

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

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in
the month

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

See Church Words p. 27 for details of services

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



Farm Open Day

Dave and Deb Powell will be opening The Pard House Farm, Shelsley Beauchamp, on the afternoon of Saturday 25 September for a rare chance to view a traditional, working livestock farm in the Teme Valley.



Martley & District Horticultural Society

The trip to Wisley on 17 July was well supported and everyone enjoyed these extensive gardens with the weather remaining fine all day. We saw outstanding borders, rockeries, many alpines, Japanese garden, glasshouses, herbs, vegetable area, wild flower/ woodland walk, trial garden, lakes – in fact just about everything you could think of, so many different bits! There's a learning centre and a plant centre, and a large rose garden in

memory of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is being planted. Members had lots to talk about on the way home!

Members were not able to go to Honey Brook Cottage, Kidderminster on 29 July and instead visited Barnards Green House, near Malvern, the home of Mr & Mrs Nicholls and at one time of Sir Charles Hastings The house dates from 1635, and the garden is now a little smaller than it used to be owing to one area being sold for a small housing development. The owners and their Labrador welcomed us at the front door, and after a short talk Mrs Nicholls led the party through a wooded area (magnificent tall mature trees – one a Hornbeam) where we saw many shade-loving plants, shrubs, ferns etc, some rather unusual. Emerging from here we saw roses and a superb row of juicy Black Satin blackberries (yes, we did!!), then on we went to the large lawned area with its enormous cedar tree, also a cut-leaf beech (rare) and a lovely weeping ash. The flower borders just



had to be admired – so colourful, and we particularly loved the phlox specimens and hydrangeas. There is an oval pool with water plants and a ‘white and silver’ bed. Some lovely old stone gate pillars make an interesting feature in one corner, also a really huge vase – made by the Nicholls’ daughter-in-law. To finish the tour we visited the vegetable garden and saw fine tomato plants in the greenhouse. Then, to cap it all – tea and home-made cakes on the lawn. Just the job for a summer evening!

On Thursday 30 September Kim Hurst will talk on Cottage Gardens.

Tina Steele



Martley WI

**Wednesday 8 September
7.30pm Heaton House**

With the summer break behind us, it's time to get busy on all the Autumn treats waiting for us. One thing in process of planning is to have a coffee morning in aid of a military charity organisation. More details later. The recent talk by Sara Dover on “Food for Thought” was most enlightening, especially her descriptions of how health problems can be diagnosed from various apparently unrelated symptoms.

This month Pauline Mills, one of our very new talented members, will be demonstrating Floral Art. Having seen her productions in church for the

flower festival in 2009, we are looking forward to it very much. The competition is for a holiday souvenir.

Kate King

Plug&Play

Martley Parish Council wishes to introduce Plug and Play, Worcestershire's comprehensive interactive events and activities guide for young people. It has been designed by Worcestershire County Council Youth Support with a wide range of partner organisations. It covers sports, arts, music, film, entertainment, workshops, exhibitions, performances and much, much more: www.plugandplay.org.uk

Free Is The Magic Number: When we say that Plug&Play is a free service, we really mean it. Whether you're looking for something to do or you're advertising your own event, it's all free.

Sorry Grandad, It's Not For You: Unlike all of the other guides out there, our service is just for the under 20's as we give you information about events and activities that are relevant to you!

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It's Good To Share: in a band and want to advertise your gigs? In a theatre group and want to publicise

your performances? Just heard about an event or activity that you think everyone should know about? Share and promote your events for free with Plug&Play.

We don't just tell you what's on, we can help you get there with information about transport and travelling directions to make sure you know where you're going. Visit www.plugandplay.org.uk



Teme Valley Children's Centre

Nearly New Table Top Sale

As many of you know, Teme Valley Children's Centre has hosted two successful Nearly New Table Top Sales at Abberley Village Hall this year, buying and selling children and babies' clothes, toys and equipment. Nearly all of the sellers have made a good profit, and the buyers have been able to find plenty of quality items at bargain prices. Having 'The Coffee Haven' at the sale has also been a great success. People are able to enjoy a drink and a slice of cake whilst meeting new people and chatting to staff - see for yourself and visit our next sale on Saturday 25 September at Abberley Village Hall 11.30am—1pm. Admission 50p. Get there early and be the first to find those great

bargains! For more information please contact the Children's Centre on 01886 812982 or email Tasha on natasha.morgan@barnardos.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

TVCC and Barnardo's

Teme Valley Children's Centre is one of eight across the county to be run by Barnardo's Children's Charity. It forms part of an ambitious partnership set up two years ago between Barnardo's and Worcestershire County Council to help improve the life chances of pre school children. TVCC is a Barnardo's Children Centre. Registered Charity Nos 216250 and SCO37605

You will no doubt be aware that our overall aim is to support families with children of 0-5 years, across much of the Teme Valley. We can now reach out to families who requiring additional support and have links with many other service providers in the Teme Valley such as health visitors, midwives, health clinics, CAB, libraries, local police team, housing, nurseries, pre-schools and schools. We recently transferred to Barnardo's who already run Children's Centres in Worcestershire and nationally. This is an exciting development for us, as their charitable aims are so similar to ours.

We appreciate being able to put a regular piece into The Villager and other local publications as we recognise what an effective way it is to make contact with many rurally-isolated families. Here is a quick overview of the courses and services

we will be running in the near future around the Teme Valley :

- 1) 'Family Fun' Activity Sessions
- 2) Antenatal and Postnatal classes
- 3) Paediatric First Aid Courses
- 4) Nearly New Table Top Sale

Natasha Morgan

Community Development Worker

Teme Valley Children's Centre

Pound Lane, Clifton Upon Teme, WR6 6DH

Martley Pre-School Snippets

Firstly, I must apologise for the lack of a pre-school snippets for the last couple of months. I am currently studying a Masters Degree in Early Childhood, and am now also a mentor for the University of Worcester; however I make no excuses!

At the start of this academic year, we have to bid farewell to some children who leave us to start "big school". This is always hard, but we wish Charlie Cant, Myles Robson, Owen Phillips, Leah Knight, Orla Burton, Felicity Gibbins, Summer Cole, Luke Stratford, Esme Eggleton, Hannah Huke, Archie Spares and Tristan Broadbent-Tozer the best of luck for their future time at school.

At the end of the summer term, we had a trip to Warwick Castle. All the children, their mums, dads and grandparents came along for a day's exploring. Whether it was climbing the many steps up the tower and battlements, dressing up as princesses, watching the birds of prey display or seeing the portcullis be lowered, a great day was had by all ages! On 28 June, pre-school took part in ECERS, the Early Childhood Environmental

Rating Scale inspection. The staff worked incredibly hard for this inspection and passed it well. It will benefit pre-school children and the care that we provide for them. Well done to the staff that took part.

There are some name changes taking place at pre-school. We would like to congratulate Lucy (Our Deputy Manager) who became Mrs. Lucy Frost on 28 August and have welcomed her mother Katie Albutt as a member of staff within our Out of School clubs. I am to become Mrs. Kathryn Norgrove on 18 September at Martley Church.

Don't forget! We are a registered eco-setting with 20 years of history and children can start from two years old and are entitled to 15 hours free from the term after their third birthday. We also have breakfast and after school clubs, and holiday clubs for children aged 2-13 years. If you need any information, or would like to book a place for your child please feel free to call Kath or Lucy on 01886 889127 or visit our website www.martleypreschool.co.uk

Kathryn Smith BA (Hons)

FdA eyp status

Martley Ramblers

12 Sept. 10am Church car park

The recent walk up and over Clee Hill was one of the more scenic climbs for many months. It was not without incident but one and all eventually arrived back safely at base camp.

This month Helen and George Coombey-Jones will be leading

around Martley Parish. Information is that it will be mainly on the flat and level. Is that possible in our village? But why not come, one and all, to find out. Note early start 10am.

Kate King

Pudford Tweets

John and Jacqui Owen, formerly of Fair View, have been back on a short visit from Canada and wish to be remembered to all, especially the ladies in the library. John has supplied some more of his Canadian-sourced jokes, which may be inflicted upon readers in due course. Many locals may have seen his distinctive (read 'ancient') car around. Many thanks to Alan Jefferies for helping us with our hay crop this year. There were only 36



quite heavy bales, but enough to keep Jacob munching and chickens happy scratching amongst it. Otherwise, not much else to report from peaceful Pudford, where the usual country sounds of sheep baaing, donkey braying, mowers cutting, chainsaws and hammering fill the air.

Kate King

Volunteers Needed For a Rural Access Project

I am looking for volunteers to take part in a small project in the Martley and Longdon areas of the Malvern Hills District. This research project seeks to understand how location

affects the ability of rural communities to access specific services, and the impact of that on people's quality of life, especially those who are older or who are economically disadvantaged. If you have experienced any of the following life events and would like to take part, I would like to hear from you:

- Having a baby in the last two years
- Loss of employment
- Loss of a partner
- Loss of health through increasing age

Your participation in the project would involve being interviewed once for approximately 1 hour. The project is due to start in August and end in December 2010. As a result of research, there will be:

- Identification of the range of services and opportunities that are expected of the public sector and needed in rural communities.
- Assessment of the extent to which these needs are currently met within Malvern Hills district.
- Assessment of the effect of a rural location and access difficulties has on the quality of life of people living in a rural community.
- Identification of those services and opportunity needs which have most impact on quality of life.

For more information about this project, or to volunteer for this project, please contact Dr Kerry Dooner, Performance and Policy Analyst, Malvern Hills District Council, kerry.dooner@malvernhills.gov.uk 01684 862222

Village Hall News

Fundraising and use of the hall has been a little slow so far this year so let's hope it picks up over the holiday period. If anyone is thinking of holding a party or event why not book the Village Hall? We can also offer for hire cutlery, plates, dishes, cups and saucers, glasses and tables and chairs if extras are needed. Please speak to Dave Cropp or a committee member.

Watch out for the Table Top Sale planned for Sunday 31 October (2pm-4pm) - tables only £10 - more on this shortly.

Martley 100 Club

Number 14 pulled out this month goes to Julie Honeybourne — congratulations to the Honeybourne family with husband Simon winning the month before.

Annette Smith

Martley Spurs Football Club

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored us this season – Eddie Murphy (three First Aid Kits) and Roy Oakey (tea, sugar and cups).

Also thank you to the Crown Inn, Martley for chips after the matches. Thank you to Gordon Griffiths for all the work he has done over the season (mowing field, marking out the pitch. etc.) Special thanks to our Secretary for all the work she has had to do to keep matches and cup matches sorted out for us, and to the ladies who keep our kits washed for us.

If we have missed anyone, sorry, but believe us, we appreciate everything

that is done for our club. Last Season Saturday side won the Baylis Cup, the Sunday Reserves won the League and the Sunday Premier won Old Infirmary Cup (Floodlit Cup).

(Anonymous writer)



Just A reminder - don't forget to get your tickets for "The Importance of Being Earnest", one of Oscar Wilde's classic comedies, to be performed in Martley Village Hall 24 -25 September with a matinee performance at the Hunters Lodge Sinton Green Saturday 25 September, comedy on the green, as you might say!

Auditions for our pantomime, Dick Whittington will take place on Monday 27 September at 6.30pm at the village hall. You may think that with the brilliant acting talent we already have, new faces are not necessary, far from it, we always need new talent so come and join in the fun!

Janet Eggleton

Pensax Thrift Shop

The total money raised to date from the fund raising efforts in aid of Help for Heroes is £1,500. The cheque will be handed over at 10 am on Wednesday 6 October. Hopefully Help for Heroes Christmas cards will be on sale from that date.

Martley's Past

I recently found two references to the 1914 war. The first was following the 12 October note which said "Owing to the hop-picking not being finished the 5 weeks August Harvest Holidays were extended by 1 week. Many are still away as the hops are not yet picked."

"15 October 1914, Mr A H Gummery, Gardening Instructor the Chantry School, having gone on Military duty, the Gardening Classes have been suspended."

The second reference was 15 March 1915. "The Managers have refused to entertain the application of the Master (H Humpherson ALB) for leave for Medical Examination for Military Service during the War."

A L Boon

Martley Parish Council

The record of the July meeting was not available to The Villager at the time of going to press. Please apply to the Parish Clerk (see p. 28) if you wish to see a record of this meeting.

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*)

Martley Harvest Celebration 2010

Saturday 2 October 2010

7.00 pm

At Martley Village Hall



Tickets:

Adult £7.50

Primary-Age

Child £5.00

Transition News

A local resident has posed two questions concerning generating electricity locally, for readers of The Villager to consider. Firstly, water power – could an Archimedes screw on the River Teme provide electricity that could be sold to the National Grid to benefit locals? And another one on the northern part of Laugharne Brook, with a third supplying power for the houses around the Laugharne Brook area of Horn Lane? Even Flatford Mill is having one – perhaps Constable would have been delighted! Secondly, could a traditional windmill provide electricity to grind corn and provide flour for a bakery? This enterprise could generate new local jobs – and enormous interest. Of course, grants,

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Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Church Flowers

5 September Mrs Williams
12 September Mrs Hadfield
19 September Mrs Smith
26 September Mrs Smith

Ladies Fellowship

The next meeting of the Ladies Fellowship is on Wednesday 22 September at 2.30 in the Village Hall.
Dates for you Diary

3 October is the Harvest Festival followed by the Harvest Supper on 9 October.

Well done Wendy

Congratulations and well done to Wendy. She did her 10th "Cancer Walk for Life" on 13 June, raising £525. Wendy would like to say a 'Big thank you' to all those who sponsored her.

Ivy Perkins

Wichenford Village Fete

On Saturday 24 July, Wichenford Biennial Village Fete was again a tremendous success raising £4211.46

for the village community. Our thanks go to all the stall holders who worked tirelessly before, during and after, and to all those who joined us on the day. We have to give a special thanks to Janet Andrews our outgoing chairperson who served the Fete Committee for over 16 years, the success of Saturday was due to her hard work done in the past.

Lindsay Webb

A High-Powered Award

Readers will be interested to learn that one of our local senior citizens has received an international life-time achievement award. Rod Latham, who is an Emeritus Professor of Applied Physics, and runs the Worcester U3A's Science and Technology Group here in Wichenford's Memorial Hall, is to be presented with the Dyke Award in Brunswick, Germany, by the ISDEIV international community of scientists and engineers concerned with the challenging technological problem of insulating high voltages in space and other vacuum environments. During his time at Aston University,

where he eventually became Pro-Vice Chancellor, Rod's main driving force was always research, and he wrote three books and over 100 scientific papers on his speciality (see www.rodtham.co.uk), and gained an international reputation in his field. In fact, one of his books is still the "bible" of his subject. Surprisingly, this award has come belatedly after 15 years of formal retirement from active scientific research. This is probably because Rod's ideas have always been very radical, and a bit too threatening for the scientific establishment in the past. Time has now proved him correct, and has led to a paradigm shift in his subject! We congratulate Rod on his achievement, and wish him well in his on-going retirement, although all his friends know he will never actually retire from his quest for scientific understanding.

J. Latham

Quiz Night

We have a Quiz night in Wichenford at the Village Hall on Saturday 11 September, to raise funds for the new kitchen and bar. Quiz master is David Hibbitt. It is £6 a head to include fish and chip supper. There is a bar open from 7pm and heads down at 7.30. Tables of four.



Wichenford 100 Club

July winners: 1st H Mason £75 and returned subscriptions to Mick Harris and Matt Fowle. Thank you to Heather Rendall for doing the draw this month and congratulations to all our winners. After talking to Helen the morning of the draw we were delighted to have drawn her number as it's her first time to win.

Clair Corbett

Little Witley Film Society

These films are what you can look forward to in our forthcoming season:

Looking for Eric- 25 September

The Reader-30 October

Julie and Julia-27 November

Brideshead Revisited- 22 January

The Bucket List-26February

Cherry Blossoms- 26 March

Invictus- 23 April

Party in May - date to be arranged.

For details of how to join, see below.

Jean Latham

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

01886 888122

or Bob Jose on 01886 888383.

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Dates For Winter Lectures
Wichenford Local Heritage Group
2010-2011.

22 September Registration 7.00 - 8.00
Heather Rendall The History of
Footpaths and their important
evidence

20 October Duncan James Bromyard
inside out

17 November Hal Dalwood The
excavations at The Butts

15 December Foxtail Soup Christmas
Concert Wichenford Memorial Hall
2011

19 January Mike Field Thatching:
Nail-making: Shearing - 3 films

16 February Alan Stoyel Watermills
and their place in the landscape.

16 March Adam Mindykowski
Medieval landscape development

20 April tbc either Perry and Cider
Making or Labour Revolt in the
1840s.

Subscription for 2010-2011: Single
lectures £5.00 entry or £30 for all 8
lectures

Free Palaeography classes with Kevin
Down. But please note: the 2011
Church trip with Tim Bridges will be
by coach around the Norman churches
of Hereford - separate payment.



Nora Parsons Day Centre

News from the Day Centre

We held a very successful coffee morning on 15 July with over 50 people popping in to see what we are all about and enjoying a chat at the same time. Worcester Round Table volunteers kindly came one evening armed with their pizzas and refreshing drinks and cleared the passageway between the Millennium Green and the Centre. They removed all the weeds and planted some shrubs which had been kindly donated by Laylocks Garden Centre. The Round Table have also donated £5,000 towards the refurbishment of our toilets which now look absolute super – many, many thanks to the guys. They so enjoyed themselves they are going to come back and do some more gardening for us! We had a cake stall at Wichenford Fete and we raised £186.00. Many thanks to all who baked for us.

Our next outing is in September when we will be going back in time and travelling on the Severn Valley Railway – fish and chip lunch included.

And last but not least, we are holding an auction on Saturday 30 October at Martley will be ably assisted by our Patron, Cath Mackie. If anyone has



anything they could donate for the auction please either phone the Day Centre 01886 888374 or me on 01886 888472 and we will arrange collection. Please come along on 30 October and enjoy a fun evening – don't forget to bring your wallets!!

Janet Dale, Secretary

A Sporting Tradition Revived

Since arriving at Kenswick Manor more than ten years ago, I have often heard mention, with fond memories, of the cricket matches hosted by Brigadier Britten against local sides, so on Saturday 24 July we re-established this fine tradition. We had gamely but inexpertly, prepared a wicket and, dressed in kit which had seen better days—and in the most cases had been worn on smaller frames, we took to the “Cricket Field” with a definite sense of following others who had played before.

Two cricket teams contested a keenly-fought Invitational match under Twenty20 rules. The “Coach House Trotters”, led by long-standing Kenswick resident and “Keeper” Nick Claridge prevailed. Chris Jones opened the bowling and batted extremely competently, ably supported down the order by the youth policy which saw Ross Wilkin, Emma Claridge and Felix Alexander keep the scoreboard ticking over until a comfortable win was achieved.

The “Manor House” was skippered by the combative Paul Burton, supported by Manor stalwarts Marcel Young, Norman Barrow, Terry Chappell and David Richardson and a few “ringers”. Arguably there was more experience than youth on show....the use of a “runner” was taken when required and a bit of “turn” was found by students of “The King of Spain” – nod to local hero Ashley Giles!

Fifty years or so ago cricket matches at Kenswick Manor were a popular part of local competitive cricket. Recently-arrived Kenswick Manor resident David Richardson well remembers walking up the drive to Kenswick Manor and the Brigadier welcoming his father with "Good to see you Richardson, got a good side?"

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popular part of local
competitive cricket.*

The teams had lunch in the Tythe Barn (which was a real tennis court at that time), the Brigadier was always competitive and extremely hospitable to visiting sides.

Our day went spectacularly well and another link with tradition was celebrated when Georgina Britten-Long (a grand daughter of the Brigadier) presented a Family Decanter trophy – now known as the Kenswick Cup - to the winning team. A splendid BBQ supper was enjoyed by the Manor Cricketers and guests hosted by Margaret Box and family at the Garden Cottage. We are extremely keen to piece together more of the history of

Kenswick Manor Cricket and would love to hear from anyone who has recollections of the games.

We would also be interested to hear of any local Cricketers or teams interested in playing next summer.

For a photograph of the Hallow Cricket side that would have played the Brigadier Britten's "Kenswick" team back in 1945/6 directly after the war, please see the News page of the Martley website (www.martley.org.uk). Some of the names were Mr Appleton (umpire) Francis (Frank) Richardson, Ogie Gillett, John Dutson, Rolly Rodgers, Eric Price, John Appleton, Bill Evans, and Ken Gardener

Nick Claridge

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The Coach House, Kenswick Manor

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12 July 2010 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

District and County Councillors Report

Cllr. Williams has been made an executive member at Malvern Hills District Council. The compost scheme is running again. The green or black bins are £12 for a 220ltr or £15 for a £330ltr. (See p.25 of the August issue of The Villager for details). A rural access project is being run by MHDC and volunteers from the Longdon and Martley area are needed

for interview. (See item asking for volunteers earlier in this issue of The Villager for details). There is a mobile CCTV unit available at MHDC. A leaflet for the "plug and play" scheme for the under 20's was distributed. (See earlier in this issue of The Villager for details). Cllr Williams was asked if a contact number for planning/enforcement was available for weekends and bank holidays. County Cllr. Davies reported that due to government cuts finances are suffering. £9.5million has been cut from WCC. £46million applied for schools budget may go, and the NW link proposal has gone. The funding for highways will not be reduced. The work on Holt Bridge should start Jan 2011 and finish March 2012. Traffic management will be manual and will be for 50% of the time. Once work is complete it should revert back to 40tonne limit.

Minutes

The minutes were signed as a true record.

Progress Reports

A letter regarding the Halls sign at Castle Hill was read out. It was agreed to write to the owner and ask for the sign to be removed.

Planning

Applications considered since the last meeting.

10/00586/HOU Oak View Barn, Wichenford. The parish council has no objection.

10/00715/HOU The Firs, Wichenford. The parish council have no objection in principal to this proposal.

10/00784/HOU-00785/LBC Laughern Brook House. The parish council have no objection to the conversion of the existing garage but would like to see the height of the proposed new garage lowered.

Applications approved, refused, withdrawn.

10/00346/HED. Bush Farm, Wichenford.

Removal of Hedgerow. (Refused)

10/00539/FUL. Crabtree Orchard, Wichenford.

Proposed stables, tack room, hay and implement store. (Approved)

Applications to be considered.

Laughern Brook House has already been discussed.

Finance

The balance for the 30 June 2010 stands at £15,589.99. There were four cheques totalling £1,239.08 for agreement and signature, these included; Memorial Hall rent; Mike Johnson; clerk's salary and expenses. The acceptance of the finances was resolved. The insurance has now been paid. A letter from a parishioner regarding the overgrown trees on Kings green was read out. The parish council agreed to get some quotes to trim the trees and any others in the parish that may need pruning.

Parish Council Vacancies

As yet no one has come forward to be co-opted. Councillors are to approach those who expressed an interest.

Rosses/Guises Lane.

The objection report has been signed by both the CC and DC and the public notice begins 22 July.

Village Footpath

The hall committee had asked the PC to approach the DC and see if there was any possibility of a footpath from the NPDC to the Memorial Hall. We have asked the question and unfortunately there is no chance of this happening.

Correspondence

For decision by the parish council (Information only) Items issued included Planning Aid, MHDC Annual Report 2009/10, View from the Hills. Holt Fleet Bridge Refurbishment; Positive Activities for Children Grant Funding.; Rosses & Guises Lane Permanent TRO, Community First E-Bulletin.

Councillor's Reports and Items For Future Agendas

The memorial hall committee are holding a quiz night on 11 September.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Meetings were arranged for 23 August; 11 October and 22 November 2010. All will be in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30pm.

Historic Churches Annual Cycle Ride

For those of you who missed it last month, this is the annual rallying call to all cyclists in our three parishes! Participate in the annual sponsored cycle ride, and help generate funds for the Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust. The Trust plays a vital role by awarding grants for the preservation, repair, maintenance and improvement of any



Christian church in the Worcestershire Diocese.

Please could those who are willing to ride

on Saturday 11 September telephone me as soon as possible and I will issue them with the sponsorship papers. I would be most grateful if someone in each of Martley and Wichenford parishes could offer to take care of the pre- and post-event paperwork for their riders, including the collation and despatch of monies raised. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we have been able to send substantial cheques each year. Last year we raised £1338. So there's a challenge!

Chris Baker 01905 333225

Clifton-upon-Teme Art and Craft Fair

Come along to Clifton-upon-Teme village hall on Saturday 2 October to enjoy a wide range of local crafts and paintings for sale. Great Witley Art group will be exhibiting members' paintings and other crafts include cards, jewellery, handbags, cushions, jewellery boxes, homemade cakes and garden planters. This is a great opportunity to buy something different either for yourself or as a present. Entrance is free and the fair starts at 10.30am through to 4pm. with refreshments available throughout the day. There are still a few tables available at £15 each so ring Lyn on 01886 812582 if you are interested.

Generations Together

We've all got stories to tell and it was my pleasure to listen to many hours' worth last year and turn them into the play 'Back Across the Fields' at The Chantry High School. Some of the senior citizens who shared their stories even performed in the play, to the delight of the student actors. Some great friendships have been made which we're keen to develop, so we've started work on a new drama project called Generating Life-Stories. Next February we'll be performing on stage and screen in the Chantry Drama Studio. If you're interested in seeing us again, keep watching The Villager for further details—coming soon!

John Townsend

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loans and investment of time as well as money would be needed, but if anyone is interested in doing a bit more research on these projects, contact the editor on editor@martley.org and she will put you in touch with each other, or submit a request to Have Your Say on the home page of www.martley.org.

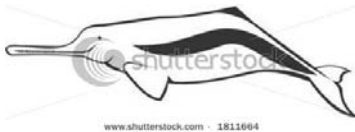
Does your bike need some attention, or maybe replacing? motov8 has cycle outlets supplying low cost refurbished bicycles and parts at Worcester Resource Exchange and on the St John's Campus of the University of Worcester. The charity also runs a bicycle loan scheme on behalf of Worcestershire County Council. See www.motov8.org.uk 01905 619068

Conservation Project in Peru



Dear Readers of The Villager

For two weeks in July 2011 a group of around 25 girls, including myself, from Wycombe Abbey boarding School in High Wycombe, will fly to Peru to partake in crucial research for Operation Wallacea. During the trip we will be conducting research for the Operation, which could involve counting the number of tapirs in the rainforest, to finding out the width of turtle shells whilst they sunbathe on the riverbanks! I will also have the opportunity to see river dolphins,



macaws, frogs and even giant otters. All the research we do will go towards helping the Operation's overall aim: conservation of the animals and the indigenous Cocama Indians, and discovering the true cost of climate change on the defenceless wildlife's habitat there. Operation Wallacea, the company we are going with, oversees a series of biological and conservation management research programmes that operate in remote locations across the world. These expeditions are designed with specific wildlife conservation aims in mind - from

identifying areas needing protection, through to implementing and assessing conservation management programmes. As a hint of what the Operation has already done, they have shown 30 vertebrate species new to science being discovered and four 'extinct' species being re-discovered.

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I hope to achieve a Certificate of Personal Excellence at the end of the expedition, and to do this I need to do much of the fundraising myself. This, therefore, is where I look to you, readers of the Villager! If you would like to find out more about the Operation, www.opwall.com is the extremely informative website, or if you would like to sponsor me, please send a cheque to: The Coach House, Laugherne Park, Martley, Worcs, WR6 6RQ. All money will go directly to support our volunteer work in Peru, and every donation will help and contribute to making a difference to the future of the rainforest.

Thank you for reading,

Harriet Monkley

In the Garden



In the Garden in September

Mild, damp weather in September is good news and bad news for gardeners. The bad news is that rust fungi thrive in these conditions. Typical symptoms are orange or dark brown spots, followed by leaf yellowing. On non-edible plants you can spray with fungicide, otherwise try picking off the infected leaves. Infections are worst where there is poor air circulation and wet foliage, so don't let your plants get overcrowded and remove dead and dying material regularly. Perennials such as crocosmias and hemerocallis (Day Lilies) which are becoming overcrowded can be lifted and divided successfully at this time of year.

The good news is that the ground is easier to work, so this is a good time to dig in manure or compost to improve the texture of the soil. Late September, when the weather cools, is a good time for planting trees, shrubs and climbers, so roots establish before the ground becomes too wet and cold. September is also the best month to plant up Spring-flowering bulbs and biennials such as foxgloves, wallflowers and winter daisies.

For those of you with lawns, late September is a key time for lawn care. Rake out the debris, spike the turf to a depth of around six inches, and finally,

apply an autumn lawn feed.

In the vegetable garden, plant onion sets and garlic, and fit grease bands around apple trees to avoid winter moth problems on next year's crop. Modern grease sprays are easier to apply than the traditional bands. At the end of the month we have the Malvern Show, well worth a visit if you are a kitchen gardener, so you can admire the exhibition vegetables.

The Picton Garden, Colwall, is open for charity on 5, 16 and 29 September, with a display of late-summer perennials and the National Collection of Michaelmas daisies. JC

Mobile Library

Ockeridge

Silver Oaks 9.45–10.05

Wichenford

Malvern View 10.10–10.35

Church 10.45–11.05

Kings Green Farm 11.15–11.40

Rosses Green 11.45–12.05

Martley Hillside

Horn Lane Bungalows 12.10–12.25

Martley

Taylors of Martley 12.30–12.45

LUNCH

Heaton House 1.20–1.50

Church 1.55–2.15

Clifton

Village Hall 2.30–3.50

The Mobile Library will be visiting these stops on Wednesdays on the dates listed below in 2010:

8 September 29 September 20 October

10 November 1 December 22 December

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Church Words

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It is with a mixture of sadness and pleasure that I write to inform you of the departure to pastures new of the Reverend Robert Barlow, Chaplain for Agriculture and Rural Life and the Reverend Bruce Thomson, our Curate of the last three years. Robert and his wife Helen, who have been with us for six years, will be moving on to Teme Valley South, which covers Hanley Broadheath and the Rochford area within the Diocese of Worcester. Bruce, with his wife Margaret's support, will be taking up the post of Team Vicar within the Leominster Team Ministry.

Their ministry among us has been very welcome; Robert has taught us about all things green and smelly, as he puts it, and has brought rural issues to the fore within the life of our parishes and the diocese beyond. Bruce has brought his own gifts and has had a deep interest in World Development issues for which we are most grateful that he has brought them to our attention. Whilst we have links with overseas mission partners, he has helped us to see the place of the world church within the life of the local church, and more recently raised over £7,000 by not running the London Marathon!

(Remember he was injured!) He has recently been covering the sabbatical of the vicar of Leigh, Alfrick and Suckley and has enjoyed his time with those parishes. I know that they have enjoyed his ministry among them. He is very much ready to take on his own parishes and I am sure he will make a very good vicar.

That leaves Jennifer and myself along with retired clergy, Adrian and John and our Readers Jill and Mark, along with a myriad of lay workers who help with the work of these parishes. I am grateful to each and every one of them for the part they play in the life of our team, especially as our team now covers areas around Leigh, Alfrick and Suckley, Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey. We do of course have a Team Vicar (Reverend Andrew Bullock) in the Leigh area and a House for Duty Priest (Reverend John Sumner) at Clifton.

Finally, we wish every blessing to be upon Bruce and Robert in their new parishes. The people whom they will be serving are to receive very good priests and I am sure they will be a blessing wherever they go. We wish Gods blessing upon them and look forward to hearing how they get on in their new lives.

Revd. David Sherwin



Church Services for September



Wed 1 Sept	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 2 Sept	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 5 Sept	.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30 am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
	6.30pm Songs of Praise, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 6 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tue 7 Sept	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 8 Sept	10.15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 9 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 12 Sept	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
	6.30pm Authorised Lay Ministry, Worcester Cathedral
Mon 13 Sept	8.30am Prayer Breakfast with Rob Barlow
Tue 14 Sept	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 15 Sept	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 16 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sun 19 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 20 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tue 21 Sept	10.00 Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 22 Sept	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thu 23 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Sat 25 Sept	8.30am WWRT Mens Breakfast at The Talbot
Sun 26 Sept	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 27 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tue 28 Sept	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 29 Sept	10.15am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Thu 30 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford



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And finally ...



Concert of Baroque Music
Concert of Baroque Music
St Leonard's Church, Cotheridge
Saturday 11 September 2010
at 3.00pm

The first half of the programme will feature a performance of the Stabat Mater by Pergolesi,, one of the finest examples of religious music of the Baroque period, sung by Jane Field (soprano), and Margot Stringer (alto), with organ accompaniment by John Swindells. The second half will be short pieces by Vivaldi and organ solos reflecting the musical period of the concert. A warm welcome awaits fans of composers from this period, as well as those for whom a baroque music concert will be a first time experience. Tickets at the door £5 include tea and cakes in the interval.

***Some more medical terms
explained***

Labour pain Getting hurt at work

Medical staff A doctor's cane

Morbid A higher offer

Nitrates Cheaper than day rates

Node I knew it

Outpatient A person who has fainted

Pelvis Second cousin to Elvis

Post operative A letter carrier

Recovery room Place to do upholstery

Rectum Nearly b....y killed him