxious, excited even

expectant, when we get there things may have changed, or may not, whatever why not come along and see for yourself and join in with the worship that happens week by week within our Churches. God Bless you all

Rev David Sherwin

Thank You Martley

Thank you to everyone who helped make the flower festival a success, for all the hard work put in by everyone. Thanks are due also for those involved with making the fete and special summer events like the Holiday Club possible. At the end of July we enjoyed a wonderful time with Masanori Takashi and his friends from Milan his singing was a delight and inspiration.


Sat 26 September
Heritage Weekend
Performances of
Twelfth Night
2pm and 7.30pm at Martley
Memorial Hall

Church Services for September

Tue 1 Sept	10am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 2 Sept	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 3 Sept	9am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 6 SEPT	8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 7 Sept	9am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 8 Sept	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 9 Sept	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 10 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sat 12 Sept	(Heritage Weekend)
	7pm Cheese and wine evening, St Peter's, Martley
SUN 13 SEPT	(Heritage Weekend)
	8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
	10.30am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	6.00pm Songs of Praise, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 14 Sept	8.30am Prayer Breakfast
Tue 15 Sept	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 16 Sept	10.15 Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 17 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 20 SEPT	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley
	3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel
	6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 21 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 22 Sept	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 23 Sept	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 24 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
SUN 27 SEPT	National back to church Sun
	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Mon 28 Sept	9am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tue 29 Sept	0.00 Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 30 Sept	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley



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And finally ...

Broadcasting boobos

Beg, Borrow or Steal (BBC2):

Jamie Theakston: Where do you think Cambridge University is?

Contestant: Geography isn't my strong point.

Theakston: There's a clue in the title.

Contestant: Leicester?

Mobile Library

Ockeridge

Silver Oaks 9.45–10.05

Wichenford

Malvern View 10.10–10.35

Church 10.45–11.05

Kings Green Farm 11.15–11.40

Rosses Green 11.45–12.05

Martley Hillside

Horn Lane Bungalows 12.10–12.25

Martley

Taylors of Martley 12.30–12.45

LUNCH

Heaton House 1.20–1.50

Church. 1.55–2.15

Clifton

Village Hall 2.30–3.50

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

16 Sept 2009

7 October 2009

28 Oct 2009

18 Nov 2009

9 Dec 2009

30 Dec 2009

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