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September Diary

Regular events:

Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing

Weds 7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

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01886 821772

Citizens Advice Bureau Teme Valley

Telephone Service: Mon & Tue 10am—3pm

Thu 10am—7.30pm **Great Witley & Knightwick**

Surgeries: Weds 10am -4pm - by appt.

01584 810860

Short mat Bowling Tuesdays 2.30pm

Martley Memorial Hall

Weight Watchers Tue 6.30pm

Martley Memorial Hall

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07710 493617

See Church Words for details of services

Mon 6 **Martley Parish Council Meeting**
8pm Memorial Hall

Wed 8 **Martley WI: Mr D Ogle talks on
'The History of Homeopathy'**
7.30pm Martley Memorial Hall

Sat 11 **St Peters Church Autumn Fayre**
2-4pm, Rectory Meadow

Sun 12 **Teme Valley Farmers Market
for local produce** 11am The
Talbot, Knightwick
Martley Ramblers to Malvern.
Meet 2pm Church car park

Thu 16 **Meeting of The Wine Club:
Wines from Madeira** 8pm
Wichenford Memorial Hall

Mon 20 **Wichenford PCC Meeting**
7.45pm Memorial Hall

Tue 21 **Wichenford Ladies' Fellowship**
2.30pm at the home of Mrs M
Pargeter.

Fri 24 **Coffee Morning in aid of
Macmillan Cancer Relief** 10 am
to 12 noon at Martley Village
Library (located in Village Hall).
Harvest Celebration Supper
7pm Martley Memorial Hall

Mon 27 **Kenswick and Wichenford
Parish Council Meeting** 7.45pm
Wichenford Memorial Hall

Thu 30 **Martley & District Horticultural
Society:** David Burton-Pye talks
on 'Great Gardens – Floral
fantasies' 7.30pm Martley
Memorial Hall

The cover photo shows the view from the top of Berrow Hill and was supplied by Helen Taylor

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

OUT AND ABOUT I N MARTLEY

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Martley Parish Council

An ordinary meeting of the Martley Parish Council was held on Monday 2 August 2004 at the Memorial Hall. Cllr Mr. D. Cropp Chairman.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

The road surface and markings at the junction of Mortlake Drive and Berrow Green Road require refurbishment. The Clerk to write to Highways. The footpath from that junction towards the Memorial Hall needs clearing from overgrowth; the Clerk to drop notices to owners. Hope House Lane at Kirby's Farm has not been attended to by Highways; the Clerk to follow up. Can the times of refuse collection be varied so that the early morning noise is spread out amongst the whole community? Mr. Nicklin showed the Tithe Map and reported on the visit by him and the clerk to WCC archaeological department. He asked for the Parish Council's support for the formation of a small team to compile the "apportionment" part of the digitised maps; this to be an agenda item for next meeting.

Development Working Party:

The completed survey analysis was presented and is now available on the Martley web site. The Clerk read out a letter from Hallmarks Solicitors; they still wish to arrange a local presentation. It was agreed that this council could not support that, but Hallmarks, or anyone, can arrange a meeting.

Library Additional Requirements

It was agreed that additional shelving is required and a fan heater for summer use when the storage heaters are not on. The Chairman to explore funding routes.

District Councillor's Report:

District Cllr Mrs. B. Williams reported on the District Local Plan: there were over 1400 representations, there will be no recommendations to change settlement boundaries although low-cost housing may be allowed in certain areas.

Parish Paths Warden Report:

The Path-or-Nones are very busy with clearance. There has been a major earth slip at Ankerdine which has blocked a path; it is being resolved, but an insurance claim is involved.

The Clerk mentioned that the annual grant had not yet been received; this would be investigated.

Planning:

Three councillors attended a meeting at The Chantry High School at which a ten-year plan was presented. It does involve some expansion to accommodate additional pupils and additional facilities. A plan was deposited with the Clerk. Applications Received:

Modifications to 00/01397/LBC Barn at Pudford Lane (additional windows) no objections. Amendments to fenestration 03/01668/FUL Quarry Farm Quarry Lane no objections. Approved/Refused/Withdrawn: Notification by MHDC that they have no objection to Martley Primary School new class rooms.

Finance:

There were 12 cheques totalling £1303.47 for agreement and signature. It was agreed that an item for replacement of litter bins be placed on the next agenda.

Correspondence

Included: WCC Reply letters to complaint ref. parking Referral Unit; WCC temporary closure order Ankerdine (1 week 16. Aug); MHDC Criminal justice and Police Act 2001 Consumption of alcohol in designated public places: our views needed.

Urgent Decisions since last meeting
The Chairman reported that he had agreed a personnel issue with the Litter Warden, this has now been reported to the Clerk.

Councillors Reports and Future Agenda Items:

Cllr. Mr. M. Nott asked for the attendance of Mr. Alan Sanders (Low Cost Housing) at the next meeting, if he was unable to attend then a report on the latest position would be appreciated; the Clerk to arrange. Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh asked if the planning enforcement rules were being applied in view of several alleged breaches recently. Some discussion took place, apparently MHDC is short of enforcement officers. Cllr. Mrs. M. Randall reported on a recent meeting with MHDC waste disposal. The Clerk to enquire if it is possible for Martley to take over some of the smaller collections thus avoiding the damage being caused by the 26-tonne collection-lorries. Cllr. Mr. G. Coomby-Jones asked for an agenda item at the September meeting to discuss the road junction in the centre of the village (B4197/B4204).

The next meeting is on Monday 6 September 2004 at 8 p.m.

Tom Pearsall, Clerk 01886 888256

Martley & District Horticultural Society

On a very warm evening, Society members visited three gardens in Wichford. The first one was at 'Colebrook House', the home of Mervyn and Margaret Witchard. The second garden was at 'Little Acre Cottage', the home of Bill and Mary Hylan. The final garden was at

'Greenwood', the home of Judith and Mike O'Leary, Judith being the Secretary of the Horticultural Society. There was a short business meeting here, followed by tea and cakes. A most enjoyable evening.

The first Society meeting of the Autumn will be held on Thursday 30 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be David Burton-Pye. His subject will be 'Great Gardens – Floral fantasies from some of the country's finest gardens'. Do come along, new members always welcome. It sounds a fascinating talk.

Nellie Bradley

News of the Annual Show and Fete will be in the October issue of The Villager or you can see the Martley website (martley.org.uk)—Editor..



Martley WI

Wednesday 8 September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Colin Bowden gave us an excellent talk on 'Caricatures from Hogarth to Giles'. It was fascinating to hear his explanation of some of the hidden symbolism in the prints and etchings. Will we be able to see Mother Goose again at Pantomime time without remembering the explanation of the name? This month Mr D Ogle will be the speaker on 'The History of Homeopathy'. The competition will be for Old Wives' Remedies, but we do

not have to test them. All friends, old and new are always welcome.

Kate King

Martley Ramblers

Sunday 12 September at 2pm

There was a poor turnout for the recent walk around Eckington, probably due to the fact that a lot of people were on holiday. Those who did turn out enjoyed the footpaths beside the River Avon. There were plenty of holiday boats to see and admire and pleasant picnic places to sit and watch. Thanks to the Walker Family for leading this easy and interesting walk. The September walk will be around the Malvern area, leader Pam Southall. Cars leave Church car park at 2pm.

Kate King

Royal British Legion

Those attending the July meeting were pleased to welcome two new members. The usual items of business were discussed including reports on our 'sick list'. Get well soon! Several members will have attended the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas on Sunday 15 August for a service to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the war in the Far East. If you require any details regarding your local British Legion Branch please contact Joyce Tyler, Hon Secretary. Meetings are held at The Talbot Hotel, Knightwick.

Joyce Tyler, Hon Secretary

Martley Spurs

The new season will have started when you read this. All three of our teams are still in the same divisions as last year notwithstanding their poor results. Remember that home matches, on both Saturdays and Sundays, will not be played in Martley until the cricket season ends. We wish them all better luck this in this brand new season.

BMW

Congratulations!



18-year-old Martin Hill, pictured above, from Martley, has sold a photograph that he took last year in Weston-super-Mare. The almost-monochrome digital photograph looks out across the water towards SteepHolm. It was the sold at the Private View of 'Untitled', an Exhibition held in Kidderminster Library in August.

The biennial Exhibition, now in its third year, is the end result of an open-

submission scheme aimed at offering people with disabilities the opportunity to show their work in a public gallery. The original idea came from a joint initiative between Worcester County Council's Cultural Services and the Learning Disability Service. The exhibition has been received very positively, with an increased number of works sold. This year the Physical Disability Service, Mental Health Service and Learning Disability Service have all contributed funding that has been matched by Arts funding. The funding supports the cost of the show and also has allowed professional artists to work in residency with different groups, with some resulting work to be seen in this year's exhibition.

AMH

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on Friday 24 September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief, 10 am to 12 noon at Martley Village Library (located in Village Hall).

For further details please contact Eileen Stammers on 01886 888513.

Pudford Lane

The constant passage up the lane of trailers with immense straw bales is a sure sign that summer is passing. The lack of rain means the lane has no running water. Would it were ever thus. Still, if it were, what should we have to complain about to Tom?

Kate and Steve are settling into life at their temporary home and preparing for the conversion of Willow Barn and Sue and Wally Barnes have left us for pastures new in Worcester. The Weddell Hall family had a super day at Buckingham Palace when Val received her OBE. Peter must have been very proud of his three lovely ladies, and we hear that Amy and Emily were pictured in one of the society magazines.

Pudford Poultry Enterprises continues to thrive and some expansion of premises and stock has occurred, probably necessary due to the fact that senior cockerel Walter is objecting to his offspring rival. Watch this space for future revelations.

Kate King

Andrew Williams Memorial Cup

The Andrew Williams Memorial Cup Clay Pigeon Shoot will take place on 4 September. This is an invitation-only event. Proceeds will be divided equally between the scanner appeal and the Air Ambulance.

For more information, call Barbara Williams on 01886 888120.

Martley Oil Syndicate

The time of year has arrived when checking your fuel-oil tank gets interesting. Am I getting the best price? How do I know if it is the best price? The short answer is – you

probably don't! But you can shorten the odds by joining the Oil Syndicate and letting me negotiate on your behalf.

Let me tell you how the scheme works – at the moment we have about 60 members who tell me how much oil they need and I consolidate this into a negotiating total. The cut-off point for ordering is the 10th. of each month – on the 11th. I start wheeling and dealing. I have a list of local suppliers that I ring to get the best price per litre. This will depend on the total amount and the number of drops. The cheapest price gets the business although we have developed a good relationship with one particular supplier who will match any price I can get. Oil prices (like the product!) are volatile and can change from day to day so this is a factor we cannot control.

It is also a fact that not all our members order at the same time because consumption and storage capacity varies so for the sake of argument, if 20% of our members ordered each month the consolidated order might be worth 5000 litres. However, if we were to double our membership to 120 then that 20% becomes much more in litres and would put me in a stronger negotiating position.

So why not think about joining? If you are already a member, chat to your neighbours and persuade them to save money! At the moment, the annual subscription is £2 but only about 20

have paid for this year – and we are over half way through. If you are not sure whether you have paid then please contact me. I really don't want to get to the position of refusing orders for the price of a pint! Outstanding subscriptions to me please as soon as possible or if it is more convenient, pass it to Mary or Bruce at Martley Post Office. If there are any queries, questions or moans please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Remember Confucius, he say: DO IT NOW ! (Only he said it in Chinese, of course !)

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Martley Tithe Map Project

At the end of July, Tom Pearsall and John Nicklin visited Worcestershire County Council's Historic Environment and Archaeology Service at Woodbury Hall, University College Worcester. This unit is operating as consultants on a county-wide community-based project to digitise old maps, in particular Tithe Maps. Several parishes have already been completed, including our neighbours, Wichenford. It has to be stressed from

the outset, that the project is ours, not theirs, but WCC will help us to put together an application for funding to cover the time they spend on the work and in training local people in the use of the system. The project needs a very considerable input from volunteers and has to be based on useful community outcomes. The estimated cost of the project is £12-13000.

This is how we hope it will work:

We establish a group to spearhead the work.

1. WCC will visit Martley to talk to local people about the scheme and its benefits. This will be an illustrated talk using work already archived and demonstrating the fascinating outcomes that modern computer technology has enabled when looking at our past. It would help to crystallise exactly what we wished to gain from the project and would, we believe, be the foundation of a vibrant local history group.
2. Next, we confirm our intention to go ahead and start to develop justifications for our particular project. This is an iterative process, guided by WCC.
3. We transcribe to a database the 'apportionment' part of the tithe map record. This is the listing of all local lands, the tenants, owners, rents, crops and so on. (Very fortunately for us, this has already been done by a local volunteer!)
4. Also fortunately for us, the Martley tithe map has been traced, so that it

is suitable for digitising, by a Worcestershire volunteer who has been working for about 10 years and has completed well over two-thirds of the county (we recommended he should receive the MBE!).

The application for funding proceeds in parallel to point 4 (above). It was noted that there is little possibility of obtaining funds before April 2005.

Once funds have been obtained and apportionments entered on a database, WCC will digitise the map and make it available to us on CD as well as on their computers at their offices.

The benefits and outcomes we envisage from the project are that once that map is digitised, it is a (relatively) simple matter to:

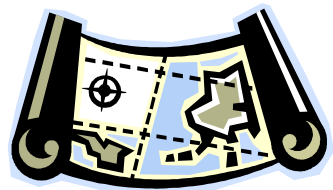
- Overlay the tithe map with other maps, such as the latest series of Ordnance Survey maps or those of earlier series such as the 1880. This enables researchers to compare numerous features such as roads, hedgerows, footpaths, land use, buildings etc
- Click on the tithe map (on screen) to display data about a particular field or property (as recorded the database we created in point 4, above).
- Overlay recent aerial photos with older maps or show footpaths on aerial photos.
- Measure hedge or perimeter lengths.
- Set up local walks and guides to

explain, using data from the old maps, how the area has changed over the years. Old track ways and droving routes in Martley could form a most interesting study.

WCC are very keen that we should work with adjoining parishes on this project. This makes the grant application a one-off for several parishes and means that a larger area is pushed through in one go—a highly desirable outcome for WCC archaeologists!

It was proposed that we could very usefully work with Clifton, Shelsley Walsh, Shelsley Beauchamp, Doddenham and Broadwas. Wichenford, Knightwick, Lulsley and Alfrick are already completed, so together this would make up a considerable block on the borders of Worcestershire.

For more information about how you could help, contact John Nicklin on 01886 888318 or Tom Pearsall on 01886 888256.



Martley Website Community Project

We have had an offer of a FREE Airband broadband connection to be installed in Martley Memorial Hall. This would provide an alternative workstation and a free high-speed

Internet access point for the benefit of all in the parish. The website committee are (at the time of writing this) organising the necessary computer kit and talking to Airband. Any updates or further information will be posted on the Martley website as they become available.

John Layton

Harvest Celebration

The Martley Harvest Supper will take place on Friday 24 September 7pm Martley Village Hall. Tickets £6 adults or £3 primary-age children.

Martley Parish Council Housing Survey

The results of the survey are now available on the Martley website. Remember that if you don't own a computer, you can look at the website using the computers in the Martley Library Link which is situated in the Memorial hall. Help is on hand, should you need it.

Knightwick and District Trefoil Guild

We were invited by Redditch Guild to join them on a visit to Avoncroft Museum. One of their members, Sue Gardner, and her husband John, are volunteers at the museum and John very kindly gave up his time to give us a guided tour, which we all found

most enlightening. We were particularly interested to see Bringsty Mission Church, where several of our members had attended Sunday School! Six of our guild members joined up with Malvern Guild for an Annual Cook-out in a lovely setting under the Malvern Hills.

Continuing our 50th birthday celebrations, we had an outing to Witley Court to see the fountain being



TG members outside Bringsty Mission Church

fired up, (what a magnificent sight!). This was followed by a sumptuous home-made afternoon tea at Chapel Farm, Little Witley, the home of Mrs Suzanne Owen.

Chantry News

The Friends of the Chantry High School would like to apologise for the cancellation of the Barn Dance in May. Due to poor ticket sales, we could not cover the costs. It is hoped

to reschedule this event later in the year.

On a more positive note the 'Brain Teaser Competition' run during April/May raised £85.50, the winner receiving £10.

As parents leave 'The Friends' because their children are leaving the school, it is important to replace them. If your child (or grandchild) attends the Chantry, or is starting as a new pupil in September, we would like to invite you to make up the numbers. It has been suggested that the meetings are held at venues around the catchment area rather than just at the school. We would be glad to hear your thoughts on this c/o the school. Someone suggested the local pub if it has a suitable room !!!

The details of the next meeting will be given in the September issue of your local newsletter or parish magazine.

IW

Memo From the Manager?

1. "As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday and employees will receive their cards in two weeks time." (from Fred Dales at Microsoft Corp. in Redmond, WA.)

2. "What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter." (Lykes Lines Shipping)



This month in Martley a hundred years ago

September

This month in Martley in 1904, the schools were given an extra week's holiday as the hop harvest was unfinished. (Education v. Agriculture!)

ALB

Fireworks and Animals

Now that longer evenings are with use again, please remember that many pets and farm livestock can be frightened by fireworks so out of respect to owners and their animals, please try to confine your bags and flashes to 5 November only.

Remember that fireworks are DANGEROUS and should be handled only by adults and preferably set off only at public displays and not in people's back gardens.



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Wichenford Fete

The fete, which was held on Saturday 24 July, was a huge success. A glorious day helped to ensure that it was well-attended and the record sum of £3,300 was raised for our various village organisations. We have so many people to thank for the excellent result. To all of you who helped in so many different ways we greatly appreciate your time and generosity. We also thank everyone who came to support the fete. A more detailed report will appear in the next issue of The Villager.

Wichenford Church News

Church Flowers

5 September - Mrs Weatherall
12 September - Mrs J Williams
19 September - Miss M Fisher
26 September - Miss M Fisher

Ladies Fellowship

We meet after the summer break on Tuesday 21 September at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs M Pargeter.

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Monday 20 September at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall



Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378

Harvest Thanksgiving

The service is on Sunday 26 September at 11am and the Harvest Supper is on Saturday 2 October.

Baptism

Matthew John Pearce, son of Sasha and William Pearce, was welcomed into St Laurence's Church and God's Family at the All Age Service.

Award

Mr Ken Amos was presented with the Royal Agricultural Society's Long Service medal on completion of 47 years' work on the Wichenford Court Estate. A record to be justly proud of Ken. Many congratulations.

Moving on

Molly Wall moved from Keepers Cottage, Ockeridge to 6 Brantwood Road, Droitwich Spa WR9 7RR, tel: 01905-779457 on Monday 2 August. "To all my friends in Wichenford and Martley, please come and see me. Door will be open and kettle on!"

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Hearth and Home: Town and Country through the ages

Where and how did people live? What was the nature of house and home? Ranging from prehistory to the modern age and drawing on the evidence of archaeology, standing buildings and documentary evidence, this course will seek to address such questions. We will examine the nature of human settlement in different periods, focusing particularly upon the forms of settlement, the nature of buildings themselves, house and home in town and country, and the associated material culture. Examples will be taken from across the country, but material from the West Midland Region will be highlighted where appropriate.

A course of 10 meetings, Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm commencing 6 October at the Wichenford Memorial Hall, Venn Lane, Wichenford. Fees are £35 for members and £42 for non-members. Registration is on 29 September 7.30-9.30pm.

6 October Prehistoric settlement. Tom Vaughan, Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service.

13 October Hillforts. Tom Vaughan

20 October Rural settlement in Roman Britain. Tom Vaughan

27 October Towns and town life in Roman Britain. Tom Vaughan

3 November Medieval village and hamlet. Hal Dalwood, Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service

10 November Status residences in the Middle Ages; castle, manor house and moated sites. Hal Dalwood.

17 November Medieval towns and town life. Hal Dalwood

24 November Worcester's streets. Dr Pat Hughes

1 December Life in the countryside and new model farms. Shona Robson-Glyde, Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service.

8 December Towns after industrialisation. Hal Dalwood

For further information – Tel: 01886-888519 and 01886-888431

Nora Parsons Day Centre AGM

The meeting was held on 7 July 2004. The Chairman, Revd David Sherwin, reported on the work of the committee and the Vice-Chairman, Mrs M Whiteman, reported on the activities of the members – their outings, foot-care each month, Age Concern visitor etc. There were 21 members this year. Mr Ponter took us through the financial statements and answered questions. It is with regret that he is handing over the books to Sue Barnwell, whom we look forward to meeting as our new Treasurer. Mr Stinton, Chairman of the Management Committee, explained the work of the Malvern Hills District Council Forum who wish to send some members to the Day Centre to tell us about the care offered to old people and a date was arranged for later in the month. Those attending then enjoyed a chat and refreshments.

The committee (old and new) presented Desmond Ponter, our outgoing Treasurer, with gifts with our very grateful thanks for a first-class job that he had held for nearly 20 years. He never missed a meeting and was a pleasure to work with, but ill-health has meant he has had to pass on the books. He and his wife, Jane, have been a great support at all our functions over the many years. Another service Mr Ponter performed was the “dinner run” in to Worcester for the meals, in all weathers, for

several years. We shall certainly miss him, not only as a Treasurer but as a friend, leaving us so much the richer for knowing him in many ways.

Wichenford 100 Club

Winning no 94. V Jenkinson won £112 in July draw.

Millennium Green

Tidying & inspection rota

September: D Woodward

Please take care

Various large bits of rubbish have been thrown over the hedge into the fields beside the Green. This has included large logs from tree branches and also a scooter (anyone in the village lost a scooter? - someone must be feeling guilty). Please do not do this. The field is not a rubbish tip. It causes enormous damage to the machinery which works the fields.

Wine Tasting Challenge

Wichenford Wine Club staged a wine tasting challenge at this year's village fete on Saturday 24 July. Despite strong interest from a highly-talented set of entrants, no one managed to guess correctly the country of origin of the three blind samples on offer. Eleven of the many participants were successful in identifying one country, but the outright winner was Michael Tingey, who was alone in correctly guessing two, making it a thoroughly successful day for Michael, as he also

won the main raffle! The correct answers were South Africa (a white Chenin Blanc), Spain (a red Rioja) and Chile (a red blend of Cabernet and Merlot). Michael won a magnum of champagne for his efforts. Well done! Wichenford Wine Club meets on the third Thursday of every month at 8.00.p.m. at the Village Hall. Members and visitors all welcome, and as you can see, most of us still have a lot to learn!

Mike O'Leary

Interested in Science ?

I am hoping to launch a U3A science discussion group, in which topics of general interest would be presented in a conceptual, non-mathematical format. The present intention is to meet once a month in Wichenford on a Monday morning at 10.00am.

If there is any interest among the local community to join this venture, please contact me on 01886 888 122.

Rod Latham

A reminder

Could all parishioners please note that the litter bins are for litter only NOT household waste. This will be collected by the dustmen on Tuesday morning. We have also had reports of litter left lying on the ground after the

bags have been collected.

Could you please make sure your bags are tied securely, and once it's been collected if any rubbish is left on the ground outside your property could you please pick it up. Lets try to keep our village tidy.

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 28 June 2004 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford. Councillor Britten-Long chaired the meeting

REPORTS

County Councillor Reports. County Councillor Hickling reported that the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Bill currently before parliament would give the County Council a new role as Strategic Planning Advisor to the Regional Planning Body. The planning application for the first Estech plant converting waste into fibre at Madley in Hereford has been approved. Over 50 parishes are now involved in the Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

MATTERS ARISING

Refuse Lorries: The Parish Council is still not happy with this situation. A reply has been received from MHDC but only an acknowledgement of our letter of 13 May. The Chairman agreed to write again to Malvern Hills and to the District Councillor to try to resolve this issue. It has also been reported that parishioners are putting household



waste into the litter bins, consequently they are overflowing. The clerk was asked to put an article in the parish magazine requesting that these bins are only used for litter. Lengthsman Scheme: Only one application has been received for the Parish lengthsman position. Start-up Grant: The parish council wrote to Mr Wiggington and Mr Betts regarding the lack of cooperation from the County Council regarding the Parish Partnership Scheme. This was resolved after a meeting between Councillor Wells and Worcestershire County Council. A statement of problems reported in Wichenford has been given to the footpath wardens who will slowly work through them. The parish partnership scheme allows you to qualify for £1500.00 per annum. We can purchase tools, gloves, first aid equipment etc, we think necessary to carry out the work. We will get our autumn payment subject to our application being filled in. It was suggested that all farmers and landowners be contacted by the parish council to find out where the problems are.

Highways letter: Worcestershire County Council will be replacing the directional sign at the junction of the C2068 and C2243. It will be re-sited, but this could take up to six weeks. The SLOW sign has been painted on the road surface at Venn lane although the one on Poplar Road remains. Inspections of Kings Green, Barbers lane and Highfields will take place

shortly. The clerk was reminded to report the potholes at the bus stop.

PLANNING

Applications received for comment since the last meeting: Alterations to approved Scheme to form accommodation in roof space. Unit 2 Rimmers Farm. The parish council has no objection to this application. Erect wooden gates to provide enclosed driveway. Kedges Farm. The parish council has no objection to this proposal. New access to stone highway, stone driveway leading to parking area at Kenswick Mill was discussed. Decisions made by MHDC: Alterations to approved scheme to form accommodation in roof. Unit 2 Rimmers Farm has been passed. New wall build and locate shed, replace existing window with patio doors, install two Velux windows into existing roof for 7 Kenswick Manor has been approved.

FINANCE

The income and expenditure account were studied and agreed by the council. The Council approved payments totalling £128.00. The accounts are ready for the internal auditor who is currently on holiday.

HIGHWAYS.

The CROW Act provisional map has been placed on the notice board for information.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Kings Green: The parish council would like the opinion of the parishioners surrounding the green as to whether or not they would like it

mown. Cllr Rendall will get parishioners opinion and it was referred to the next meeting. Laugherne Valley Travel: This is well-used and extra daytime services will be put on for 6 weeks during the summer holidays to the Countryside Centre. During its 37-week run 1993 passengers have used the parish link.

Date and venue of next meetings:

27th September 2004 at 7.30pm

8th November 2004 at 7.30 pm

13th December 2004 at 7.30pm

24th January 2005 at 7.30pm

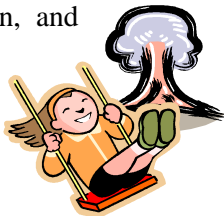
All in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.

*Shirley Sanders Clerk to the Council
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Buzz Words - Ban and Bylaw

How far can these little words stretch? Every good-doer group seems to want its pet hate banned or outlawed. Be it fox hunting, angling, smoking, eating junk food, drinking, e-colours and fatty stuff, chestnut and fruit trees in public places, children's sports days, anything which they feel may hurt or harm, either physically or mentally, must be wiped out.

However there have been, and still are, some crazier ones then these or the U.S. Prohibition, and laws much sillier than not using a mobile phone while driving, or banning chewing gum in Singapore. In



Thailand you cannot legally leave your house without wearing underwear and a shirt must be worn while driving. An old Scottish law states that you cannot be in possession of a cow while drunk. You can be fined in New York for flirting in the street, it is illegal to kiss on train stations in France, it is illegal to kiss in public places such as the underground, cinemas and shopping centres in Moscow where repeat offenders could face a fine or even a jail sentence.

Some laws would even give you an attack of the giggles: in France you are not allowed to name a pig Napoleon, in Switzerland you cannot hang out your washing on a Sunday, wash your car or mow the lawn - all anti-social laws rather than for any religious reason. This idyllic country also bars you from flushing you toilet after ten o'clock at night if you live in an apartment block.

One of the funniest bylaws I have ever heard of is a ban on falling asleep under the hair drier in Florida's hairdressers. The salon owner can get fined, too, for allowing the customer to nod off. And for desserts, in Denmark an ancient law says customers are not expected to pay for a meal in an inn unless they feel they are full. But then, do not forget, that in England in the days of Cromwell you were banned from eating mince pies on Christmas day.

If you know of any other weird bans and bylaws please let me know!

Beth Williams

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Friday 24 September
10 am to 12 noon

In aid of
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*Do you have any unwanted shares?
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*We are working with ShareGift who
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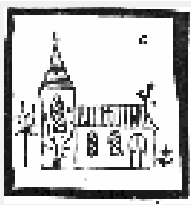
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A successful first year

On 13 August, Berrows Worcester Journal reported that our ParishLink bus service had just celebrated its first, and very successful, year. Well done also to everyone at a local and a county level who has done so much to make sure this useful service has been provided.

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Church Words

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It's already that time of year again, Harvest! During the last few months Robert the Agricultural Chaplain and I have started visiting our local farmers, I emphasise started because I know there are many that we have not yet seen but hopefully will in the near future. During those visits it has become very clear how difficult and diverse farming has become, legislation, rules, quotas, policies and so I could go on. All, it would seem, conspiring to make farming ever more difficult. In simple terms a farmer wants to grow crops or care for his animals so that the maximum harvest can be reaped, yet it would seem, from what I've heard it is not that simple. I admire the farming community for continuing to farm and produce all we enjoy to eat in the face of increasing difficulties.

God has a harvest to reap also, a harvest of souls. It would seem also that this is difficult in this day and age. Wherever you go, God's 'storehouses', (churches), are not exactly bulging at the seams, yet the Harvest is out there growing. We are part of this harvest and just as the crops and animals the farmers harvest 'feed the world', so too the church wherever it is found and however large or small, is called to 'feed the

world' with the spiritual food given to us by Jesus, and that 'food' he tells us is to do the will of God. (John chapter 4 verses 34-38)

Just as 'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above', so too we are sent by heaven above to bring good news in a world filled with such bad.

May you have a bumper and may we rejoice with our farming community as they celebrate another harvest, and as we thank them, let us thank God for one another and our place in God's harvest.

Rev David Sherwin

Autumn Fayre

St. Peter's Church Martley is holding an Autumn Fayre on the Rectory Meadow on Saturday 11 September 2004 2.00pm-4.00pm, as part of a Heritage Weekend celebration. The Church and Tower will also be open for visitors. The Fayre will include games, refreshments, tombola, and much more so come and enjoy the fun!

Rev. David Sherwin



Harvest Celebration

The Martley Harvest Supper will take place on Friday 24 September 7pm Martley Village Hall. Tickets £6 adults or £3 primary-age children

Fellowship Group and Alpha Group

Beginning September the Church Benefice of Martley, Wichenford and the Lower Teme valley will be holding an Alpha Course and running a fellowship group. These groups are open to anyone who is interested.

Alpha, is 'A Journey to discover who God is, who Jesus is and the Holy Spirit's work in our lives'. It is a national course which thousands of people have attended from pop stars to the man and woman in the street, many have found it to be a life changing experience. It is customary to begin each session with a meal, our first session is Wednesday 15 September 7.00pm. the venue will be announced dependant upon numbers of people wanting to come.

The Fellowship Group – 'A Journey of Discovery' will meet on Mondays from 1.30 - 3.30pm and provide a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for each of us to explore our individual path to God and to appreciate the paths others take.

If you are interested in being involved in one or both of these groups contact Revd David Sherwin 01886 888664, or Jennifer Whittaker 01886 833897

Services for September

5 September	
Wichenford	9.30am Holy Communion
Martley	11am Family Worship
Broadwas	11am Morning Worship
Knightwick	8am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	6.30pm Evensong
12 September	
Wichenford	10.0am Family Worship
Martley	11am Holy Communion
Broadwas	11am Morning Worship
Cotheridge	8am Holy Communion
19 September	
Wichenford	6.30pm Evensong
Martley	8am Holy Communion; 11am Morning Worship
Broadwas	11am Holy Communion
Cotheridge	9am Matins
Knightwick	3pm Evening Worship
26 September	
Wichenford	11am Harvest Festival
Martley	9.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Harvest Festival
Broadwas	8am Holy Communion; 11am Family Worship

In the Garden



Garden Tips for September

The days grow shorter now, and plant growth slows down. Time to harvest the summer crops and to start thinking about next spring. Plant out spring cabbage, January King purple sprouting, Duncan cabbage and winter cauliflower. Lift and store carrots, beetroot and potatoes. Earth up leeks to produce a longer blanche. Continue to feed tomatoes.

Time to take cuttings of fuchsias, pelargoniums and geraniums. Cut out old canes of summer-fruiting raspberries and tie in young canes. (Prune autumn fruiting varieties in the Spring.) Cut right back to almost ground level. Clean up the strawberry bed and plant new plants. Grease band apple trees to catch the wingless winter moth before she lays her eggs that will hatch next Spring - the offspring will attack the apples.

Jack Bradley

In the Kitchen



Thieboudienne

This recipe comes from Senegal, West Africa, and is their national dish.

Ingredients

*3 onions, 1 cabbage, 2 large potatoes
3 small round squash, 1 green pepper
& 1 red pepper, 1 aubergine, 1 green
chilli & 1 red chilli, 7fl oz/200ml
tomato puree, 7fl oz/200ml fish stock
2 garlic cloves and a bunch of fresh
parsley*

*1lb 12oz/800g white fish (sea bream,
haddock or hake) cut into 3-4in/8-
10cm thick cutlets*

*1lb 2oz/500g white, long-grain rice
1 lemon or lime to garnish*

Method

Grind the garlic and half the parsley to a paste in a pestle and mortar. Cut a hole in the side of the fish cutlets and stuff with the paste.

Roughly chop the vegetables and chillies and put in a pan with the tomato puree and fish stock. Cook over a medium heat for 40 minutes.

After the vegetables have been cooking for ten minutes, place the stuffed fish in a separate pan and cover with water. Tie the remaining parsley into a bunch, add to the fish and cook on a medium heat for 30 minutes.



Once the vegetables and fish are cooked, drain (keep the cooking liquid) and set aside. Add the rice to the vegetable liquid and cook for 12 minutes, then drain.

Serve the vegetables and fish on a bed of rice with a slice of lemon or lime.

In Senegal, the producers of the main ingredients are struggling. Fishing communities say the catch is poor and blame the government for selling fishing rights to foreign governments. Huge European trawlers now work the coastline. Also, the flood of cheap imported food from abroad is putting home-grown produce out of the price range of most local cooks. Thanks to Christian Aid for the recipe and information. AMH

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