

# The Villager

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## Diary

### Regular events:

**Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing**

Weds 7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

*Enquiries:* Jeff and Thelma 01886 821772

**Weight Watchers 6.30-7.30pm Tuesdays**

Martley Memorial Hall. *Enquiries:* Jennie Barnes 01886 888712

**Citizens Advice Bureau Teme Valley Evening Telephone Service**

Tuesdays 4.30-8pm 01584 810860

**Short mat Bowling Tuesdays 2.30pm** Martley Memorial Hall

*For Church services, please see Church News*

- Mon 1 **Martley Parish Council Meeting** 8pm Memorial Hall
- Tue 2 **School Term starts**
- Mon 10 **Martley WI: E Howard talks about house history** 7.30pm Martley Memorial Hall
- Sun 14 **Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce** 11am The Talbot, Knightwick  
**Martley Ramblers walk beside the Droitwich Canal.** Meet 1pm Church car park
- Wed 17 **Citizens Advice Bureau:** 12-1pm Great Witley Surgery and 1.30-2.30pm Knightwick Surgery - by appointment. Tel. 01584 810860
- Thu 18 **Meeting of The Wine Club** 8pm Wichenford Memorial Hall
- Thu 25 **Martley & District Horticultural Society: Roy Mantle talks on mushrooms and toadstools** 7.30pm Martley Memorial Village Hall
- Fri 26 **Martley Harvest Supper**
- Sun 28 **“Norm’s Shed” Sale** 10am -5pm Keepers Cottage, Ockeridge
- Coming up in Wichenford:**

**Fri 31 October:** *The River Severn Part 1—A talk and slide show by Brian Draper*

**Fri 21 November:** *Wine & Cheese and Barbers Shop Singers*

**Sat 7 February 2004:** *Quiz Night with John Harwood*

*For further details phone 01886 888214*

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# Martley Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of the Martley Parish Council Held on Monday 7 July 2003 at the Memorial Hall (Mr D Cropp – Chairman)

## MATTERS ARISING

Cones in Willow Road. These have at last been removed.

Outflow at Hillside. The outflow contaminated with diesel has been resolved, but at considerable expense.

T-junction in centre of village. The Clerk raised this matter with the Highways Partnership and stressed the potential for a serious accident. They are arranging for the junction to be inspected to determine if an alteration to the signage or road marking could achieve some improvement.

New access on B4197 at Ankerdine. The Enforcement Officer has been informed. The reply indicated that the matter would have low priority due to staff shortage and backlog of work. It was agreed that the situation was unsatisfactory.

Barrier on Footpath 88. The WCC have not yet carried out the work but hopes to complete it in the next four to five weeks.

## PARISH MATTERS

Mrs K Day of 3 The Bungalows, Berrow Green, concerned at the speed of vehicles, wondered if the 30mph limit could be continued past the entrance to these bungalows. Visibility from their exits is poor. It was doubted that extending the 30mph limit would

be permitted. It was suggested that Mrs Day and her neighbour could write down for further discussion how improvements could be made.

## REPORTS

In the absence of Mr A Davies (CC) there was no report.

Mrs B Williams (DC) was still very concerned at the speed of vehicles passing the Martley Schools on the Worcester Road, despite the 30mph restriction and signs. Suggestions were made regarding possible changes to the road surface. She will be discussing further action to promote safety with the Highways Department. The Chairman considered that traffic speeds in the parish should be discussed when the Parish Plan is drawn up.

In the absence of Mr J Nicklin it was confirmed that the Path Or Nones were very active clearing footpaths.

## PLANNING

Applications for comment: Endways, Hockhams Lane - amended drawing. Councillors did not wish to change their original views. Cherry Orchard, Newtown - amended drawings. Neither the Parish Council nor neighbours wish to alter their original comments as a result of these changes. Old House, Horsham - new extension. The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposed extension that is out of keeping. Old Granary, Martley - single storey extension (Listed Building in

the Conservation area). The design is sympathetic to the overall dwelling but the Parish Council was concerned about the proximity and integrity of the boundary with the neighbouring dwelling. Endways, Hockhams Lane - formation of ponds for Great Crested Newt Mitigation Scheme. The Parish Council had no objections.

Planning decisions by MHDC: No.2 Vernon Close - conservatory, side extension & carport, application refused. Honeycomb Cottage, Willow Road, Martley - conservatory. Permission granted.

Proposed diversion of Footpath No.10. This proposal diverts the footpath from going through the centre of Pudford Farm. There were no objections.

Planning application for Martley Millennium Green Information Board. It was agreed to put in a joint planning application with the Martley Millennium Green Trust for a 6ft x 3ft Information Board, which should result in a reduced planning fee.

#### FINANCE

a) Seven cheques totalling £883.62 agreed and signed.

b) Approval and completion by Councillors of the Annual Return for the 2002/03 accounts. Report from the internal Auditor approving all aspects of his inspection of the accounts - there were no comments or criticisms. Councillors then went through eight items on section 2 of the Statement of Assurance of the Annual Return and gave their answers.

c) The renovation of the Bus Shelter by the Lengthman was agreed

d) Martley Web Site. The Chairman referred to the agreement to set up the Parish Web Site. It was anticipated that it would cost about £106.00 per year. He will obtaining further details.

e) Laughern Valley Travel. Details of coach times etc are published in the Villager and a cheque for £50.00 agreed for start up costs for tickets etc.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of dates and times of Training Meetings and invitations from the Nora Parsons Day Centre, CPRE and Elgar Housing, who start work on Heaton House this month. The County Council has asked for Parish Councils' assistance with the Definitive Map for footpaths and bridleways. Details are on the web site <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/home/> Click on above Scroll to bottom and check on "map of paths".

Letter from the Deputy Prime Minister regarding the New Ethical Framework Regulations for the Code of Conduct and from Mr Alun Michael, of DEFRA, enclosing the final requirements for a Quality Parish Council, are being circulated. COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr Taylor will be attending the Martley Sports Committee and agreed to query the poor condition of the outside wooden cladding. Mr N Stammers hoped to invite a suitable Police Officer to the next meeting and

# OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—[www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk)

## ***Parish Link Bus-Service***

The evening service that has been running between Martley and Worcester on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday seems to be quite a success. Some runs have been full, and overall it has been at a capacity of about 30%. Considering this has been holiday time it looks quite promising.

## ***A Warning!***

Lord Sarumon wishes to warn the people living happily in Martley that a time of trouble will descend like darkness over the land. (We think this must be something to do with The Harvest Supper play...*Ed.*)

## ***Allotments***

There has been quite positive response after the notice in the August issue of The Villager. We will now be carrying out a feasibility study.

Anyone else who is interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

*Dave Cropp*

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

We decide to enter this year. Basically, we had to make a case in thirty-five different areas about the

strengths of our village in all its aspects, and we think Martley is really showing the way forward for active rural communities.

At the time of going to press, we do not yet know if Martley has made it onto the short-list for Worcestershire. If we do, there will be a two-hour presentation to the judging team during August. If by chance Martley were successful, we would then go on to a Regional Competition with fairly impressive financial incentives!

We will let you know as soon as it happens

*Dave Cropp*

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

Society members were invited to “Hillend Bridge”, Pudford Lane for their meeting in the garden of their vice-chairmen Ray and Pauline Ellis. Fortunately the rain stayed away and members were able to stroll around this recreated garden that Ray and Pauline have worked very hard on, since they moved in three years ago. The chairman, Barbara Kirby, expressed members’ thanks for a very pleasant evening. At the meeting on Thursday 25 September at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall, the speaker will be Roy Mantle. His subject

'Mushrooms and Toadstools – a guide to garden fungi'. Bring your own for Roy to identify. New members most welcome.

*Nellie Bradley*



**Martley WI**

## ***A Big Thank You***

**from Martley & District Pre-School**

What a FANTASTIC day! Many, many thanks to everyone who supported our Fun Day on 20 July.

Mr & Mrs Finch very kindly offered to host the event at their home and provided a superb BBQ lunch for everyone. The garden setting was delightful, company excellent and best of all the children were happily entertained all afternoon with bouncy castle, face painting, tattoos, crazy hair and endless games. A huge thank you to the Finch family and especially to Ben who very kindly allowed all the children to play with his toys.

As part of the fundraising we held an enormously successful Promises Auction. A big thank you to everyone (local organisations and individuals) who donated promises to the auction and to everyone who very generously bid for the promises. We raised a staggering £2000 – all of which is going to the Pre-school funds.

There were many helpers and supporters for the day—too many to name them all—thank you to everyone for making this so successful and lots of fun too!

*Jane Hall (Treasurer)*

*Registered charity number 1056248*

**Wednesday 10 September at 7.30pm**

If you have ever wondered about a house you've lived in, how old, who has lived there before, perhaps Mrs Howard, the speaker this month, will be able to give some hints about finding out. The competition is an 'Interesting House Record'. It could be your own or somewhere you've visited and found fascinating. Tell us about it. Don't forget that we shall be having a craft stall at the Guildhall later this autumn. Now the darker evenings are coming, why not get out your craft and needlework materials and start creating items for sale. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Just turn up at Memorial Hall at 7.30pm meeting, in the committee room, building work permitting. Otherwise, in the clubroom.

*Kate King*

## ***Pudford Place***

**An on-going story of Lane folk**

Not much news this month. Once again, congratulations to Val Wedell-Hall, described as an inspirational teacher when her school was awarded top marks in their recent OFSTED examination. Well done, Val, hope you enjoyed a well-earned summer

break. Life has been fairly quiet in the lane, summer farm activities continuing, hay making finished, fruit-picking proceeding. There are rumours of a possible new enterprise starting up, Pudford Poultry. Watch this space.

*Kate King*

## ***Martley Equipment Fund***

### **Ultra Sound Scanner Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who supported us on the day, and to everyone who gave donations. We are grateful to all our helpers and the tremendous back-up from the Bromyard Ballroom Dance Club. We raised in excess of £500 towards the scanner. If anyone is interest in ballroom dancing, please give us a ring on 01886-888264.

*Russell and Ann Thomas*

## ***Martley Ramblers***

### **14 September 2pm**

In spite of the exceedingly hot weather, members enjoyed the walk around Devil's Spittleful and Birchen Coppice at Bewdley. A lot of the walk was through woodland and the shade was very welcome. The summer barbecue at the Crown on a lovely summer's evening was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Pam Bowers for organising this event, and to the Chef and Serving Wenches. This month the walk will be beside the Droitwich Canal and around Hawford, led by Pam Bowers, cars leaving church car park at 2pm.

*Kate King*

## ***Royal British Legion***

### **Martley Branch**

The July meeting was well attended despite it being a beautiful evening, or was it just a chance to sit down after a hard day? The usual items of business were discussed including Mike Peters' report on a seminar about the Poppy Appeal in November, which will be specially needed this year following the war in Iraq and so we are hoping for a record collection at Remembrance-tide. If you would like to help with this year's collection (you do not have to be a member of the RBL), please contact Mike on 01886-821504. Although the Martley Branch are now a sub-branch with us, they still organise their own Poppy Appeal collection and if anyone in Martley would like to help there, please ring Ron Dalton on 01905-425997.

*Joyce Tyler, Hon Secretary  
(01886-821551)*

## ***Thomas William Edward Hoskins***

We are sad to hear the news that Thomas Hoskins, formerly of Martley, has passed away. He died peacefully in his sleep on Monday 21 July aged 93 years and leaves behind Flo, his wife of 69 years, aged 91.

Tom was onetime caretaker of Martley Village Hall, also a sidesman at St Peter's church, following in his Father's footsteps.

He was also one of the founder

members of Martley Spurs Football Club.

Tom, as many people knew him, was born at New House Farm in Hope House Lane on 6 April 1910. He met his wife Florence in Martley and they married at St Peter's church in 1934. They had four sons, John, Brian, Jim and Len. They lived in the village until 1976 when they moved to St Johns.

We wish to extend our sympathies to Tom's family at this sad time. Len, as many of you know, lives in Jessamine Cottage, Old Jury Lane.

### ***Local Artist Exhibits***

Local artist Angie Hill is to have some of her work shown in the gallery at Tenbury Wells Library during September. It will run from Mon 1 September through the whole of September. For more details, you can log onto the Tenbury website nearer the date. [www.tenburycom.co.uk](http://www.tenburycom.co.uk)

### ***Martley Weight Watchers***

The summer months have lots of challenges for slimmers. Life tends to get out of routine. We go away on holiday, children are home from school, we are invited to barbeques. Please note that I call them challenges. They are not problems. Problems can weigh us down and seem insurmountable. Challenges can be tackled and sorted. The answer is to plan for the situations. The old saying "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail" is true about most things we want to

achieve My message is be selfish and give yourself some time, focus on what you want and PLAN. My members at the Martley Weight Watchers have been doing just that:

Member A has lost 37 pounds to get to goal and has maintained his weight for three months. He even lost weight on holiday. Member B has lost over 50 pounds and looks like a different person. Member C has maintained her weight and eaten healthily even though she has a medical problem.

Member D has lost 37 pounds and is looking forward to that dream holiday. Weight Watchers meetings are in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. We welcome new members and people who have joined before but couldn't continue for some reason. Lots of men attend! Learn about a healthy lifestyle and how you can achieve your goals.

Jennie Barnes , Weight Watchers Leader and Life Coach

### ***Knighthwick and District Trefoil Guild***

Eleven of us gathered at Sylvia Jeffrey's bungalow in Pencombe for lunch and from there we went to Stockton Bury Gardens near Leominster. It is advertised as "A place of timeless beauty" and the statement is not exaggerated. There was so much to look at and ooh and aah over! Several of us came away with a plant to remind us of a very pleasant afternoon.

The September meeting on Tuesday 23rd. will be a Harvest Supper at Broadwas Village Hall, we have invited Guilds from Bromyard, Malvern and Redditch to come along and join us.

*Geraldine Cooper*

### ***On the Move for Charity***

After successfully running the breast cancer "Race for Life" round the streets of Worcester and raising several hundred pounds, with her sister Rachel Brooke, Carol Williams, together with her partner Trevor Keegan and friend Debbie Murphy, is well into training to raise more money for Cancer Research. They are all off to do the 13.1 mile "Great North Run" which takes place on 21 September in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Anyone wishing to sponsor them will find sponsorship forms in Martley Post Office.

On the very same day her mother Barbara, with Wizz Clift from the Talbot Hotel in Knightwick, are setting off on a classic car rally from London to Pamploma in Spain. At the moment of writing this they are still getting the car ready and collecting sponsorship money but still have a long way to go before starting off on their long journey. They will be the only totally female crew out of 85 participants and have been attracting quite a bit of attention with their old Rover car at Shelsley Walsh.

This adventure, as you probably

already know, is in aid of the Teme Valley Ultrasound Scanner fund, so please give generously - you might need it one day!

Also in aid of the scanner fund, a clay pigeon shoot is to be held at Rodge Hill Farm, Martley, on Saturday 30 September. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch, take part or even lend a hand on the day.

*B.W.*

### ***Martley Resource Centre***

The Resource Centre is sited in the old school office attached to the Pre-Schoolroom in the Primary School grounds. It houses a computer (internet connected) a photocopier, a Risograph and much basic office equipment; plus a good stock of paper and card. All can be used by anyone in Martley and surrounding villages by just borrowing the key, if you are familiar with the equipment. Otherwise help will be given by appointment – please phone first on 01886-888527. Photocopies are from 3p per A4; Risograph (which prints at 80 or 120 copies per minute), 2p plus master. For instance, 500 A5 flyers can be produced in a few minutes for £5.40. Computer use £1 per hour, plus phone cost if you use internet. Also available is the indexed 1881 census on CD-ROM, 50p per entry copied. Do use your local facility which is now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year. It is part of a network of some 25 centres scattered over Herefordshire and Worcestershire



under the watchful eye of Community First, a charity based in Malvern, part funded by the County Council and run by volunteers.

*Alan Boon*

### ***Use it or lose it***

*A reader who describes herself as “a lifelong member of Martley” writes words of warning:*

Once again our local “watering hole” is changing hands. The requirements of a good pub are: good ales and wines, clean premises, good food, a safe area for children, a good atmosphere with the attraction of live music. All of these things were provided, but because of lack of local support we have lost them.

The Crown is the centre of this village and I think that if people supported their local pub, more of them would still be open. Wichenford have already lost the Masons Arms. Do we really want that to happen to Martley?

*Josephine Davies*

### ***Cricket Fixtures***

Tues 2 Sept	Easton & Martyworthy	Friendly Home
Sun 7 Sept	Knighton On Teme	Friendly Away
Sat 13 Sept	Fladbury	Friendly Away

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the Chief Constable of the West Mercia Police now accepts that the Call Centre requires improvement.

At the last CALC meeting of the Malvern Committee, Mr D Cropp was elected Chairman. There was an interesting talk on Low Level Solar Powered Lighting for Rural Environments.

Mr B Draper said he was still progressing sites for affordable housing but would prefer not to give details at this stage.

The Chairman had been approached by four parishioners regarding the availability of parish allotments and a survey will be arranged via The Villager to test the level of interest.

The Chairman was completing the entry form to include Martley in the Calor Village of the Year Competition.

The next meeting is on Monday the 4 August 2003. The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance.

This is the last of 83 reports on the Parish Council for The Villager by Cecil Vyvyan-Robinson, who has retired after seven years as Parish Clerk. Mr Tom Pearsall took over as Parish Clerk as from the Parish Council Meeting on 4 August 2003 and can be contacted on 01886 888256. I wish him every success.

*C C Vyvyan-Robinson  
Parish Clerk (01886 821623)*



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

**WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS**

## ***Wichenford Church News***

### **Altar Flowers**

7 September Mrs C Wetherall

14 September Mrs Williams

21 September Miss M Fisher

28 September Miss M Fisher



**Janet Andrews**

**01886 888303**

**Sheila Richards**

**01886 888378**

**Phone your Wichenford news to Janet or  
Sheila or leave articles at Martley Post  
Office or 1 Oxford View Wichenford**

### **Heritage Weekend**

During the Heritage Weekend of 13/14 September the church will be open all day, and an exhibition in the Memorial Hall arranged by the Heritage Society of "Wichenford in the Past".

### **Evensong**

The last Evensong of the summer will be held on 21 September. Please come and join us on this special occasion.

### **Wichenford Parochial Church Council**

On 30 September all PCC members are asked to attend a Benefice Meeting at Broadwas Village Hall at 7-7.30pm prompt, for a meeting with Arch Deacon Mrs Joy Tetley.

### **Harvest Festival Service for Wichenford**

Sunday 5 October at 11am in the church.

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## ***Wichenford Ladies Fellowship***

For our July meeting we had a change of programme venue as Mrs Joan Banks had broken her wrist in a fall and was unable to be our hostess. We sent her good wishes for a speedy recovery. Mrs Pam Webb kindly offered hospitality at Rosses Lane and we enjoyed an informal meeting and a chance to stroll around Pam and George's lovely cottage garden on a perfect summer's afternoon. As always, there was a lot to discuss and parishioners to pray for. We welcomed back Mrs Jane Wheeler after a lengthy absence due to poor health. It was good to have you with us again, Jane. Mrs Gwen Burnett led the thoughtful prayers and we wished Mrs Pam Webb a happy July birthday. After a break in August we meet again in September for our autumn programme.

## ***Wichenford Heritage Group***

Details of the Autumn classes, described in the August issue of *The Villager*, are now on the Diary page of the Martley website [www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk) (and you can re-read Mervyn Mitchard's article on *The Villager* page of the website too. *Ed.*). The cost for the course of 10 classes is £30 for Heritage Group Members and £36 for non-members. Registration is 7-8.30pm Wednesday 24 September. If you want more information about registration or other details, phone Mary Hylan on 01886 888431.



## ***Wichenford 100 Club***

The AGM of the Club will be held in the Memorial Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 17 September 2003. It would be a great help if members wishing to attend could advise one of the following: Heather Rendell on 01886-888239, Ray Panton on 01886-888553, Gerald Barber on 01886-888771 or Bill Hylan on 01886-888431. The July draw winner was Mrs Isobel Field, who received a cheque for £108.00

## ***Millennium Green***

**Tidying & Inspection Rota**  
September: David Woodward.

## ***Open Gardens Weekend***

The Open Gardens weekend was a huge success and the magnificent sum of £5,502.60 was raised for St Laurence's Church and the County Air Ambulance. The Committee are most grateful to all those who worked so hard and opened their gardens, which were really gorgeous and so individual that they provided a great deal of interest for visitors. The raffle and the various stalls were very well supported and contributed much to the profit. The lunches and teas were one of the highlights and our profuse thanks are due to Colin Hughes and Alan Green and their helpers for the delicious food, and of course our thanks to all our expert cake makers. Many pleasing comments were received from visitors praising the appearance of the village and its many pretty gardens. The Committee thank everyone for making the village such an attractive venue, your efforts were much appreciated.

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Nora Parsons Day Centre was held on 9 July. Rev David Sherwin, Chairman, welcomed members and representatives from neighbouring parishes and spoke of the work of the Centre. Mrs Mary Hollett gave a report on the day-to-day running of the group. She was pleased to report that several new members had joined this year and that they had enjoyed an

interesting and varied programme. Outings had been to Mr & Mrs R Ballard's home, a trip to Fladbury and Evesham and also lunch at Bayton, which included a drive over the Cleve Hills to Ludlow. Mr Desmond Porter gave the Financial Report and grateful thanks were expressed to all the drivers, many of whom do not claim expenses. On a sad note we are sorry to be losing Mrs Mary Hollett, who is moving out of the area. Mary has worked tirelessly for the Centre and will be a very hard act to follow. We wish Mary all the very best for the future and much happiness in her new home. The Day Centre is running a fundraising Bingo evening on Friday 19 September at 7pm in Wichenford Memorial Hall. Eyes down at 7.55pm. Please come and support this event.

### ***National Success for Local Farming Family***

For those of us who live by, and neighbour, the Andrews family of Buryend Town Farm, Wichenford, will know how dedicated and professional they are within the farming community. Proof of this was at the Royal Show, where they were awarded the prestigious Genus Powerstart Challenge Cup for grass silage, beating off in excess of 1,000 entrants from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Judges were particularly impressed, not only with the top quality silage, but also with Mark Andrew's labour-

saving method of feeding his 120 pedigree Holsteins once a week. The system is the first of its kind in this country, is very labour-saving and cost effective. Congratulations on a splendid achievement in winning the award.

*David Richards*

### ***Wanted***

Kevin and Janette Purcell will shortly be moving to Wichenford and, as a professional couple on call during the evenings, they will be requiring a babysitter for their two boys from September onwards. The person must be reliable and over 18yrs old. Please ring 01905-640715.

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

The Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 11 October at 7.30pm for 8pm in the Memorial Hall. For tickets please ring 01886-888303.

### ***Baby Congratulations***



We are Lisa and Chris Powell from Boxley Farm Cottage, Wichenford. We had a new baby girl on 2 July 2003, called Tori Melissa. Sister to Myles and Rachel

# Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 7 July in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30 pm. Councillor Randall, who welcomed our District Councillor, County Councillor and Pat Edwards from Worc Calc, chaired the meeting. Pat Edwards talked to the Parish Council on Quality Parish status and Risk Assessment on health and safety. She suggested the parish council consider doing a parish plan and contact Karen Humphries at Vital Villages. The Parish Council cannot become a Quality Parish as we have two co-opted members.

## REPORTS

County Councillor B. Hickling reported that the County Council would appoint an independent Network Control Team operating from a database to operate a "Road Space Booking" system. This will co-ordinate all highway works undertaken by both the County Council and the utility companies.

School budgets are rising by 10% per annum. 33 schools are in deficit. Next year schools will be funded directly from central government bypassing the LEA.

District Councillor B. Williams reported that she has been voted onto the Elgar Housing Board. Planning is still open to public speakers that are allowed 5 minutes to speak. Only one supporter and one objector are allowed

but the district council must be informed you are going.

2004/2005 should improve the crossing from the high school to the primary school.

Councillor Rendall has written to the District Council regarding the large refuse lorries using Barbers Lane. A reply has been received from the council to say there is no reason the small caged truck cannot be used and Councillor Williams agreed to look into it.

## MATTERS ARISING

Rogers Coaches. Tickets have been made and distributed to interested parties. The scheme has been advertised locally.

Castle Hill/Poplar Road signs. The Poplar Road sign has been erected and the Castle Hill sign should be in place soon.

Kings Green Bridleway. The County Council Access Officer Mr P Betts has visited the green and agreed to look into creating an all weather access from the road in front of Kings Green Farm to the entrance of the bridleway. The clerk has written to the legal services department to check if it is within our scope to do this. The Council approve that the County Council can go ahead with the proposal of joining the bridleway to the green to stop future damage being done, and the removal of the dead tree. A new up to date list of all the

councillors' names and addresses is posted on the three notice boards.

#### PLANNING

Applications Approved: The retention of existing mobile home at 26A Queens Estate, Wichenford, has been granted. Conversion of integral garage to art room at 2 Kenswick Mill, Lower Broadheath has been approved. Single storey extensions to bedrooms land 2 at 2 Kenswick Mill, Lower Broadheath, has been passed. Wooden tractor shed and workshop at 2 Kenswick Mill, Lower Broadheath has been granted.

Applications received for comment: Demolition of existing WC block & coal shed, single-Storey kitchen extension to rear, dining area extension to front, interior alterations & alterations to front garden, The Masons Arms, Wichenford. Extension to provide study, two bay garage space and store, Orchard barn, Wichenford. Replacement detached garage & house extension, Birch croft, Ockeridge, Wichenford. Mill, Lower Broadheath, has been granted. It was decided that a site meeting is necessary for these applications and arrangements were made for 11 July 2003 at 9.30am.

#### FINANCE

The clerk was authorised to pay the following: Parish Council Elections. For uncontested elections the sum of £64.10 to MHDC. Wichenford Memorial Hall. £42.00 for rent from February to July. Worcestershire Calc Training and publications £24.98. Laugherne Valley Travel. The council

agreed to the sum of £50.00 for the Parish Transport Initiative.

#### HIGHWAYS

A letter has been received from W.C.C. regarding the alleged encroachment at Meadow View. This is still on going and we will be contacted once the investigation is completed.

The Parish Council gave permission for the notice board to be placed adjacent to the pillar-box at Kings Green.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Pathways Partnership, Definitive Map Review, and Countryside and Rights of Way Act, were discussed. It was decided to form a working party to look at these in more depth. A flyer will be sent out to all landowners to come to a meeting on 21 July to check the Footpaths on the Definitive Map, before we send it back. Councillor Rendall agreed to speak to Mr Betts on the Parish Pathways Partnership to see what money we could get.

#### COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Several complaints have been received regarding the poor visibility at Laugherne Corner, caused by the overgrown hedge and trees. The clerk has spoken to the highways department who are aware of this problem and suggest the Parish Council write to the landowner. A large branch is hanging dangerously from an oak tree on the Wichenford/Holt road. The clerk was asked to contact the relevant land- owners and

ask for it to be removed. The “SLOW” sign on the road at Venn Lane needs repainting as resurfacing work has been done. Poplar Road has been marked for resurfacing but as yet has still not been done.

**DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

18 August 2003 at 7.30pm.

6 October 2003 at 7.30pm.

All in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

*Shirley Sanders Clerk to the Council*

## ***Walking in Bulmers Orchards***

Bulmers would like to make a few simple requests to people walking dogs, particularly during our harvest from September to late November.

Please keep to the footpaths

Keep all dogs on a lead and never allow them to foul near the fruit trees.

This is particularly important because the Food Safety Act is very strict about the purity of fruit.

Thank you.

*RJ Holloway, Farm Manager*

## ***Round the World for Charity***

Cressida Whyatt would like to thank everyone who so generously sponsored her when she competed in the second leg of the Clipper 2002 Round the World Yacht Race. She has raised £3,187 for CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia In Childhood) and hopes to raise even more when she takes part in the final leg of the race, sailing from Salvador to Liverpool from 25 July to 27 September.

If you would like to support her, please ring 01905 333271 for a sponsorship form for CLIC.

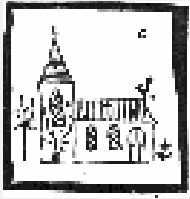


***Pianist/Organist  
Required***

**Are you free on Thursday evenings to accompany the happy bunch of voices that are the Ferndale Singers?**

***Please contact  
Maureen or Arthur Kings  
on 01886 821127  
for further details.***

**Don't miss  
"Norm's Shed" Sale  
10am-5pm  
Sunday 28 September  
Keepers Cottage, Ockeridge  
Many bargains!**



Whilst on Holiday in Cornwall this year I visited a place on the North Coast called Morwenstow, named after Morwenna, a 9<sup>th</sup> Century Celtic saint. Its ancient church was in a beautiful situation, (like our own churches) only a 10 minute walk from the cliffs which tower above the seas below. It's most famous incumbent was the eccentric Robert Stephen Hawker, who built the vicarage, whose chimneys were replicas of scaled down church towers, and a driftwood hut, which you can still enter, perched on the sides of the cliffs overlooking the sea, where he wrote his poems. The main reason I mention him is not to compare him with my eccentricities but to point out his lasting contribution to the Church. This contribution affects us here in this benefice every year. It is the **Harvest Festival**. Whilst it is true that such festivals had been celebrated in the Jewish calendar and within many cultures, it was seen very much as a pagan celebration by the Church. Revd. Hawker changed this bringing the festival a Christian emphasis drawing on celebrations from the roots of our faith in the Old Testament. Today no church would dream of missing out on a harvest festival whether in a Village, Town, or City. We have much to thank God for, and Revd Hawker for giving

# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

us this very special celebration, why not come and celebrate this year at your local **Harvest Festival**.

*Revd. David Sherwin*

<b>7 September</b>	
Wichenford	9.30am Holy Communion
Martley	11am Family Service
Broadwas	11am Morning Worship
Knightswick	8am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	6.30pm Evensong
<b>14 September</b>	
Wichenford	10.0am Family Service
Martley	11am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	4.30pm Harvest Evensong
<b>21 September</b>	
Wichenford	6.30pm Evensong
Martley	8am Holy Communion; 11am Morning Worship
Broadwas	11am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	9am Matins
Knightswick	3pm Evening Worship
<b>28 September</b>	
Wichenford	11am Holy Communion
Martley	9.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Harvest Festival
Broadwas	8am Holy Communion; 11am Family Service



## Church Diary Dates

**12 –14 September** Heritage weekend look out for special events being held in all the churches of the Benefice. The Churches of the Benefice will be open during the weekend with Special events arranged locally. You are of course welcome to all the church services on that weekend as always.

**Wichenford** Local History Society Exhibition of the Church and Locality in the **Memorial Hall** Saturday and Sunday Afternoons, refreshments available. The **Church** will also be open.

Saturday 13 September 2.00pm at **St. Leonard's Cotheridge** talk on history of St. Leonards by Mike Wall of the Worcester and Dudley Historic Churches trust.

Sunday 14 September, 1.00pm at **St. Peter's Church** talk by Tim Bridge

Sunday 14 September, 4.00pm at **St. Leonard's Cotheridge** Harvest Festival

**Harvest Supper** will be held on **Friday 26 September** 7.30pm in Martley Memorial Hall

**Harvest Service** will be held on **Sunday 28 September** 6.30pm at St. Peter's Martley

## In the Garden



### Garden Tips for September

September can provide some warm weather, but the days get shorter. The plant life slows down, the month of harvest, particularly with the potato crop. The shallots and onions can be strung up and hung from the roof of the garden shed or garage. Carrots will need lifting and put into store at the end of the month, beetroot too. Both of these store well in containers of dry sand placed in suitable buildings where attention will need to be kept, as mice and rats love these in the winter months.

Time to tidy up the flower borders and plant winter and spring flowering bulbs. Take cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias and hydrangeas. Plant out wallflowers and sweet Williams. Onion sets can be planted towards the end of the month.

Plant out early in the month spring cabbage, January King, Duncan cabbage, purple sprouting and white sprouting.

*Jack Bradley*



# In the Kitchen



## Brown Betty

*Here is a recipe for a traditional and seasonal pudding. Serves about 6.*

225g/8oz stale breadcrumbs  
900g/2lbs apples, peeled and grated  
2 tablespoons golden syrup  
¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
50g/2oz butter or margarine + extra for brushing pie dish  
1 teacup water  
1 lemon

1. Brush a pie dish with melted margarine and cover with a layer using ⅓ of the breadcrumbs.
2. Cover with half the grated apples and half the golden syrup. Dot with half margarine or butter and the spices, mixed together, and half the lemon rind, grated.
3. Repeat the two layers and put a final layer of breadcrumbs on top. Dot with the rest of the margarine.
4. Mix the juice of the lemon with a teacupful of water and pour over the pudding. Bake 45 mins. in a moderate oven (gas 4 or 180°C electric. Serve with cream or custard.



## Gardener's Lament

*A poem written earlier this year for a WI competition*

Hooray, the lovely month of May  
Hours of gardening every day  
The lovely weeds grow up apace  
The nettles sway and sting my face.  
Crawl out at dawn to catch the snails,  
The peas are beaten down by hail  
The birds, the slimy slugs ignore  
They want the peanuts, "Give us more".

My back is sore and badly aching  
Can't bear the thought of sweet pea staking

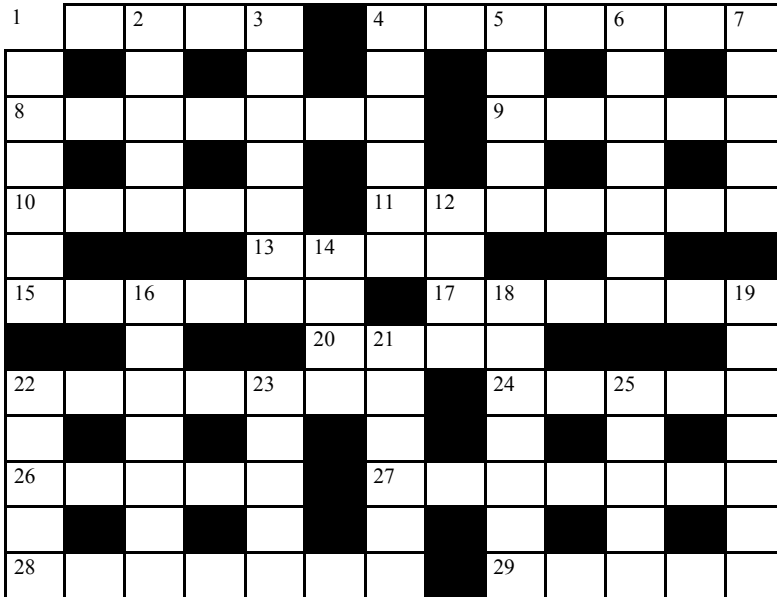
Roll on the lazy month of June  
Life will get better, won't it SOON?

*Kate King*

*(But has gardening life got better yet? - Ed.)*



# Tea-break



**ACROSS**

- CLUB (5)
- CHRIST (7)
- A BOOK OF THE O.T. (7)
- GENTLY HITS (5)
- PLANT USED FOR ROPE MAKING (5)
- SERIOUS (7)
- IRELAND (4)
- CHURCH COUNCILS (6)
- PRAYER (6)
- 20. SOLE (4)
- 22. CATHEDRAL (7)
- 24. SING (5)
- 26. GRASSES THAT GROW IN WATER (5)
- 27. TENDING TO AROUSE (7)
- 28. UNLADYLIKE GIRLS (old-fashioned!) (7)
- 29. JERKS (5)

**DOWN**

- O.T.BOOK (7)
- POETIC METRES (5)
- LIVED (7)

**NUN (6)**

- CLERGYMAN (5)
- CANCELS OUT (7)
- TAKE AGAIN (5)
- TIME (4)
- LAND SURROUNDED BY WATER (4)
- WHERE YOU MIGHT FIND 4 DOWN (7)
- CLERGYMAN'S HOUSE (7)
- SPICES (7)
- 5 DOWN IS IN HOLY ONES (6)
- AROMATIC GUM (5)
- STYLE (5)
- 25. FOREIGN (5)

*ANSWERS TO AUGUST CROSSWORD*

*ACROSS 1.NAZARETH 7.CAROL 8.GROUNDSEL  
9.SEE 18 10.RAIL 11.DEDUCT 13.FITTER  
14..MANGER 17.SEE 18 18(AND 9,17)MARY AND  
JOSEPH 20.EYE 22.CHRISTMAS 23.CLUCK  
24.ADJOURNS  
DOWN: 1.NIGER 2. ZIONIST 3.RANG 4.TASSEL  
5.TREAT 6.GLADDER 7.CLAUSAL 12.SEASICK  
13.FLUENCY 15.GRAMMAR 16.SPARED 17.JESUS  
19.YESES 21.OSLO*

**Stoke Bliss and  
District  
Ploughing Match**

**Saturday  
27 September  
at Church Farm  
Hanley William**

**10-4pm**

*For entry information or  
other details contact  
Heather Rogers  
01885 400770*

**Live crafts  
demonstrations**

***Martley Online***



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

The Martley Horticultural Show and Fete in August saw the official launch of the Martley website. The site has been up and running for about a year now, but much blood, sweat and tears has gone into developing and improving it over that time!

Now you can read The Villager online as well as check out the Diary for local events, find out about bus services, investigate the history of the church and take virtual tours along many of the footpaths in the area—and much more! You can “Have Your Say “ - just like on The Archers, but Radio 4 fans will be glad to know that Linda Snell is nowhere near Martley!

Our neighbours in Wichenford are not forgotten—details of the activities of the Heritage Group and other items of potential interest to residents of both villages are on the Diary page.

The web site is accessed from all over the world—we get emails to prove it!

To advertise your event or business on the website, contact the Webmaster [webmaster@martley.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@martley.org.uk)

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