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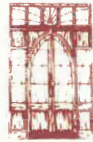
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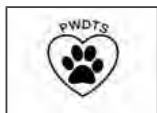
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Regular events in Martley and

Wichenford

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month

Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce
11am The Talbot, Knightwick

3rd Sunday in the month:

Path-or-Nones meet 9am The Crown car park.
Help us to maintain the local footpaths around our Villages.

Mondays

Martley Parish Council: 1st Monday in the month 7.30pm

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling: 2.00pm Martley Memorial Hall

Martley Toddler Group: Every Tuesdays (term time) 9.00am 11am Martley Memorial Hall

Wednesdays

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

Wichenford Local Heritage Group: 3rd
Wednesday, September to April
Wichenford Memorial Hall.

1st Wednesday of the month (except January)
Palaeography classes, members only

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club

3rd Thursday in the month

Martley & District Horticultural Society

last Thursday in the month 7.30pm Martley
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Saturdays

Martley Memorial Village Hall

Coffee Mornings

Are held on the last Saturday in the month in aid
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See Church Words and Services on page 27 for
details of events/services

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

See the Diary page on www.martley.org.uk for a
complete listing of all forthcoming events (that
the Editor is aware of)

See page 28 for all contact details of
organisations

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

**Records of the Parish Councilmeetings in
the two Parishes are not intended to be full
and complete minutes.**

**Minutes of meetings can be seen by
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OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Martley Virtual Gardening Club

Salad Vegetables to grow at home

Well, here is what we all hope will be a short series for you, to fill in the missing meetings.

This article has some recommendations of salad vegetables that should not take too much time, effort, and space to grow at home. As far as I am aware, seed suppliers will be more than happy for your business.

BEETROOTS

Quite easy to handle the seeds and quite easy to grow in a pot or trough. They generally like well-drained fairly rich soil; keep well watered, a bit of slow release fertilizer. Boltardy is a good bet, but for a bit of fun there are multi-coloured seeds as well.

CUCUMBERS

The small varieties will produce a regular cropping for a fair few weeks, one plant to a largish pot with canes and support. They like a good soil, and, of course, keep well watered. Green Fingers, Mini Munch, and Socrates are the varieties to look out for.

LETTUCE

Probably best in a trough or a larger container, but still easy to grow; they like

lighter but rich soils, good for succession planting. best to go for one of the many Salad Mix leaves - almost every supplier does them; you can then cut and grow quite easily.

SPRING ONIONS

Easily pot grown, not too crowded though; again, they like fertile, well-drained soil and like to be in the light. Usual good choices are: White Lisbon, Guardsman, or you might like to try a Blood Red variety.

SWEET PEPPERS

Only added in because it's now possible to get one to grow as a container of hanging basket variety; as you can guess, they will need good warmth and watering, so only suitable for indoors.

RADISHES

Well, if you like them, why not grow them. They like good moisture-retaining soil, not too much full sunlight. Scarlet Globe and Sparkler worth trying; for a bit of fun you can also get Colour Mixes.

TOMATOES

Plenty to choose from, although you'll need to grow them in warmth. Cherry Tomatoes are probably your best bet; amongst the reds Sweet Million and Gardener's Delight you should find easily; also look out for the Grape-shaped cherry ones, such as Sun Grape; Sungold and

Sakura are good yellow varieties to try.

CHARD

Choose one of the Colour Mixes. either to grow somewhere in a bed or large pot, and pull leaves as you want - don't plant too many seeds at once!

In a future issue, I'll give you a look at some vegetables that you can try at home without digging up your front drive or patio in order to grow them.

All Best Wishes to You All - Keep Safe, Keep Happy, Keep Growing!

Dave Cropp

The New Normal

It goes without saying that all our lives changed in an unprecedented way on 23rd March 2020. During the period that followed we have had to come to terms with the impact of lockdown, which can be viewed, on a continuum ranging from highly stressful to peaceful pleasure.

In the early days anxiety and fear were dominant whilst we struggled with safe ways to obtain provisions and to stay well. A kind of mass hysteria washed over the nation and who will ever forget the scenes of panic buying broadcast on TV, the denuding of supermarket shelves, the unprecedented demand for toilet rolls and pasta! Who didn't wonder at the smallest ache or pain, the occasional sneeze or cough and 'is that a sore throat I have?' sort of feeling.

A press storm of informed writing and worrying speculation accompanied the televised daily briefings and we watched the horrific rise in cases and death while the unprecedented scale of the crisis unfolded like a dystopian horror story. Edgy anxiety affected sleep and appetite in both positive and negative directions. We spent hours talking to friends and

family on the phone and internet usually going over the same ground, telling each other Covid stories so that, at the end of the day, we wondered where on earth all the time went!

And so it was at the beginning and for some still is though it's hard to generate enough adrenaline to stay at high alert indefinitely. So most of us have slowly adjusted to the new normal, stayed at home and found a new way of being and changing our routines. There have been losses, I for one have had to forgo two trips, which I was so looking forward to, but how can I measure that against those who have lost beloved friends and family members? We are forced to reconsider our values and measurements of importance. It is enough to be well and alive. Frustration with what was top priority before has diminished as we look at the terrible loss all about us.

Despite our separation the need to belong is high and one of the great joys of this catastrophe is the way it has brought communities together. As we have reached out to help and support those around us, we have become better neighbours. The little daily kindnesses of others are gladly experienced, reciprocated and appreciated.

The frightening early feelings have not gone away but replaced with that English spirit we heard of in wartime. It's called 'bonding by conflict' and that bond has for many led to a new joy in our immediate environment, the quiet roads, the increased silence as fewer vehicles dash along our lanes. We have suddenly found time to go about our daily lives at a slower pace. Time to stand and stare has revealed the abundance of spring. Have our verges and hedges always heaved

with such blossoms and wild flowers as this year and has the chorus of birdsong always been so obviously audible, so loud and so clear?

It is good to remember W.H. Davies' poem – Leisure.

'What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stand as long as sheep and cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.'

Stay safe and well everyone and please take time to stand and stare.

Jan Anderson-Kaye

PS – My Shakespearean's group are now meeting on line with regular Zoom gatherings. Please contact me if you fancy joining us. (07903 356 131)

Martley Cricket Club

With no cricket being played at the moment, and as we write it is uncertain when and if we will play any cricket in the village this summer.



If we do we are certainly hoping to have a Presidents Day if nothing else.

Members have kept in touch via Facebook and the like, and we have had two Virtual Quizzes online which have been great fun with a lot of people

Zooming in.

As we don't have club cricket to talk of here's an article written for the local paper, which will we hope be of interest to village folk. Are five generations of cricketers playing for the same Worcestershire village club some sort of a record? That is the question being asked by Martley C.C. president and historian Dave Bradley, after he discovered five members of the Taylor family have played for the club. "I have the scorebook for 1891, and a picture of the team, "One of the players was Henry Taylor who was a coachman and lived at Rectory Cottage". "On delving further, I realised he had a son in 1910 called Edgar, and I played cricket with Edgar in the late 1960's and 1970's, when he was still a fine bowler, and I knew three more generations had played for the club."

Edgar Taylor was the founder of Taylor's of Martley a company that went on to become one of the biggest haulage firms in the country, later run by his son Don and grandsons.

As Dave explains "I played with and against Don as he played for Clifton On Teme, and we had many battles in the local derby, and he later played for Martley.

"Don was a larger than life character, and a great supporter of both Martley and the county club.

"He was president for many years and got some top players to come and play for his team against the Martley lads each year, including his old chum Basil D'Oliveira".

Don's two sons Steve and Graeme also played for Martley.

Steve was a Great Britain hockey international, who occasionally kept wicket for Martley, and later became

chairman of Worcester County Cricket, and Graeme played the odd game for the club as well.

“Steve’s two son’s Harry and Ben both played for the club, so that’s five generations playing for the same club, and I played with four generations over the years, which may not be unique but is certainly unusual” says Dave.

Martley chairman Stu Watt says the history of the club is very important:

“We are very much a forward-looking community club, but the past should not be forgotten and neither should all those players who have contributed over some 160 years since we were formed.”

“Bradders has done a cracking job and found all the players from 1891, where they were born, lived and died, even finding one who emigrated to South Africa and died in the first world war.”

“The Jewry Field will hopefully be full of youngsters in our Juniors and All Stars programmes in the near future, but we intend to make sure they know all about the history of our club, and of the Taylor families long term involvement.”

<https://martley.play-cricket.com/>

Dave Bradley, Martley Cricket Club

House Dad Diary

The Diary of an older than average Martley House dad. Sept 2009

I walked tentatively into the village having convinced myself to go to the ‘Mums and Toddlers’ group at the Memorial Hall with my two young daughters. It was a Tuesday morning. I stopped at the Post Office (now a family house) where ‘Scary Mary’ the Postmistress took me to task. My pushchair had moved some of her traffic cones that marked the boundary of her establishment and I hadn’t put them

back properly. Her Western Front was out of alignment!

I assured her I would rectify matters but made the mistake of asking why they were there in the first place? She was in dispute with the then owner of the Central Stores about the intrusion of delivery lorries. I was about to get the full story when my youngest started to whine giving me an excuse to leave. I loitered in the shop half hoping one of my girls would kick off because of the ‘No midweek sweet rule’ my sensible wife had instigated and I had to enforce. I was looking for an excuse not to go to what I assumed would be an exclusively female domain. I knew I had to get out and about in the locality and that our daughters needed to make friends, I was just apprehensive about starting that process.

As it happened it was a really positive morning. I was welcomed. There was another dad there (Will Pearce). I wasn’t asked if I was the grandad (although I sensed the young mums were dying to ask). And there was a Welsh speaker there. ‘How on earth was she making herself understood?’ I thought. After a while Louise’s speech mellowed a touch. She was actually speaking English. I asked her where she was from? Her reply of ‘Pontneddfechan, Powys’ sounded like a sneeze and Gaelic blessing but she was lovely and cheerful. It reminded me of what my Welsh gran used to say ‘You can take the girl out of the Swansea Valley but you can’t take the valley out of the girl.’

Nevertheless, my integration into the Martley community had at least started.

Household Dad



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PRESENT

Councillors S. Cumella (Vice Chairman), P. Weddell-Hall, S. Watt, M. Gardner, R. Bray and G. Wroe. Also present: District Cllr B. Williams, M. Alexander (Clerk) and L. Nash (Project Officer).

Apologies

County Cllr P. Grove, Cllrs M. Nott (Chairman), M. Rushgrove and J. Dale.

Declarations of Interests

None.

Democratic Period/Public Time

No matters for consideration had been received.

Actions agreed during April 2020

(no PC meeting was held due to CV-19)

restrictions): The actions taken during April 2020 were approved as follows; Minutes of a meeting held 2nd March 2020 were approved as a true record.

County and District Councillor reports to be uploaded to the website

Burial Ground

Request for burial plot purchase was approved

Planning matters

Applications for consideration

20/00272/FUL – Edgar House, Berrow Green Rd, Martley WR6 6PQ – Removal of cond.8 on permission

96/00112/FUL – proposed conversion and change of use of existing timber merchants building to offices, new security buildings and improvements to access. Recommendation for approval agreed.

Notifications received

19/01897/FUL – refusal for self-build 2-bedroom dwelling house on land at Os 7590 5997, Martley.

19/00899/LB – approval for conversion of agricultural building into mixed storage, workshop and 2 no. residential flats at Lower Horsham Farm, Horsham, Martley WR6 6PN. Payments schedule was approved (as circulated by the Clerk)

Recruitment of Clerk

Deadline extended to 10th April. Capital projects meeting update was noted (report as circulated - Cllr Cumella). Waste bin replacement opposite Rogers Coaches – approval for cost of £200.00. Weighbridge 'old' noticeboard – repairs by R. Wilks agreed.

County & District Councillor Reports

Reports will be uploaded to the website. District Cllr Williams updated on MHDC issues relating to Covid-19. MHDC meetings are to resume shortly, including

MHDC Executive and Northern Area Planning Committee.

Updates

Parish Websites - L. Nash reported on positive work done to date on the parish website which includes a development site being built, which should enable a demo for the next meeting. Councillors were asked to supply a brief personal summary and photo.

Recreation Field – it was proposed by Cllr Gardener, seconded Cllr Weddell-Hall, that the PC will not purchase a new mower but will seek to contract mowing services for the six-week cross over period between football and cricket matches. All agreed. Cllr Watt to liaise with footballers to agree a specification for the mowing work required and notify the Clerk, who will then seek quotes. It was further agreed that football and cricket fees should be reviewed along with the recreation field budget due to rising maintenance costs. Clerk to place matters on the next agenda. The recent RoSPA report was noted, and it was agreed that the Clerk should circulate a list of immediate works required, so that Councillors can agree next steps.

Burial Ground – the Clerk updated regarding a recent burial. The Council noted that the adjacent tree works debris had now been removed, revealing that there is additional land belonging to the Council between the two fence lines. Remaining trees along the fence line are also to be removed by G. Taylor as they are diseased. It was agreed that hedging / tress should be replanted by the Council in the autumn. Cllr Bray has approx. 40 tree saplings and L. Nash will apply to the Woodland Trust for more. Cllr Bray will also repair the rabbit fencing and L. Nash

will monitor / remove the new grave flowers.

Planning Matters

Applications for consideration

20/00464/FUL Tabwell Cottage, Berrow Green - Construction of barn to include four stables, hay and machinery store. No objection submitted.

Notifications received

20/00272/FUL Edgar House, Berrow Green Rd, Martley – approval for conversion and change of use of existing timber merchants building to new offices, security buildings and improved access. Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane, Martley acknowledgement of enforcement request but no further action proposed.

Financial & Governance Matters

Councillor Roles

It was noted that NALC guidance stated that existing roles should be extended until May 2021, due to Covid-19. All agreed to continue in their current roles. Payments schedule was approved as previously circulated. Proposed Cllr Gardner, seconded Cllr Wroe. All agreed.

Accounts & Governance Statement 2019-20 to be signed off at the next meeting. Clerk/RFO recruitment – it was noted that recent recruitment interviews had been unsuccessful.

M. Alexander will remain as Clerk /RFO.

Insurance - outstanding claim settlement noted.

Capital Projects – Cllr Cumella had previously circulated the meeting report from 6th March. The meeting had been positive, and ideas were discussed regarding the village hall, pavilion, and user group short and long term requirements. The Council were asked to approve proceeding with the action points agreed and with expanding the project team. Approv-

al was granted subject to any financial implications being brought back to the Council.

Highways Matters: Parish Lengthsman – scheme currently suspended but the Clerk is working with CALC to restart the scheme subject to risk assessment being in place. The Clerk will ask R. Wilks to undertake any outstanding repair works outside of the Lengthsman scheme – weighbridge notice boards repairs / new waste bin opposite Rogers Coaches.

Martley Speed Limit Order 2020.274 – noted that existing speed limits are to be reinstated. Clerk asked to see if 30 mph could be extended to slow downhill traffic from The Noak and on the B4197 from Ankerdine Hill. Next agenda item – VAS.

Parish Matters: School Crossing Escort recruitment – no applications have been received to date despite advertising. Cllr Watt suggested that a Volunteer option may be better. A rota could then be set up but would need to be managed. Clerk to check re insurance implications.

SmartWater – the kits are now being distributed to all parish residents. The Clerk will advertise this via Facebook, The Villager and circulate posters to Cllrs.

Parish Support Schemes – Cllr J. Dale was thanked for her work in coordinating collection and delivery of prescriptions from the Surgery to residents.

Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Watt has asked the Clerk to arrange repair of a fencepost.

Date of next meeting: Mon 1st June 2020 at 19:30 (arrangements to be confirmed)

Meeting closed at 20.30pm

Michelle Alexander, Clerk

Knightwick Surgery

Have you visited our website recently? You will find lots of information covering a wide range of useful subjects including:

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- ✓ Online consultation facility
- ✓ Links to information about health issues
- ✓ Links to support networks including dementia support
- ✓ Our opening times & how to contact us
- ✓ Our staff & the services we provide
- ✓ Our privacy policies and how we keep your information safe

We also have a whole section dedicated to Coronavirus with information on how we are operating appointments & providing medication. There is a range of links to local, county and national support networks for those struggling to cope or at risk of domestic violence or mental health crises.

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Appointments
We will only be offering telephone appointments until we are able to handle the situation in our area in a safe and secure manner.
You will be invited to the practice when we are able to resume normal services.

Outlets
We will only be able to offer telephone appointments when giving prescriptions.
We have arranged for the pharmacy to deliver prescriptions to your home when you are unable to visit.
Please do not call pharmacy items. Call your GP when you are unable to visit the practice.

www.knightwicksurgery.co.uk

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Further to our last update the surgery continues to function in the same way. We are still here for any medical issues you may have and would encourage you to contact the surgery on 01299 896788. You will be offered a telephone consultation initially and, if the GP decides you need to be seen, you will be informed of the arrangements for this to take place.

Collection of prescriptions is from the window which is clearly marked. Please ring the bell and one of our members of staff will then get your medication for you. If you do not want to get out of your car, please call the surgery when you arrive on 01299 896788 and we will bring your prescription out to you.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RESPECT THE 2 METRE DISTANCE RULE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

We thank you for your continued co-operation and support during this time.

Stay safe everyone.

Martley Memorial Hall

War effort -District Nurses!!

Its ironic that the first Memorial Village hall on the site was an ex army barracks from the 1st World War. It was brought



called 'The Hut'.

Now in this time of war against an invisible enemy it is now being used by District nurses as a base. They were unable to go into the surgeries and had no where to go. Fortunately they are now able to meet, have food and use the facilities at the Memorial Hall. They are so grateful and we are so happy that the Memorial Hall is being used as a base for them .

Activities

It seems so strange without all the activities in the Hall but the fitness classes are continuing on line which is great, the WI are having Zoom sessions, but we do miss so many other things.

Martley 100 Club

The May draw again took place outdoors in Jury Lane after the usual Thursday 'Clap for the NHS, District Nurses, Key Workers, Village shop, Postmen, Binmen, deliverydrivers and all volunteers at this difficult time.

After singing ' When Your're Smiling' we had the 100 Club draw. It was won by Peter Wood, Gardening Club secretary, very Ironic too as May is always the Plant sale month!! At least some of the local garden centres have opened so we can go to them and stock up on these lovely summer bedding plants! See you all soon and take care.

Pat Owen

Coronavirus: how you can help

Most people who are infected with the coronavirus will recover. But some people are in danger. These include those over the age of 70 and those (of any age) who have significant health problems.

It is important for these groups to avoid contact with other people. Many rely on friends or neighbours to get their shopping and medication, but there are some who do not have family or friends living nearby.

These people need your help.

The following people are co-ordinating voluntary work:

Martley

Stuart and Marion Cumella. Please contact them by email at stuartcumella@gmail.com or by phone at 0794 686 9882

Kenswick and Wichenford

Georgina Britten Long, by email at gbl@wichenford.net

Brian and Carol Garrett, by phone at 01886 888603 or by email at carol.g@cmail.co.uk

Anita Ball, by phone at 01886 888232 or by email at anita.ball@btinternet.com

Heather Rendall, by phone at 01886 888239 or by email at heatherrendall46@gmail.com

Please provide them with:

- The names of people you know about who live in the Parish and who are at risk and who may need someone to buy food or collect medication.
- The names of people you know about who are at risk and who are lonely and who would appreciate a phone call.
- Your contact details if you can act as volunteer to get food or medication, or phone people who are lonely.

There is a rota in Martley for collecting medication for people registered with the GP Practice in Knightwick. If you are unable to collect medication, please contact Janet Dale at 01886 888472, or email at: janetdale123@btinternet.com.

Central Stores in Martley are offering a delivery service. They charge £3 for up to 3 miles and £5 for further afield. To place an order, please email garage@centralmartley.co.uk or phone 01886 888728 between 8am and 10am.

Chim Doo; Tel: 07583 163191 – Takeaway/delivery service

Top Barn Farm Shop; Tel: 01905 621954 – Free delivery to customers in Wichenford.

Checketts of Ombersley; Tel:01905 620750 – Delivery to customers within a ten mile radius.

Broomfields; Tel: 01905 620233 – order and pay by phone, pick up by safe-collection.

Pudford Lane

I hope you are all keeping well. As I said last month, we are lucky to live where we do, I think it's going to take years to get back to normal times, if ever, as we knew it.

About the country, there must be plenty of people who are having a very difficult time and we feel so sorry for them, whereas in the lane it seems as if life goes on basically as normal, well certainly for me as I only see the sheep and go to my fencing jobs which are all outside. I send Fi out shopping and to the village for fuel and other supplies!

I was just about to write this one evening when I noticed one lot of ewes and lambs running into the corner of the field as if a dog was running loose in them. I quickly jumped on the quad to go and have a look and just as I was approaching the T-junction a big deer ran from the field and across the lane, what a lovely sight. This was obviously what had frightened the sheep. We did have a lamb attacked by a local dog which had slipped its collar, the owner was extremely upset by it and came to find me and tell me what had happened, which some might not have done! It was quite badly bitten, so we brought it back home with its mother and treated it. It didn't appear to be too bad at first, but then all the bruising and shock kicked in the next day and we had to have the vet as it couldn't stand up. Hopefully it will make a full recovery, at least the owner saw what damage a dog can do as mostly the owner doesn't see the attack happen and then can't believe their pet could do such a thing.

It doesn't seem possible that, in the space of about ten weeks, we can go from being flooded and the ground being completely

saturated to it being the worst spring grass growing time that I have ever known. Due to the east winds, night frosts and no rain, the conditions are now getting very serious with regard to the sheep grazing. I feel like I'm beginning to sound like a gentleman called Charlie Nut who used to live, I think it was the last house on the left past the Masons Arms, I bet Ted Davis remembers him!

When I was young, I used to go with Dad to buy a few cabbage plants off him. He used to make Dad smile as whether it was wet, dry like now, or the best spring growing conditions you could wish for, according to Charlie, it was always "the worst sodding spring he had ever known"!

We are still feeding cake (hard feed) to our sheep as they really don't have that much grass as it's just not growing back fast enough.

The other day I was admiring Trevor and Ann's White Park cattle, they look so nice at this time of the year, grazing in the field. I did notice he's got a nice field of mowing grass, if he lived next door, we could sneak the sheep in there at night and get them out before he got up which is probably not much before 10:00am these days so there would be no rush!!

We've managed to fit in a bit of gardening, the tomatoes, potatoes and salad leaves seem to be coming on well, but we've only just managed to plant out the runner beans and peas due to the frosty nights. Fi made me laugh as she said Monty Don would have a fit if he saw what I call a seed bed!

Here's hoping you all keep safe and well and that we will be able to mix with family and a few friends in the not too distant future and see our grandson Rufus who

we miss seeing so much, as do other grandparents everywhere.

Alan and Fi

Roasted Asparagus and Pea Salad

Ingredients

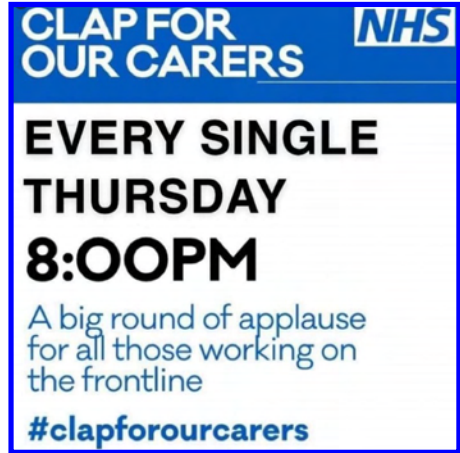
3 tbsp natural yogurt
1 tsp wholegrain mustard
½ tsp honey
½ lemon, zested and juiced
100g watercress
1 large slice sourdough bread
200g asparagus, tough ends removed
1 ½ tbsp cold-pressed rapeseed oil
2 eggs
200g frozen peas

Method

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Mix the yogurt, mustard and honey together. Add the lemon zest, then add the juice and some seasoning to taste. Squeeze any remaining lemon juice over the watercress.

Tear the bread into rough chunks and put them on a large roasting tray with the asparagus. Toss both in the rapeseed oil and seasoning, and roast for 10 mins until the asparagus is tender and croutons are golden. Meanwhile, boil the eggs in a pan of boiling water for 6 mins, then add the frozen peas and cook for 1 min more. Drain and rinse both under cold water until cool. Peel the eggs, then cut into quarters. To assemble, mix the asparagus and peas through the watercress, then toss through the creamy dressing. Nestle in the eggs and croutons, and serve.

Recipe from Good Food magazine, July 2018



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- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

[Check the NHS website if you have symptoms](#)



Take care of yourself and stay healthy

One of the best ways to protect others is to protect yourself.

Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.

Isolate yourself from others as much as possible. Stay away from places where people gather, like bars, clubs and cinemas.



Call, chat, check

Swap phone numbers with your immediate neighbours.

Check on your neighbours and loved ones, particularly if they are elderly or vulnerable.

Help to provide them with food and other essential supplies if you can.

Alert relevant organisations if you are concerned about the wellbeing of others.



Be Kind. Think of others

Please shop considerately. Don't bulk-buy essential items like toilet paper, long-life foods or baby supplies.

Use local community social media groups to share information and advice.

If you have surplus supplies of essential items, consider offering them to people in need.

Avoid wasting food – you could even sow fast growing seeds like cress or lettuce.



Get online to stay in touch

Being in self-isolation doesn't mean cutting yourself off from others.

Consider using methods like video calling on your phone or computer to speak to friends and loved ones.

For those who are not online, a telephone call is the ideal way to stay connected.



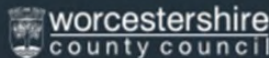
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Use reputable and verified news sources – if you hear something that doesn't sound right, do some research on websites you trust.

Our website is being updated regularly with all the latest news about the ongoing situation.

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In Memoriam

Coralie Ann Fidoe of Tillshots, Wants Green, sadly passed away peacefully at home, after 78 beautiful years of life. Much beloved and cherished wife of Arthur, mother to Richard and Peter and Nanny to Isaac, Rudi, Annelie, Kayleigh and Marnie. Coralie will be very much missed by family and friends. Always in our hearts and thoughts.

A private cremation service took place on May 11th. However, a memorial service will take place at Wichenford Church at a date to be announced.

Richard Fidoe (on behalf of my Father Arthur)

Cob House News

Thank you all for your support during these turbulent times. As the announcement by the Government stated on the 10th May, Cafe's are still to remain closed. They did however state that Fisheries could open for day tickets only with strict guidelines in place. We have



reviewed these phase one guidelines and feel that under the circumstances

and the mixed usage of our site (we do not want mixed messages about what is open and what is not) the **whole site** will remain closed for the safety of our staff, ourselves and associated families (so that we can continue the care of the animals and the maintenance of the site in a safe environment). We also feel that it will help restrict people travelling into the area until the spread of the virus has settled further. We plan to reopen when Fishing Matches are allowed to take place (classed as a social gathering so not allowed at present) or the cafe and facilities can reopen (whichever is first), following all safety measures put in place by the government.

We really do look forward to welcoming you back when it is safe to do so. Please keep an eye on our website for the latest details www.cobhouse.org. Stay safe everyone.

<https://www.cobhouse.org/>

The Team at the Mayfly Café @ Cob House Country Park

Clifton Friendship Group

A message to all members to say that I have been thinking of you all, and hope you are all well and Keeping Safe.

We don't know when we can restart our meetings again but hopefully it will be soon, we will keep you all informed.

I am sure you are all being looked after.

But if you have any problems or need anything please feel free to contact my daughter Jane on 01886 812567 and we will do our best to help you. I miss you all. Marie”

Marie Thompson, Clifton Friendship Club



How much do you know about Worcestershire?

[Answers in July issue]

Worcestershire

- 1) Which football team play their home games at Aggborough Stadium?
- 2) Worcestershire shares many county borders. How many?
- 3) Kidderminster is famous for carpets, but for which industry was Redditch famous?
- 4) The River Severn is the longest river in England, but which three Worcestershire Towns does it pass through (Worcester not included)?
- 5) If you turn left out of Foregate Street and then take the fifth right, which night venue will you be out side?
- 6) What is the oldest pub in Worcester?
- 7) Which town is an anagram of “Cow Radish Tip”?
- 8) In which year was the Hive officially opened by the Queen?
- 9) What were the first names of Lea and Perrins, the inventors of Worcestershire Sauce?

- 10) In 2013, a Worcestershire-based calendar was a viral hit, resulting in 100,000 sales worldwide. What was the subject of the calendar?

Wichenford 100 Club

Winners April 2020

No. 215	C Corbett	£50.00
No. 161	G & S Bolton	£15.00
No. 63	M Harris	£10.00

Due to lockdown the draw was once again drawn by Heather Rendall. Congratulations to all our lucky winners.

Rubbish Disposal

DISPOSAL ISSUES (from Malvern Hills District Council)

We are starting to see used tissues and disposable gloves, masks appear in the recycling we are collecting from households.

Please **do not** put these items in with your recycling. It creates an infection risk for the workers at the sorting facility. It may also mean we are unable to recycle whole loads of recycling.

If you or someone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus then you should put used tissues and disposable cleaning cloths in rubbish bags. Then put the bag into a second bag and tie it securely. Store it for three days before putting it in your black bin.

If on a sack collection, follow the same process and store bags separately from bags of standard household waste for three days. They can then be put out for collection together on your usual collection day.

You can dispose of other household waste as normal.

www.malvern hills.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling/recycling

Dog Fouling

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 1995 it is your responsibility to clean up after a dog you are walking, whether a red dog bin is available to deposit the waste in or not. If there are no red bins in the immediate area **take it home** and dispose of it. It is therefore essential when walking your dog that you take plenty of dog poo bags with you.

Failure to pick up can result in a £70 on the spot fine, but can cost up to £1,000 if the case goes to court. Many people are now training their dogs to 'go at home' which is acceptable and much easier for the dog owner as well.



**Dog fouling
Clean it up**

What if I have run out of bags when I am out and about?

If you do run out, ask a fellow dog walker for one; most will happily oblige.

Alternatively, if you are walking in Gheluvelt Park or Perdiswell free dog poo bags are available in the Pump House and the Leisure Centre. There really is no excuse!

What if I spot someone else not picking up after their dog?

As a dog owner it is in your interest that people who flout the law do not get away with it and give all dog owners a bad name. You can do the following:-

Offer the person one of your dog poo

bags. This may shame them in to picking it up and make them aware that it hasn't gone unnoticed.

If they are aggressive to you and are regular walkers at a set time and location report them to the Civil Enforcement Team via the Hub on 01905 722233

My neighbourhood has a dog fouling problem, what can I do?

Report incidents of dog fouling online, or phone the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 722233. You can also contact your local Councillor and request a dog poo bin.

If demand is high, we can investigate whether we can relocate a bin from another location.

Facts about dog fouling

Dogs of the UK produce a total of 1,000 tonnes of excrement each day.

The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocariasis. The eggs of the parasite roundworm *toxocara canis* can be found in soil or sand contaminated with faeces and if swallowed, result in infection. Symptoms include eye disorders, vague ache, dizziness, nausea, asthma and, in extremely rare cases, seizures/fits. Infected soil samples are often found in play areas and as a result, toxocariasis most commonly affects children between 18 months and five years of age.

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 1995 it is the dog walkers responsibility to clean up after it, whether a red bin is available or not.

Being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having a suitable means of removing the faeces is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up after your dog.

www.worcester.gov.uk/street-care-cleansing/dog-fouling



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

I do hope that you have been keeping safe and well during the lockdown. I am sure some have found the lockdown very difficult whilst others have found it a welcome relief from normal. Yet as we move step by step and edge closer to being able to come out of this period will we find the world, our country and our lives the same? We will all probably have changed in some way, perhaps by taking more exercise by foot or maybe we have dusted down the bike and have a new hobby in cycling. Maybe we have changed the way we eat because we have not been shopping as much or we have not had enough money to afford the things we usually enjoy. Maybe we have found ourselves bonding closer as a family or maybe for some it has caused problems.

Change has happened and will probably continue to happen as we come out of our isolation and learn to live together again. But we can be thankful how we have seen the wonderful ways we have pulled together in getting through this time

It reminds me of the story of the first disciples who themselves were in 'lockdown' after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The events they had witnessed and lived through had changed and would continue to change their lives, radically.

It was on the day of Pentecost, a Jewish harvest festival (we used to call this Whit Sunday) that they came out of their isolation, 50 days after Jesus had risen from the dead. They came with a renewed strength and power they had not known before. It had changed them and now they wanted others to know how knowing Jesus could change their lives too. The church even today celebrates that day of Pentecost, being reminded of the birth of the church that day and its continued work here on earth.

And so it is, though we have been isolated as a church and though we have been isolated as a community as we come out let us come out with renewed vision and hope that the changes we have gone through that have been helpful and good might stay and mould us.

And as we consider the disciples maybe we can come out of our isolation with a renewed faith in God and in his Son Jesus. That we might find his strength filling us and renewing us day by day.

As you emerge from isolation may God bless you all and may we rejoice in the way in which we have been able to help one another and receive that help. Every blessing.

Canon David

The Parishes Below are part of the Worcestershire West Rural Team and are working together through this crisis to bring you worship and offer pastoral; support where we can;

**Martley; Wichenford; Lower Teme Valley;
Alfrick; Lulsley; Crown East, Rushwick; Suckley; Leigh & Bransford;
Clifton; Harpley and the Shelsleys**

Our Church continues to be alive and active but due to COVID-19 our buildings must remain closed. Our worship, prayers and praise, alongside reflections and our care for each other continues .

Even though we are not able to meet with you in person the clergy are all available at the end of a telephone line so please feel free to contact us:

Rev David Sherwin (Team Rector) 01886 888664 davidwin56@aol.com

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Rev Jennifer Whittaker 01886 833897 jenmwhittaker@icloud.com

Rev Becky Elliott 01886 812451 revbeccaelliott@btinternet.com

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For those of you with computers, iPads or other such 'modern technology' the team will continue to find creative ways of offering worship through our YouTube channel;

wwrtlivestream

as well as keeping you informed through the website;

[Www.wwrt.churchinsight.com](http://www.wwrt.churchinsight.com)

WWRT Facebook page;

[Www.facebook.com/Worcesterwestruralteam](http://www.facebook.com/Worcesterwestruralteam)

Suckley Facebook page;

www.facebook.com/suckleychurch

and there is also up to date information on A Church Near You ;

www.achurchnearyou.com

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,

under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious,

be with those who care for the sick,

and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

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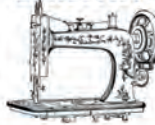
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