

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:

Walking Not Working with the Path-or-Nones. Meet 9.30am Village Hall car park to help survey the footpaths

Mondays

1st Monday in the month:

Martley Parish Council 8pm Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling 2.30pm Martley Memorial Hall (2pm winter months)

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

Wednesdays

Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing

7pm Martley Memorial Hall.

Enquiries: Jeff and Thelma 01886 821772

Martley Folk Club: 1st Wednesday in the month at The Admiral Rodney

Martley WI: 2nd Wednesday in the month 7.30pm at 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

Other events:

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

See Church Words for details of services

See articles inside for details of special events AND changes of times or dates 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)

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



“He who eats a goose on Michaelmas Day,
Want not for money all the year.”



Eating goose at St Michaelmas

So what about September?

The name September comes from the Roman word “septem”, which means seven because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month. The Anglo-Saxons called it Gerst monath (barley month), because it was their time when they harvested barley to be made into their favourite drink – barley brew. They also called it Haefest monath, or Harvest month.

September is also the start of the school year. Students return to school after the six week summer holiday.

St Michaelmas Day

Michaelmas Day, traditionally on September 29, was the last day of the harvest season. This began on August 1 and was called Lammas, meaning loaf mass. Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke from Rome and today we have harvest festivals at the end of the season near Michaelmas Day.

Also, goose has always been a traditional dish cooked on St Michaelmas Day (see the goose recipe, page 28).

Michaelmas weather-lore, beliefs and sayings

The Michaelmas Daisies, among dede weeds,
Bloom for St Michael’s valorous deeds,
And seems the last of flowers that stood,
Till the feast of St Simon and St Jude.

If St Michael brings many acorns,
Christmas will cover the fields with snow.

September anniversaries

Sept 1, 1951: Britain's first supermarket opens at Earl's Court in London.

Sept 1, 1971: The penny and thrupenny piece cease to be legal tender.

Sept 9, 1835: Bear baiting was banned by parliament.

Sept 2, 1852: First free public lending library was opened.

Sept 26, 1955: Bird's Eye fish fingers first went on sale.

Martley & District Horticultural Society

A very pleasant evening was spent by members visiting the garden of Tim and Leslie Smith at 'Astley Towne House', Astley. The garden is approximately 2½ acres, and laid out to a very ambitious design, including a kitchen garden with a central water fountain, winding grass paths running through herbaceous and shrub borders leading to a pagoda bridge and tree lodge, with a revolving Summer House and Temple.

The garden also contains many subtropical and unusual plants. A short business meeting followed and the chairman, Barbara Kirby, thanked the hosts for a lovely evening.

At the meeting on Thursday 28 September, 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall, the speaker will be Duncan Coombs talking about "The Shaded Garden". New members most welcome.

Nellie Bradley

Trainee of the Year

Congratulations to Stuart Corbett who has scooped the title 'Trainee of the Year' at an awards ceremony at the Malvern Theatre. Stuart won the prestigious award by beating numerous entrants from other Worcestershire schools. He was nominated by Tina Hollyhead who is responsible for vocational training at the Chantry High School. Tina said: "Stuart has worked very hard throughout the year. The award could not have gone to a more deserving candidate and everyone at the school is very proud of him. This is the first time a Chantry student has received an award of this kind". Well done Stuart.



Martley Ramblers, Sunday 10 September 2pm

The recent walk around Hanbury Hall and park and along the canal path, led by Irene Walker, started at the church, reputedly the scene of weddings in the Archers. The magnificent oak trees in the park provided shade for dozens of recumbent sheep who looked as if they were in intensive care, so we quickly tiptoed past. In fact, some of us felt like joining them as the shade was so inviting. We had a welcome stop alongside the canal, watching holiday-makers labouring through the locks

and Irene kindly pointed out to us the location of pubs where we could get a lunch. Some members had brought a picnic and returned to join the sheep under the trees.

This month we are back to an afternoon walk as the weather should be cooling down. Cars leave the church car park at 2pm to meet Pam Bowers, who will be leading us around Upper Areley and Trimpley.

Kate King

Martley WI

Wednesday 13 September, 7.30pm at Heaton House

After a busy summer of garden partying, skittling, cooking and preserving for the Horticultural Show, it is hard to think we are nearly up to AGM time and that the darker evenings are drawing in. Not that the dark evenings will curtail our fun.

Congratulations to Julia Roberts on achieving her Foundation Certificate in food hygiene and to Chris Campbell on winning the Denman Bursary Draw. Chris Smith told us of her intended sponsored parachute jump at the end of August, so we were all behind her, in thought but not in the plane, of course.

Thanks to Sheila Craker who organised the skittles evening at the Rodney. The men beat the ladies, so we shall quickly gloss over that, but Andrew Campbell showed his overall superiority by winning the best of three balls. As we left, other groups present invited us to give a rendering of Jerusa-

lem, but we did not have any music.

This month we are back in Heaton House to hear Rosemary Prosser, a former policewoman telling us of her transition "From tights to trousers". The competition is "a photo of my pet". Please feel free to join us.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

There has been a lot of sheep movement recently and much disconsolate bleating from separated buddies. Visitors have commented on one which constantly bleats "eleven, eleven", and it is not known if this is due to bearing the wrong number on its back or is it trying to contact a lost friend. Any news of the lost eleven would be appreciated as WI rehearsals for the Harvest Supper are being disturbed.

Lay-by news. Our cleaner-upper continues his good work. Recent finds included enough discarded food to feed the 5,000, numerous wine and pop bottles, a car exhaust system and

Martley Library

Martley Village Hall, Berrow Green Road, Martley, WR66PQ.

Tel: 01886 888396

Opening hours

Mon 2.00-7.00

Wed 4.00-7.30

Thurs 10.00-1.00

Fri 2.00-4.00

Sat 10.00-12 noon

various car mats. Adverts in the Worcester News promise payment for dead cars so perhaps this could be followed up, but the advertisers may not want only half a dead car.

Sadly, rats are beginning to be a nuisance again and there is a little bit of rivalry between human residents as to who can get the highest number of rat kills. At the time of writing, the highest appears to be 30 and the lowest half a rat. We seem to have been down this line before. Does half a rat count as a kill or no?

Kate King

Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot



The Andrew Williams Memorial clay pigeon shoot will be held on Saturday 2 September at Rodge Hill Farm, Martley. This is an invitation only event that spectators are welcome to attend. All proceeds go to the committee's chosen charities. For further information please ring 01886-888120.

Barbara Williams

Martley Spurs

The new season will already be underway when you read this, with our three usual teams playing in the Worcester

League divisions. Please note that all Saturday matches are away games until the end of the cricket season.

Beth Williams

Congratulations

Alison and Graeme Cant would like to announce the arrival of their son Charlie Robert, born on the 2nd June, a little brother for Chloe.

Nora Parsons Day Centre

The Committee of the Nora Parsons Day Centre apologises for the omission of any invitations to the Annual General meeting on 12th July 2006.

The Nora Parsons Day Centre receives help from many benefactors, drivers and helpers and to anyone who has been omitted from the mailing list - a big sorry.

If you were not invited to the AGM and feel that you should have been, please contact Mrs Helen Mason on 01886 888964 or at helsmason@btinternet.com. The future mailing information will then be updated.

Whilst placing this notice, may we also say that we are always looking for drivers, am or pm on Mondays and Thursdays. The Centre is open between 9.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. on both of these days. We would also welcome helpers for the twice-weekly running of the Day Centre. For drivers, mileage is paid and Gift Aid can be recovered by the centre if the driver is a tax payer.

If you are interested in helping the

Nora Parsons Day Centre, please contact us on 01886 888374

Teme Valley Views

From the Teme Valley Children's Centre

The aim of the Teme Valley Children's Centre (TVCC) is to support families with young children by co-ordinating services and facilities. Based at Clifton-upon-Teme we provide outreach services, which hopefully help to address the issue of rural isolation. Regular courses include post-natal groups, paediatric first aid courses for parents and music and 'Leaps and Bounds' for children.

The TVCC has had a busy summer planning new programmes and initiatives across the Teme Valley. Highlights of the summer have been the arrival of the TVCC people-carrier, so if you are stuck for transport to any of our courses, contact us as we may be able to help. We are also pleased to announce the launch of our new website www.temevalley-cc.org.uk.

We are delighted that a local parent and teacher, Rachel Austin, has taken up the challenge to provide music classes for the under 5s in the Teme Valley. Rhythm Time will take place weekly in Stanford Bridge and Martley and is expected to be extremely popular so if you are interested please book up quickly.

Leaps and Bounds continues to be popular on Thursday mornings and a number of places are available in all

classes so if you would like your child to benefit from a structured physical activity course sign up now.

For more information about any of our courses or to receive a copy of our free monthly newsletter, 'Teme Valley Views', please contact the TVCC on 01886 812982.

In Memoriam

Doris Mary Boon

My wife of 62 years died suddenly and peacefully at home on the afternoon of Thursday, July 13. I have been overwhelmed with offers of help and support, which have been a great comfort. With your help, I'll manage. My very grateful thanks to you all.

Alan Boon

Martley's Past

The going of Harriet Shaw, schoolmistress

Among a box of documents from Martley rectory, I discovered the following letter:

Martley, March 16, 1872

"I Harriet Shaw do hereby certify the following facts:

- 1, That Joseph E Long shall not visit the school house.
- 2, That we only see each other occasionally and at a proper hour.
- 3, That I do not frequent his home.
- 4, That at the expiration of his apprenticeship, he shall leave this parish for a while with a view to improving himself.

Signed this 16th day of March, 1872, H Shaw.

However, this spirited young teacher, in her first post, later withdrew this promise and was summarily dismissed, as the following document, discovered in the same box, shows.

“At a meeting of the Trustees of the

Martley Girl’s School holden at the Rectory on August 2, 1872, a letter was exhibited from Miss Shaw giving notice that she would resign her situation at Xmas, but that she should feel herself at liberty not to fulfil the promises which she had made as to her not going to Mr Young’s (note J Long’s

Pre-School Snippets



Welcome back to Pre-School to faces old and new!

As the new school term begins, a reminder – Pre-School accepts children from the age of 2 (nappies are not a problem!). There are wonderful facilities inside and out. We are Ofsted registered with fully trained staff. Five sessions a week are government funded from the term after each child turns 3. We can also offer Out of School Care. This is available for children aged 2 to 13. Breakfast Club runs from 8.00 to 9.00 am and After-School Club runs from 3.15 to 6.00pm. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the staff on 01886 889127.

This term the children will be focusing on ‘stories.’ Using both traditional fairy tales and modern texts, the children will be developing their language and literacy skills whilst having lots of fun. This topic always proves popular with children and staff alike!

Our second annual **Five-a-Side football tournament** will take place **Sunday 17th September** on the playing fields at the Memorial Hall. This year there will also be a BBQ for all those who have worked up an appetite playing or cheering on the teams. Teams wishing to register or anyone with enquiries should contact Laverne Banner on 01886 888640. Registration of teams will be closing very soon, so hurry if you don’t want to miss out on this fantastic day!

Finally, farewell to Kim Reeves who has been with us for four years and specialises in children with special needs. She is moving on to work at The Chantry whilst still continuing her excellent work at the Primary School. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for all her hard work.

master) and also as to Joseph Long leaving Martley.

This letter was considered to be a breach of contract and that she should not be allowed to take charge of the school after Harvest holiday.

That a committee be appointed to fill up the vacancy and that the committee consist of James Nash Esq, Mr M Davis and Rev HJ Hastings. Meeting notes signed by HJ Hastings, J Eaton, J Nash, JP Hastings, R Nash and M Davis.”

Note: Miss Shaw's quarterly salary was £5 with free rent and coals. Eliza Grant took charge on Sept 23, 1872.

Alan Boon

Primary schools' orchestra

This short article is to give you details about an exciting new venture, which I am getting off the ground next term at Queen Elizabeth High School in Bromyard. There has already been a great deal of interest.

A number of Primary School Head-teachers have pointed out that their pupils who learn musical instruments, either in school or privately, rarely get the opportunity for the important social aspect of music making – that is performing in ensembles.

In order to try to fill this gap, I will be setting up an orchestra that will rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in my music room at Queen Elizabeth High School. The first rehearsal is on 12th September.

To assist me, I will also be asking some of my musicians at QE to join

the orchestra from time to time and certainly in the first few weeks. I also believe that some teachers from the Primary Schools want to dust off their instruments and join! There will be no charge for this activity; all I ask is regular attendance at rehearsals.

If you have any questions about the orchestra, especially if you have a youngster who may be interested, please feel free to contact me on 01885 482157 or 07880 701512. We are looking for woodwind, brass and string players but it may also be possible to include some other instruments – please telephone to check.

David J Kemp, Head of Music

Martley Parish Council

August 2006 at the memorial hall

Present: Cllr. Mr. D. Cropp, Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear, Cllr. Mr. N. Stammers, Cllr. Mrs. M. Randall, Cllr. Mr. G. Coombey-Jones, Cllr. Mr. J. Slough
In Attendance: Mr. T. Pearsall (Clerk to The Parish Council), 5 members of the public.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business, the following points were raised:

The footpath opposite the turning to Kingswood Lane is overgrown; the Clerk to instruct the Lengthman.

A parishioner thanked the council for all its help in resolving the numbering problems in St. Peters Drive. However, emergency services were still

trying to access St. Peters Drive via Jury Lane due to errors in their GPS systems. The Clerk was instructed to write to the head of these services and ask for an explanation, as assurances had been received that this problem was solved.

The Parish Council Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8:10 pm.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. M. Nott and Mr. R. McHugh, these were accepted.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests: The Clerk reminded everyone of the need to declare interests and to keep their list up to date.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd. July. 2006: It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

Village Signs: The Clerk demonstrated several different types of sign and indicated that there are four locations on the approach to Martley, where they would be suitable. The Clerk was instructed to approach The Chantry School and determine if the pupils would be prepared to enter a competition to design a village sign for Martley.

It was resolved that a prize to the value of £20.00 would be offered at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Funding would be sought for the cost of the signs.

MHDC Planning Changes: The documents "Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations Consultation Statement, Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Supplementary Planning

Document (SPD)" were received and discussed.

Gambling Act 2006: The document "Statement of Principles- Gambling Act 2005" was received (copies are available: www.malvern hills.gov.uk/gambling). It was agreed to comment before the deadline of 3rd. Oct 2006.

District Councillor's Report: District Cllr. Mrs. B. Williams had sent her apologies. The Clerk read out a copy of D. Cllr. Williams' question to the leader of Malvern Hills District Council concerning Parish Councils' roles in democracy. The full response is given in addendum 2

County Councillor's Report: County Councillor Mr. A. Davies has tendered his apologies thus no report was available.

Correspondence: . Correspondence for 7th. August 2006.

1. CALC email: Govt. statement on village halls temporary event notices.
2. Marches Housing: Annual report.
3. MPC letter to Rev. David Sherwin: churchyard and reply
4. CPRE: Voice magazine plus raffle tickets
5. Kempsey PC: Copy of parish plan and notification of Quality Status (replied).
6. MHDC: Local Plan - Adopted July 2006 (2 copies).
7. Ian Logan: Copy of reply to Mr. Ian Logan from Highways.
8. WCC:P3 scheme.

9. MPC: Reply letter to WCC P3 scheme asking for clarification.
 10. WCC Highways: Mr. M. Davies changes to organisation.
 11. WCC Countryside Service: Newsletter.
 12. Glasdon: Pamphlets ref. seats and bins.
 13. MHDC: Executive committee agenda 25th. July.
 14. MHDC: Developer Contributions & Planning Obligations (SPD)- Consultation Draft July 2006; reply by 31st. Aug.(to DC 19/7) (Agenda item).
 15. MHDC: Email, gypsy & traveller survey (19th. July); replied to.
 16. MHDC: Gambling Act 2006- Draft statement of principles- Consultation (agenda item).
 17. Npower: Letter querying an unsolicited request to change supplier.
 18. WCC Highways: Reorganisation letter see also 10.
 19. Bank of Ireland: Change of accounting period.
 20. CALC: Budgets & Brainstorms: Topical briefing 29th. Aug.(£30 per person) .
 21. West Mercia Constabulary: Police restructuring; thanks letter for supporting them.
 22. Clement Keys: Audit report and invoice.
 23. Central Networks: Opportunity to apply for grants.
 24. MHDC: Open space audit.
 25. Worcestershire's Local Area Agreement.
 26. Worcestershire Partnership: Newsletter.
 27. WMRA: "Speaking Out".
 28. WCC: Passenger Transport in Worcestershire, copy of report on www.worcestershire.gov.uk/scrutiny.
 29. WCALC: New service for chairmen (Martley Parish Council needs to accept protocol)
 30. WCALC: "Mail" newsletter.
 31. CAB: Invite to AGM (26th. July)
 32. Community First: "Newslines" and training brochure.
 33. Community First: Email ref Resource Centre and information on funding for "Parish Office".
 34. WCC: Rights of way improvement plan (available on www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside).
 35. WCALC: Chairmen's access to website.
 36. MHDC: Supplementary Planning Document (Re-use of Rural Building & house extns)
 37. H&W Geological Records Centre: Email and pamphlet ref. meeting Memorial Hall 11th. Sept 7pm; subject "The Geopark Way"
 38. MHDC: Future Senior Management Arrangements at Malvern Hills District Council..
 39. MHDC: Mobile Skate Park (hire of).
 40. WCC Highways: Revised telephone numbers
- Planning:**
- Applications received:**
1. Hawks Nest Farm, Retention of

import soil- regarded levels; Cllr. Mr. G. Taylor; no comment

Applications Approved/Refused/Withdrawn:

1. Pasmead Martley, kitchen extn. and conversion of garage:
approved
2. The Tegs Pudford Lane. Single storey extn.: approved.
3. The Old Quarry Hillside: c o n - struction of two timber cabins:
approved.

Finance:

There were 8 cheques totalling £1343.74 for agreement and signature
Income July 06: £0.00

Current Bank Balance
Lloyds TSB 17th. July 2006
£5344.42

Actual position 7th. Aug 2006
£4000.68

Deposit Acc
£7455.54

It was resolved to adopt the finances. The Clerk presented the External Auditor's report (an unqualified audit opinion was given); it was resolved to adopt this.

The Clerk confirmed that the notice of completion of audit is displayed on the notice board.

Parish Paths Warden Report:

The report was read out and is attached as addendum 1

Urgent Decisions since last meeting:
There was none.

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas:

1. Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear attended the Nora Parsons Day Centre AGM

and submitted the report to The Clerk.

2. Concern was expressed that the Lengthman is doing enough work for this Parish. The Clerk agreed to bring a typical time sheet to the next meeting.

3. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for The Lengthman to clear overgrowth from the footpath that runs from The Memorial Hall to The Remedial School.

4. The Clerk was instructed to enquire why Highways had not cleared the hedges at Ankerdine.

5. An agenda item was requested for discussion on The Martley Map.

6. The Clerk to request bus timetables for the bus shelter

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Monday 4th. September 2006 at 8 p.m. (Finance committee at 7:30 p.m.).

Meeting closed at 21:40 hrs.

Addendum 1

Parish Paths Warden's Report
July 2006 Parish Paths Warden's Report

Hot day, much clearance done—paths and stiles at roadside.

Clearance, approx 4.6km; Stiles at roadside, 20. Full details sent to County.

Concern over the insurance cover that County are not now providing as there is a recent requirement for the PPW and for group supervisors to attend training courses. Until then, the insurance is not valid. PPW to go on a one day session and supervisors a half day. The cost of volunteering has gone up.

Addendum 2

Question asked by District Councillor Mrs. B. Williams, directed to the Leader of Malvern Hills District Council.

"Does the Leader agree with me that our Parish Councils play a vital role in the democracy of the Malvern Hills area?"

Leader's Response

I do agree that Parish Councils, as the first tier of local democracy in our local government system, can and do play a vital role along with the District and County Council in leading and representing our communities and providing valuable local services. .

We are fortunate in this District to have two Parish Councils already who have obtained the coveted Quality Parish status and Martley and Kempsey Parish Councils are to be congratulated on their achievement.

Through the Councils' Charter, which we have signed, we recognise and acknowledge that Parish Councils are the "grass roots" level of government and our aim is to improve working relationships with a view to better service delivery and being more responsive to local needs.

In their role as democratically accountable bodies, Parish Councils offer a means of shaping decisions that affect their communities. They offer a means of decentralising the provision of certain services and of revitalising local communities. In turn, through the Charter, Parish Councils recognise the strategic role of the principal councils

and the equitable distribution of services that they have to achieve.

Sept events

Crafts in Action -

Venue: Lyttelton Rooms, Malvern

E-Mail:

Phone: 01684 592709

From: 2 September 2006

To: 2 September 2006

Giant Toy & Train Fair -

Venue: Three Counties Showground

E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk

Phone: 01869 347489

Website: [http://](http://www.threecounties.co.uk)

www.threecounties.co.uk

From: 3 September 2006

To: 3 September 2006

Antiques Fair -

Venue: Three Counties Showground

E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk

Phone: 01636 702326

Website: [http://](http://www.dmgantiquefairs.com)

www.dmgantiquefairs.com

From: 3 September 2006

To: 3 September 2006

Bands in the Park -

Malvern Hills District Brass Band

from 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Priory Park Bandstand

From: 3 September 2006

To: 3 September 2006

Bromyard Folk Festival -

Venue: Bromyard
Phone: 01885 490323
From: 8 September 2006
To: 10 September 2006

Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>
From: 18 September 2006
To: 23 September 2006

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb - Midland Hill Climb Championship

Venue: Shelsley Walsh
Phone: 01886 812211
Website: <http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/2006.htm>
From: 9 September 2006
To: 10 September 2006

Autumn Garden & Country Show -

Venue: Three Counties Showground
E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk
Phone: 01684 584900
Website: <http://www.threecounties.co.uk>
From: 23 September 2006
To: 24 September 2006

Witley Court Event - Experience Day: The Art of Falconry (Adults)

Venue: Witley Court
Phone: 01299 896636
Website: <http://tinyurl.co.uk/q7b2>
From: 16 September 2006
To: 17 September 2006

Play - Penelope Keith in "Entertaining Angels"

Venue: Malvern Theatres
Phone: 01684 892277
Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>
From: 25 September 2006
To: 30 September 2006

Farmers Market - 9am - 2pm

Venue: Abbey Road, Great Malvern
From: 16 September 2006
To: 16 September 2006

Malvern Concert Club - Paul Lewis plays Beethoven

Venue: Malvern Theatres
Phone: 01684 892277
Website: <http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>
From: 28 September 2006
To: 28 September 2006

Flea Fair -

Venue: Three Counties Showground
E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk
Phone: 01636 702326
Website: <http://www.threecounties.co.uk>
From: 17 September 2006
To: 17 September 2006

Caravan & Motorhome Show -

Venue: Three Counties Showground
E-Mail: info@threecounties.co.uk
Phone: 01452 713311
Website: <http://www.threecounties.co.uk>
From: 29 September 2006

Play - Tennessee Williams's "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Venue: Malvern Theatres
Phone: 01684 892277



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Flower Rota

3 September Mrs Wetherall
10 September Mrs Williams
17 September Mrs Whyatt
24 September Mrs A Smith



Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378

Mary on 01886-888431 or Carma
Wetherall on 01886-888611.

Wichenford 100 Club

July winner: M Baldwin. Ticket 173.
£108.

Millennium Green Tidying and Inspection Rota

September: D. Woodward/

Wichenford PCC

There will be a meeting of the PCC on
18 September in the Memorial Hall on
7.45pm.

Ladies Fellowship

The next meeting of the Ladies Fel-
lowship will be on 19 September,
2.30pm at the home of Mrs Banks
Senior.

Wichenford 2000 Book

Copies of the Wichenford Book 2000
are available free to parishioners, or
£5 to non-parishioners. Please contact

Mary Berry Cookbook

A local lady was seeking a Mary
Berry Cookbook at Wichenford Fete;
the person she spoke to was Janet
James. Janet has found a copy and
bought it, so would the lady please be
good enough to phone her on 07773-
029973.

Record Fete

The Wichenford Village Fete raised
the record sum of £3,700. This will be
divided between our various village
organisations. Our thanks and deep
appreciation to all our helpers too nu-
merous to mention; and also to those
who gave so generously and those
who came and made this event such a
happy occasion.

Escaped Parrot

A green parrot has been seen several
times in Wichenford. If anyone has

lost one please ring one of the Wichenford correspondents.

Get well wishes

We send our very best wishes to Hazel for a speedy recovery. Hazel organises our very successful Memorial Hall whist drives and we thank her for all her enthusiasm and hard work.

Walking in Bulmer Orchards

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

1. Please keep to the footpaths
2. Keep all dogs on a lead and never allow them to foul near the fruit trees.

This last request is especially important as the Food Safety Act is very strict about purity of fruit. Thank you. R J Holloway (Farm Manager)

Wichenford Memorial Hall

The Management Committee of Wichenford Memorial Hall would like to convey their grateful thanks to the Committee Members of the Red Marley Hill Climb for the very generous donation of £1,000.

This will be put to very good use. Would all villagers and friends please place Easter Monday 9 April 2007 in your diaries for the next Red Marley Hill Climb where you will enjoy a good day's entertainment.

Your support would be very much appreciated. If anyone has any spare

time, or can assist in any way with preparation or on the day at the Hill Climb, then please contact Tom Cook on 01886-888803.

Once again many thanks to Tom Cook and his team for this extremely welcome donation.

Margaret H Fisher, Secretary Wichenford Memorial Hall Management Committee

St Laurence Church, Wichenford

Last year the Open Gardens donated £2,000 to the Friends of St Laurence. This helped the Friends to help pay for the replacement of some of the sandstone blocks on the west wall of the church. This work is now complete bringing the fabric of the church into a good state of repair so that it can continue to serve the population of Wichenford.

In 2002, the Friends helped to restore the Washbourne Monuments. These Monuments were built in 1615 and 1832. They have been restored with great care and help to make the Church an interesting place to visit.

The PCC hopes to keep the Church in good condition. We appreciate that a building that was started in 1189 will require repairs from time to time.

With this in mind we are striving to build up the funds held by the Friends. Please contact me if you would like to assist the Friends.

R G Whyatt, Treasurer St Laurence Church, Wichenford PCC.

Wichenford Heritage Group

We would like to announce their programme of lectures for the coming season. This year, instead of weekly lectures, there will be one lecture usually on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7.30 p.m, beginning in September and running through to May.

September 20th Duncan James

Early medieval houses

October 18th Robin Whittaker
Early parochial Worcester

November 15th tbc Della Hooke
Anglo Saxons west of the Severn

December 6th Heather Rendall
What's in a name? The origins of names

Jan 17th Mike Field

Windmills

Feb 21st Stephen Price
Later medieval houses

March 21st AGM
Reports on individual researches

April 18th Pat Hughes
Hallow

May 16th tbc Della Hooke
Hedges & Boundaries

Heritage Group annual subscription :
£5.00

Lectures for the whole season (to include refreshments) £20.00

Outstanding subscriptions are due on the first Wednesday meeting

Extensive History Library available.

Access to members' research material
Group activities include Hedge Dating, Soil Sampling, Field Walking, introduction to researching at the Worcester Record Office and Church

Visits.

For further information please contact
01886 888 431

Letter from Indonesia

Here in Indonesia we are into the dry season. That does not mean it never rains, the odd storm is quite common especially up in the mountains. I have just returned from a week at our facility in a place called Mengoepeh, which is in Jambi Sumatra. Mengoepeh is about a three and a half hour drive west of Jambi. The road is generally good for most of the way; however travelling at night is dangerous due to the number of trucks and buses that travel with no lighting.

Oran Kubu tribe

Our oil and gas process facility has been operating for around one year and only recently have we seen local native people coming out of the jungle and standing beside the dirt roads. These people are called the Orang Kubu tribe and most of them do not wear clothes.

They still hunt pig, deer and snake with poison tipped spears. They speak a language which is not understandable; it is certainly not Basha Indonesia, which is the national language. They appear to be quite friendly, but are very camera shy. They of course have no need for money and exist by trading.

Giving birth

During the course of my visit we

needed to move a concrete culvert, which is about 1.5 meters in diameter. We arranged a crane and slings and prepared to attach slings to lift the culvert. All of a sudden a bunch of the Kubu people appeared out of the jungle and it was obvious they were very excited about something. Well it turns out that one of their womenfolk was giving birth inside the concrete culvert.

It takes some believing, but its true, the native people are very hardy and although we in the western countries are very advanced when it comes down to survival and living off the land the majority of us would soon perish.

Yet another earthquake

It is Tuesday morning 18 July and we hear that yet another earthquake has hit Java, the location is a long way from Jakarta in an easterly direction initial reports indicate 200 dead. A tsunami early warning has been installed off the coast of Ache but that does not cover eastern Java. Indonesia is very vulnerable to seismic activity and is in the so called pacific rim of fire which runs also around the Philipines. Here in Jakarta we do sometimes do feel the earthquakes but we are told that Jakarta has no fault lines running through the area.

On Thursday I shall be off to Singapore for a few days, Singapore is about one hour, twenty mins from Jakarta. The trip is business and a bit of pleasure. There are two bars that are particularly popular with Ex-pats. One

is called Muddy Murphy's near Orchard Towers. The other is called Brewerks which is a micro brewery and brews a variety of beers, all good. Muddy's is based on an Irish bar and sells draught Guinness brewed in Ireland.

Regarding law and order in Indonesia, it really is a matter of how much money you have. The police will often stop people for an apparent traffic violation, but it's quite often a random pull over. Usually it can be all settled with a small amount of cash. Of course, if you are a Bule (white man) then the amount of money will be more, maybe \$5.0. Some time back I was stopped and after "the formalities" were completed the cop stopped all the traffic, saluted me and I was on my way. Not that I condone corruption, but it does make for an easy and laid back way of living.

Mike Townsend

Firewood

Cordwood

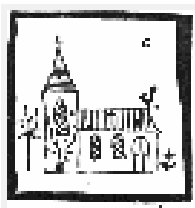
Hardwood cordwood for collection in Wichendorf for £25 a cord. Local delivery by arrangement at cost.

Hardwood logs

at £50 a pickup load. Local delivery by arrangement at cost.

Poplar and willow for wood burners also available.

Telephone 0777 186 7961



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

I do hope you had a good summer holiday and are now refreshed and ready for Autumn.

It is amazing how quickly the seasons

change and how much can happen in a year. We have celebrated the wedding of our eldest daughter and now the baptism of our granddaughter.

Both have begun new seasons in their lives. Starting school is another new season too, either for the first time or moving on through the years.

Seasons of our lives

These seasons shape our lives and we each face different things as the years roll by. This is why, as the seasons of our lives change, we need the one who doesn't change by our side, Jesus.

Having been here for five years now and enjoyed celebrating such special events with you, I know only too well from our conversations that you desire the best for your children and each other, and so does God.

It seems, however, that our family worship times and maybe their content do not always enable you to follow up your commitment to Christ in your Baptism. We endeavour to continue to find ways of considering how we can fulfil this desire for you and your children to 'grow in the Christian faith' as the Baptism service declares.

To this end we are looking to make changes to our Family worship, whilst keeping true to the gospel. We will be asking for your help in considering these issues, by asking what prevents your enjoying such worship. For as it was once said in the Westminster Catechism 'the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever'.

I hope when a questionnaire arrives you will be able to help us in our prayerful considerations for 2007. Although Broadwas family worship is being suspended until October it will return hopefully better able to serve your needs in this hectic season changing world.

It is a new season for family worship, and I am looking forward to what may lie ahead. Join us for the adventure and see where God leads us.

If you have any comments or wish to know more please don't hesitate to contact me.

Revd David Sherwin

Church diary for September

- Saturday 2 Sept 9.00-10.30am Benefice Prayer Meeting at Wichenford
- Sunday 3 Sept 8.00am Holy Communion, Knightwick Chapel
9.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
- Monday 4 Sept 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
- Tuesday 5 Sept 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Sunday 10 Sept 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
10.00am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
11.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
11.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
6.30pm Healing Service, St Laurence Wichenford
- Monday 11 Sept 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at Jennifer Whittaker's
- Wednesday 13 Sept 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thursday 14 Sept 2.00pm Little Minnows – birthday
- Sunday 17 Sept 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley
9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
11.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
11.00am Morning Worship, St Peter Martley
3.00pm Evening Worship, Knightwick Chapel
6.30pm Evensong, St Laurence, Wichenford
- Monday 18 Sept 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
7.45pm Wichenford PCC, Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 19 Sept 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
7.30pm Wardens Meeting at the Rectory
- Thursday 21 Sept 2.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting at Sheila Richards' homr
- Sunday 24 Sept 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley
11.00am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter Martley
- Monday 25 Sept 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
- Tuesday 26 Sept 4.30pm Evening Prayer at St Johns Parish Church
- Wednesday 27 Sept 10.15am, Holy Communion, Heaton House
- Thursday 28 Sept 12.00 Martley Mother's Union at Muriel Coombe's home.
- Friday 29 Sept 10.00 World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Broadwas School
- Saturday 30 Sept 7.00pm Martley Harvest Supper at the Village Hall

In the Kitchen



St Michaelmas goose

Geese were, at least at one time, plentiful during this time of year, so roast goose dinners were traditional (eating them on this day is said to protect against financial hardship, according to Irish and English folk belief).

Below is the St Michaelmas goose, from the original medieval recipe.

Take sawge, persel, ysop and savyeray, quinces and peeres, garlek and grapes, and fylle the gees therwith; and sowe the hole that no grece come out, and roost hem wel, and kepe the grece that fallith thereof.

Take galyntyne and grece and do in a possynet. When the gees both rosted ynowh, take hem of and smyte hem on pecys, and take that that is withinne and do it in a possynet and put ther-

inne wyne, if it be to thyk; do therto powdour of galyngale, powdour douce, and salt and boyle the sawse, and desse the gees in disshes and lay the sewe onward.

Translation:

Stuffing:

1 tsp each dried sage, parsley, hyssop (or mint), and savory

2 small hard pears, peeled, cored, and chopped

2-3 quinces (or sharp apples), peeled, cored, and chopped

2-3 cloves garlic, mashed or minced fine

1 to 1 ½ cups seedless grapes

Sauce:

¼ cup (½ cup) dry breadcrumbs

½ tsp cinnamon

¼ tsp galingale or ginger

¼ cup (½ cup wine) vinegar

¼ cup (1/3 cup) red wine

½ tsp salt

¼ cup (1/8 cup) goosefat drippings

In a bowl mix the fruit, dried herbs and garlic. Stuff the bird with this mixture, and sew or skewer the opening shut. Roast at 325 on a rack in an open pan for 30 minutes per pound. (We roasted the birds on Weber grills). Pour off the fat as it accumulates and set aside.

While the bird is cooking, soak the bread crumbs in the vinegar. When the bird is done, mix together the bread crumbs, remaining spices, wine and about 1/8 cup (up to ¼ cup) of the drippings from the bird. Whisk smooth, salt to taste.

Pour over the bird; serve it forth.

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