

# The Villager

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## ***Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:***

### **Sundays**

**2nd Sunday in the month:**

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

**Martley Ramblers** meet Church car park

**3rd Sunday in the month:**

**Path-or-Nones** meet 9.30am Martley Memorial Hall car park to help maintain the local footpaths

### **Mondays**

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

### **Tuesdays**

**Short Mat Bowling:** 2.00pm Martley Memorial Hall

**Wichenford Ladies' Fellowship:** 2.30pm

2nd Tuesday in the month (usually)

**Martley Toddler Group:** Every Tuesdays (term time) 10.30am Martley Memorial Hall

### **Wednesdays**

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

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

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

### **Thursdays**

**Wichenford Wine Club:** 3rd Thursday in the month

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

See Church Words p. 27 for details of services

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

# ***OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY***

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## ***Martley Church of England Primary School***

January 2013, a new year and a new term at Martley Church Of England Primary School. One where we look back at the successes of the autumn term (of which there were many!) and use these successes to give us the momentum to continue to aspire to even greater heights of achievement and enjoyment! I want to focus in this 'Villager' article on the recent visit to our school and village of Margareth Msaky, Head Teacher of Kambarage Primary School, Morogoro, Tanzania. Our partnership with Kambarage Primary School is blossoming. The lessons I have learnt from her recent visit to Martley and Worcestershire made me stop and reflect upon just how lucky and privileged we are to live and work in such a beautiful location with such a supportive community. It has made me very proud and yet humble to be the Head Teacher of our village school. Head Teacher, Margareth Msaky's visit contained so many 'firsts' for everyone involved, for the children, the staff, parents, governors and the

community. Amazing singing by Margareth in the Church service at St. Peter's, the children learning Swahili, learning about life in Morogoro and for Margareth, the first time she had left Tanzania. The enthusiasm with which both Margareth and our children threw themselves into new experiences was a lesson for us all and it was a great reminder to me and my staff as to why we choose to dedicate ourselves to the profession of teaching. Perhaps if the government measured real success of quality education by the breadth of smiles, the development of global understanding and the willingness to 'have a go' then the world would be a happier and richer place. Who can put a value on the personal experience of children and adults sharing a love for life and learning despite a clear language barrier? Or the wonder on Margareth's face as she touched a reindeer's antler for the first time, marvelled at the greenness of our surrounding rolling countryside, experienced a Worcester Warrior's Rugby game and visited Ludlow Castle and its Medieval Fayre? The breadth of experience she has taken back to Morogoro to share

with her staff and children will enrich the partnership in so many ways. On returning to Heathrow airport with her, driving through our flooded countryside I felt a little despondent about what Margareth's lasting impression of Worcestershire and England might be. I should not have worried as yet again Margareth's fresh vision brought me to my senses. She asked if there were any crocodiles in our flood waters as in Tanzania the crocodiles would take the opportunity to travel further afield and bring greater challenges to the local communities. Thank fully I could answer 'no' to her question and reassure her that it was not one of the daily challenges of life in Worcestershire! Later on, during that journey, I asked her what it was that she had learnt most from her visit, what would have most impact on her own school in Tanzania? I expected her to say that the comparative wealth of resources we have in England to enable learning in our schools was the most significant factor but after a brief pause she said that the evident partnerships between school and the community in Martley was something that had struck her most. Education was not just about the teachers and pupils, not just about getting better at your maths and 'English', but about the whole village and wider environment playing their part in making each child a well-rounded individual. A super compliment! The legacy she has left here in Martley is perhaps even greater. Margareth and

her staff teach in a school of 899 pupils, a school without windows, doors and electricity, but a school with keen and enthusiastic pupils who recognise and value the importance of education and family. Margareth's enthusiasm has touched our school and community and we should not let this slip away. Seeing our locality through the eyes of Margareth is a gift and wake up call to ensure that we continue to make the most of what we have. I know that the new year for me personally is one I will now approach with different eyes and a renewed enthusiasm. Sharing life experiences with our African friends has been a wonderful tonic-we will continue to try to bottle it and share healthy splashes of it over the course of 2013 and beyond. Happy New Year!

*Andrew Massey-Head Teacher,  
Martley Church Of England Primary  
School*

### ***Martley 100 Club***

Many thanks for supporting the 100 Club and we hope you will join us again for 2013. The money raised is a vital contribution towards the survival of the Memorial Hall. This fourth year of organising the Martley 100 Club we have managed to raise £990.00 and paying out £560.00 as winnings with the remainder of £430.00 going to the halls funds. If you would like to join, the cost remains at £18.00 per entry. The more members we get to join the higher the prize fund will be.

There will be the usual two extra draws in the months of June and November 2013. Renew your existing membership by sending me a cheque or by contacting me with a stamped addressed envelope and I will forward you a form. The 2012 Martley 100 Club Winners were, January, 24, £40, Eileen Stammers, February, 8, £40, Margaret Taylor, March, 2, £40, Anne Layton, April, 18, £40, Reg Snow, May, 6, £40, Rena Davidson, June, 32, £50, June Lawrence, June, 11, £30, Mrs E Wetherall, July, 47, £40, Lyn Wheeler, August, 37, £40, Ivan Fowler, September, 62, £40, Mike Dunnett, October, 25, £40, Sally Swift, November, 33, £50, Mr P Milner, November, 48, £30, Jane Cropp, December, £40, to be confirmed.

#### **Existing members**

Please send a cheque payable to "Martley Memorial Peace Hall" to Annette Smith, (Village Hall Committee Secretary), Fairview, Willow Road, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6PS (Tel: 01886 821 895) as your subscription of £18.00 per entry valid until December 2013. Your ticket number will then be validated for another year. (Thank you)

#### **New Members**

Please write to me with a SAE envelope to: Annette Smith, (Village Hall Committee Secretary), Fairview,

Willow Road, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6PS (Tel: 01886 821 895) together with your subscription of £18.00 per entry valid until December 2013. Your ticket number will then be returned to you in your SAE. Please make cheques payable to "Martley Memorial Peace Hall"

*Annette Smith*

### ***Teme Valley Geological Society***

We kick off 2013 with a talk by Chris Darmon titled "The Pre-Cambrian and Lower Palaeozoic Basement Rocks of the Midlands". This will be on Monday January 21 at 7.30pm in the Martley Memorial Hall. Chris is very well known being the publisher and editor of Down to Earth magazine and a tour de force in the geology world. On Monday 18 February, same time same place, Ian Snowhill is giving a talk, the subject is yet to be advised and will be circulated to TVGS members and also non members who are on our mailing list. Finally on Monday March 18 Gawen Jenkins will give a talk on "Snowball Earth". On a more practical level in October the TVGS was awarded a second Leader funding totalling £10,360 and plans are already well advanced to create two more Geo-Trails in the Martley area with illustrated guides and 4 interpretation boards. There will also

be two geology courses created especially for young folk some of whom will hopefully take up the subject and further enhance the splendid reputation enjoyed by The Chantry School for high achievement in this subject. For those thirsting for yet more detail and information our blog has it all,,,and MORE! [www.geo-village.eu](http://www.geo-village.eu)

*Harriet*

### ***Martley Cricket Club***

#### **Autumn Update**

Having suffered the worst season ever weather wise, Martley Cricket Club ended the season with very little to celebrate on the field. The 1XI were relegated and will be in division 5 of the Worcestershire County league. The second team remain in division 5. The Sunday friendly team were well organised and captained by Simon Van Tongoren and enjoyed a successful season thanks to some good performances by the younger players. The U16 team played well to come second in their league. They also provided a substantial part of both the first and the second team. There were notable performances from Dom Jones in particular his 70 not out for the 1XI against Avoncroft, but all the juniors contributed at various times. Probably the most memorable bowling performance of the whole season came from George Griffiths who took 4 wickets for no runs in 4 overs against OE's to win the game for the 2XI. The U14 and the U11 teams improved

dramatically during the season despite having limited opportunities due to the weather. Dan Johnson, Frankie Purcell and Dan Pritchard progressed to join Jo Adams in the senior sides and we hope there will be more to follow next season. The clubs officers were elected at the AGM held in November and Pat Bibby will continue as first team captain with John McGahan as second team captain. Fund raising and social events were discussed and will take place in the New Year. Player availability was also discussed as we are in need of more senior players to support our increasing number of youngsters. If there are any players out there who would like to get involved with a friendly village club they will be very welcome. Contact Rob Ganderton on 07779 755 217, Pat Bibby on 07429 502 580 or John McGahan on 07972 908 311. In addition to 2 Saturday league teams we will be running a Sunday friendly team, an evening league team and 3 junior teams for the forthcoming season.

Net practice will start at Sport Martley on Friday 11 January at 7.15. New members are always welcome.

*Rob Ganderton (Youth co-ordinator)*

### ***Ferndale Singers***

A new conductor has taken over as Musical Director of the Ferndale Singers, a talented group of amateur singers based in Broadwas. Greg Swinford is a Cambridge graduate and former choral scholar at Selwyn

College, who teaches singing at Hereford Sixth Form College, Hereford Cathedral School and Queen Elizabeth Humanities College, Bromyard. He is honing the skills of the Ferndales, not only conducting the choir but also improving their technique with various vocal exercises. Looking ahead, the singers would welcome new members in the alto, tenor and bass sections. In December, they presented a Christmas concert, singing carols and songs in four parts. Another concert is planned for the summer, and in the meantime the choir will be working towards expanding its repertoire of music. There is no audition to join the group; just come along and enjoy taking part! Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9pm in Broadwas Village Hall. Please telephone 01886 821127 or 01905 333225 for more information.

### ***Burns Night***

'By popular demand, and following the successful Burns Night last Year at Martley, the Burns Supper Committee have booked Martley Hall for the 2013 event. There will be traditional and vegetarian fare available, along with Ian Craigan and his musicians who will be leading the dancing, and as always our contributors who make the evening "the best yet". The Burns Supper will be held on Friday January 25. Tickets have been held at last

year's price of £20 each, and can be purchased before the 10 January from Sheila on 01886 888378, James on 01886 888359, Gill on 01905 425652, or Yvonne on 01886 821959. Hurry and reserve your ticket, places are limited and we sold out again last year.'

*Yvonne*

### ***Martley Amateur Dramatics***

Why not round off your Christmas with a visit to a Pantomime? Scenery has been painted, props made and the finishing touches put to the costumes (We only hope the actors remember their lines!) So MADS 4<sup>th</sup> panto is about to be staged! All we need now is an audience to cheer, boo and applaud. Have you got your tickets? If not it's not too late so hurry. The performances are January 11 and 12 in the evenings and an afternoon performance on 12. We need your support and I am sure you won't be disappointed, so please come along and let us entertain you for a couple of hours.

### ***Chantry School Drama***

**Oh We Did Like To Be Beside The Seaside!**

Never mind all this talk of Christmas in the bleak midwinter! How about sunny beaches, deckchairs and ice creams? Yes, it's time to plan ahead, to the past! Make a date in your new 2013 diaries, for a trip back to the seaside of sixty years ago. From 18 to 22 March, The Chantry School will

present a new comedy by John Townsend: 'A Seaside Rendezvous' Keep a look out for details and prepare to return to another world where doors were left unlocked, children played in the street and seaside holidays were like never before. 1950s Britain, with its new holiday camps and end-of-the-pier-shows has long since disappeared. BUT The Chantry Is Bringing It Back! Join the sunburnt crowds in the Drama Studio in March!

### ***Engagement***

It is with great pleasure that Chris and Dot Fletcher announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan, to Damian Wilkins, youngest son of Patrick and Sandy Wilkins, of Pendoylan, Vale of Glamorgan. The wedding will take place in 2013 in Sydney, Australia. Congratulations from both families!

### ***Thank You***

Margaret Rushgrove, Pauline Smith and Margaret Jackson, on behalf of the Horticultural Society, would like to thank members and the people who donated items to their stall at the Christmas Fair.

£93 was raised for the Village Hall and a further £50 for Acorns Childrens Hospice. The name of the monkey was "Bertie" and the prize went to Mary Kipping. So a special 'thank you' to all those who bought items and supported the Society.

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

A good number of members met for the AGM on the chilly night of 28 November. Derek Walker ('the Tulip man') had brought lots of winter plants to give a hanging basket demonstration and this proved absorbing to watch. Using compost and grit-filled wicker, plastic, and terracotta containers, he advised putting a small shrub in the centre, and around this use pansies, bulbs, lavender, violas, ericas, daisies, ivy, small conifers etc. He completed a number of baskets and pots which looked really lovely. He told us "always add slug pellets, and water now". All the containers were for sale at the end, except the raffled one, the winner was Pat Finch. Just the thing to brighten up the cold dark days! Harry King donated a box of plants for members, thanks Harry. The business meeting followed. Judith O'Leary is the new Secretary (she'd kindly filled in for two months); Margaret Jackson has retired as programme Secretary (after years of sterling work) and Janice Todd-Wood takes her place; Margaret Rushgrove takes on the Treasurership from Elaine Rice who has worked so efficiently on this aspect of the Society; Sylvia Jeffries remains as Show Secretary, she does a brilliant job too. Others are the same, but a slightly smaller Committee. John Jeffries is again to mastermind the marquee erection for the Village Show. Everyone was thanked for their in-put to the Society through the year.

Our continuing and excellent Chairman, Mike Dunnett, reported that even in this difficult year, the Society is thriving, 63 members now! The stall at the recent Christmas Fair did really well; a donation is to be given to St Richard's Hospice in memory of Pam Minchin. Mike read out the list of events for 2013; January's speaker Mike Poultney, a very well-known judge of vegetables, and the rest of the programme sounds first rate, we are even having a top UK tree expert one evening! The trip to Monet's Garden is being organised by Dave Cropp. Ideas for 2014 speakers/garden visits are welcome. The photographic workshop early in 2013 is being considered if enough interest is shown. Size for photo competition (Spring Show) is 5" x 7", subjects as stated in December's Villager. The evening was rounded off with wine and tasty bites and the Gold Medals won by the Society at Chelsea in the 1990's were on display.

*Tina Steele*

### ***Martley Ramblers***

**Sunday 13 January 2pm Church  
Car Park**

**Annual Dinner 25 January 7.30pm  
The Crown, Hallow**

The last walk of 2012, led by Carl, started at Lulsley in heavy rain and plenty of mud. Only 4 walkers turned out, but the trees gave cover and there were good views from the top of the ridge. The weather relented and the rain stopped as the shelter was left behind and the four and half miles

ended on a pleasant morning. Attendance has been poor this year, not helped by the bad weather. The extra Sunday afternoon mystery walk planned by the Two Paulines, was well attended and the tea and cakes afterwards in the garden of Pauline and Ray Ellis were much appreciated. Very few members attended the recent AGM. After some discussion, the decision was taken to continue for another year and see if attendance increased. However if the walks are enjoyed by those who attend, perhaps the numbers do not matter so much. Hopefully, the programme of walks planned for 2013 will be popular. The list will be on the Martley website or can be obtained from Secretary, Richard Mills. The walk this month will be around Martley/Knightwick, led by Chris and Dot Fletcher. The annual dinner will be at The Crown, Hallow on 25 January, to eat by 7.30pm. Please submit your name to Richard on 01886 888788. Do not forget, subscriptions are now due! Where else could one get such good value for £1 per year?

*Kate King*

### ***Martley WI***

**Wednesday 9 January 7.30pm**

**Heaton House**

What an interesting talk we had by Jill Salmons about the incredible costumes of SW China. The fantastic number of costumes she brought were examined, felt and even tried on by some of us. As the population is much smaller with women 4ft 6ins and men



5ft 2 ins, it was not possible to try them all. The workmanship and hours, even years, spent on their making were mind-boggling. The New Year for WI starts with a return of Brenda Crump who gave us such an interesting demonstration of Halloween arrangements. This month's will be slightly different as she will be telling us of a week working on the Queen's Jubilee Barge. It will be interesting to hear of the backstage work and activities as we, the general public, only saw the colourful pageantry. Our Treasurer says, if members have not yet paid their subs, please hand them in this month in the envelopes she provided.

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane***

We are not mentioning the state of the Lane. Some of us did get a bit of a reward for all the mess by having free potatoes that had been washed down from the cultivated field on the Ridge and cascaded down Hillend Bridge Lane. Jacob donkey has gone to find a new home and companionship with a lonely Shetland pony. It was hard saying "Goodbye". No more cuddles and titbits of Polo mints and ginger biscuits. (We are talking about Jacob). With old age creeping up on us all, it was probably the best decision. We had our first donkeys, Pippin and Tog, in 1974 as the price of petrol was about to rise again and the Boss Man felt perhaps animals would be cheaper. Not perhaps a true thought considering the cost of farrier visits,

occasional vet fees, fly spray etc. As the sheep had been collected back a few days earlier, Jess dog was rather confused at the empty spaces, but is doing a good job keeping a watchful eye on the hens and greedy pigeons. We are not so sure about the frequent spats with George cat who, after all, is now the senior resident animal. But the humans are doing as they are bid.

*Kate King*

### ***Martley's Past***

There must be many in Martley who don't get a copy of Berrows Journal, apologies to those who do. The issue of 8 November 2012 contained an item from 200 years ago, ie. November 1812, concerning the B4204, known in ancient times as 'The Great Road to Worcester'. "On Saturday about 8 o'clock in the evening, Mr Thomas Wormington was stopped on the high road between Worcester and Martley by a man mounted on a grey horse who demanded his money. Mr Wormington told him he had none but the man seized him and said he would have it, upon which Mr Wormington took the man by the collar. At this the man withdrew his hold and taking a pistol from his bosom, shot at Mr Wormington, the ball passing through the brim of his hat, close to the back of his head. Mr W's horse took fright and ran away with him. The man followed and pursued him about a mile when he gave up the pursuit, and Mr W escaped. Mr W says the man appeared to be well-dressed, but badly

mounted. The would-be robber had on a dark coat and waistcoat and light breeches with boots and spurs.” So, if you are travelling on the B4204 at night and hear an unexpected bang, well, who knows .....

*Alan Boon*

*With thanks to Michael Grundy*

### ***Help Sought At Community Internet Radio Station***

Martley based community radio station Longside Radio have just secured new studio premises in Martley which will see them broadcasting from the centre of the village. With the help of the Parish Council the station will now be based at The Old Weighbridge in the heart of the village, this will give the opportunity for many more members of the community to become involved. Founder and owner of the station Mark Tibbutt said “ We are an established internet based radio station broadcasting 24/7 and in fact one of only 4 radio stations in Worcestershire .We have 14 DJs who carry out live shows every night of the week and our DJs encompass all ages , even including a 12 year old ! Our station tag is “Where Variety Matters” and we certainly deliver that. The new premises represent a major step forward to us but we need the community’s help to get up and running. We have some conversion work to carry out and also need to raise funds to purchase equipment for the new studio which will run as a satellite to our existing base. I would

appeal that if there are any trades men or companies who could help with funding out there who would like to help this community based project that they get in touch with us as soon as possible.” To contact the station either call Mark on 01886 878190 or email the station at [studio@longsideradio.co.uk](mailto:studio@longsideradio.co.uk)

### ***Martley Parish Council Abbreviated unapproved minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 December County & District Councillor Reports***

County Councillor Davies reported that the footpath work had been completed and that in 2013 the remainder of the work might be carried out. He reported that someone from Highways had been in contact with the Jury Lane residents, this is ongoing. He also reported that the County is well prepared with salt for gritting. He mentioned that Ash Tree Disease has been found in Tenbury Wells. Broadband, consultation has been extended. He said that many more respondents were needed as WCC has to show a need for broadband. WCC will not know their funding position until December 19 and they will then make a decision on whether they will be in a position to freeze council tax for 2013-2014. The Clerk asked whether County could assist with funding for the purchase of a jetter. Cllr Davies said that he could assist Wichenford and Martley through his Highways Budget.

District Councillor Williams reported that the planning officers are in favour of making a decision on the proposed Gravity Track on Berrow Hill possibly before Christmas. She reported on the Council's decision on the SWDP and that it had left MHDC in a difficult position with no local plan in place and the NPPF will come into force in March. County Councillor Davies mentioned that WCC were threatening MHDC with a judicial review on the matter.

#### **Application for Dispensation**

Cllr Gardner proposed and Cllr Studer seconded the proposal that all Councillors present have dispensation to discuss the council's budget/precept until the next election.

#### **Future Housing**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with Taylor Wimpey. Their planning application would be ready for submission in towards the end of December. Their amended plans now included some overspill car parking for users of the Village Hall and Council had requested that this be handed over to the Parish to maintain.

#### **Correspondence**

MHDC, reminder of register of interests and publication, this has been noted. MH Calc Area, agenda for meeting on December 13 at County Hall. Cllr Gardner to attend

#### **Progress Reports:**

Crown Orchard, ongoing

BT Phone Kiosk, awaiting further information from MHDC. Trees on Church Lane, this matter has been referred back to WCC Highways to

resolve ownership. Drains on Hollins Lane, Cllr Davies advised the clerk to refer to Dave Lavender. Drains on Pudford Lane, Cllr Davies advised the clerk to refer to Gerry Brienza. Noise from the MUGA, we are still awaiting information, ongoing. Parish Council Minute Books, these have now been retrieved and will be stored in the Hive before Christmas. Re-siting of grit bin, Clerk has sent info to WCC and awaits final decision. Trees on Barbers Orchard. Cllr Williams has been in touch with Richard Webb who has confirmed that old apple varieties are planted there.

#### **Finance**

The payments as previously circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly. The budget for 2013-2014 was briefly discussed. No decision will be made until the January meeting. A proposal was made to donate £100 to Royal British Legion as it is the 100th anniversary of the Martley Branch. Proposed Cllr Walker and seconded Cllr Dawson. The proposal re Library electricity costs was discussed. Cllr Studer will look into insulation for the room.

#### **Lengthsman**

Duties for December to include, Tidying up around St Peters Court, clear gullies and grips, clear the leaves on path towards school, put the speed sign close to the school to measure speeds of vehicles driving past school. The proposal to take a part share in the purchase of a jetter was discussed. The clerk to obtain further details regarding this. WCC will assist with

funding (see above).

#### **Clerks Urgent Decisions**

Reply to the letter from MHDC regarding the precept setting of date. Purchase of new waste bin for school footpath. Contacted Community Concern regarding the speeding at Hillside. The Clerk reported that one vehicle had been recorded at 72mph at 19.00. Ongoing.

#### **Councillors Reports**

Cllr Nott enquired when the highways work would be carried in Hollins Lane. This is due to be completed by December 12. Cllr Walker queried the council's public liability regarding the play area. The Clerk confirmed Public Liability cover of £10,000,000. Cllr Studer handed out a sketch he had prepared for improving the weighbridge area. Ongoing. Council agreed to the Geology Society making changes to the door of the weighbridge.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 January at 7.30pm to be held in the library. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

*J C Dale*

*5th December 2012*

#### **Baptisms**

**Riley John Duffy** was baptised at St Peter, Martley on 4 November.

#### **In Memorium**

**Una Mercy Williams** passed away on 18 August. Her ashes were buried at St Peter, Martley on 10 November.

**William Robert Mulcaster** passed away on 2 November. A service followed by burial was held at St

Peter, Martley on 13 November.

**Edward Dennis Murphy** passed away on 31<sup>st</sup> October. A service followed by burial was held at St Peter, Martley on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

#### ***Dog Fouling—Clean It Up***

I am sad to say that in recent weeks I have noticed an increase in dog excrement in the churchyard; I have also received phone calls from people



visiting family graves complaining about it. On one recent occasion, someone telephoned to ask me to remove the mess; this

was very promptly done. However, I would kindly ask dog owners to remove any mess made by their dog (s). I know that there are many who are very responsible owners and who always clean up after their dogs, but I feel I must remind those owners who do not to please remove the mess their dog makes from the churchyard. The PCC policy is not to prevent dogs being walked through the churchyard, but that they should be kept on a lead and any dog excrement removed. I am sure if you have a loved one buried in the churchyard you do not wish to see such mess. I am very sorry to have to bring this to your attention; please help us to keep the churchyard tidy and dog excrement free out of respect for all those who cherish it and those who are at peace there. Thank you for your help and vigilance.

*Rev David Sherwin and St. Peter's  
PCC*



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

**WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS**

**Janet Andrews**  
**01886 888303**  
**Sheila Richards**  
**01886 888378**



## ***New distributors***

Gareth and Gill Morgan from Wichenford have kindly volunteered to deliver The Villager magazine. Thanks must go to Roger Ashmore who has delivered the magazine for a number of years, thanks Roger!

*Karen Furber.*

## ***Welcome***

A new family have moved in to Willow Road and we would like to welcome them. Eva and Jonathan Fisher have two children Toby and Katie, they used to live in Harborne. We hope you will be very happy in your new home.

*June*

## ***LPG Prices***

Many of you will remember that several years ago we ran a campaign to get a fair price for LPG from a local supplier. We are again experiencing very high prices for supplies of LPG to people living in Wichenford. Several of us have been quoted 55p a

litre with an imminent rise to 57p. Thanks to Heather Rendall, they are now supplying some households in the village at 48p. I have talked to someone working in Worcester who belongs to a syndicate in another village and they are getting LPG from this supplier for 47p /litre. If anyone is interested in joining a Wichenford consortium to get a fair price locally for LPG should contact me at [mervynmit@btinternet.com](mailto:mervynmit@btinternet.com) or Heather Rendall at [heatherrendall@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:heatherrendall@tiscali.co.uk), please don't forget to supply your name and email address. We will then contact this supplier on behalf of everyone and secure the best price for LPG that we can.

*Mervyn Mitchard*

***Kenswick And Wichenford  
Parish Council***  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of  
the Parish Council held on Tuesday**

**13 November 2012 in the Memorial Hall Wichford.**

**Democratic half hour/public question time**

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business.

The Parish Lengthsman reported on the recent flooding. He is currently doing a list of all the gullies in the parish that need jetting by the County Council. It was suggested that the four parishes covered by the Lengthsman could purchase a jetter of their own which could be used by the Lengthsman as and when it was needed. The Parish Council would be very interested and will contact Martley Parish Council. The drains on the B4204 at the Cob House Fisheries all the way to the parish boundary at Broadheath need clearing by WCC as traffic control measures will have to be put in place. Also there is a concrete gully at the Kedges which is hidden in the hedge and this also requires clearing. The Lengthsman was asked to look at the ditch at the bottom of Colketts as a large amount of silt is preventing the water running down the road. The drains along the Ockeridge road also need jetting. The clerk will report these to WCC.

**District And County Councillors Report**

There were no reports.

**Declaration Of Interest**

None.

**Minutes**

The minutes were signed as a true record. Proposed by Councillor Wells

and seconded by Councillor Rendall.

**Progress Reports**

**Highfields**

The reply from the landowner was read out. The gateway in question has been looked at by several Councillors and the Clerk was asked again to write to the landowner to request that the pipe under the gateway and the gatepost to be repaired.

**B4204**

It was agreed that there is probably no real requirement for permanent fencing. Highways would like either a hedge or timber fence but the Parish Council do not agree as it was the Highways Department that insisted the landowner remove the hedge originally due to poor visibility.

The Parish Council request for the speed to be reduced and for accident black spot signs to be placed at either end are also being investigated.

**Rosses and Guises Lane**

The Parish Councils request for barriers to be placed at either end of these lanes is currently under investigation by the Highways Department. The request for the 30mph speed to be extended to from the village to the hall/church is on-going.

**Hedge at Willow Road**

On-going

**Planning**

Applications refused/approved/withdrawn.

12/00011/FUL. Cob house fisheries.

Change of use of land for the keeping of animals to provide a visitor attraction. Retention of 1 no. animal

feed store. (Retrospective) (Refused)

#### **Finance**

There were 5 cheques totalling £1,216.18 for approval. The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

#### **NPDC (donation)**

It was agreed to give a donation of £250.

#### **Kings Green**

A management plan by the Parish Council was discussed. All residents around the area will be contacted and told of the councils intentions. It was decided to do two cuts a year. Half of it will be cut and collected in June/ July and the other half again in September. A quote of £150 has been received from R Wilkes and the Clerk is to contact Broadwas Parish Council for an additional one. Cllr Rendall will ask Mr Holloway for a quote.

#### **Berrow Hill Gravity Sports**

The Parish Council discussed this application and has many concerns. It was agreed that a letter of objection will be sent to the Planning Authority with the Parish Councils concerns.

#### **To report any urgent decisions since the last meeting**

Nothing to report.

#### **Councillors Reports and items for future agendas**

The report of the AGM of the CPRE is to be put in the correspondence folder for all councillors to read. Councillors were asked to check any ash trees for the Chalara infestation and report it to the tree council. At the moment the nearest sites to us are Eardisly and Church Stretton.

#### **Date And Venue Of Next Meeting**

Meeting dates were arranged for 28 January, 12 March and 16 April (Annual Parish Meeting) 2013.

#### ***Wichenford 100 Club***

November winners were, 1st Mike Tingey, 2nd L.Perkins and 3rd H.Morris. Congratulations to all our winners, The lucky winners were drawn by Lydia Corbett.

#### ***John Murphy***

We are very sorry that John has died and send our deepest sympathy to his family. John had lived in Wichenford for many years and will be remembered with much affection. He will be sadly missed.

#### ***Baby News***

Many congratulations to Peter and Savannah Edwards on the birth of their gorgeous son, Jack. Our very best wishes go to them and to the proud grandparents, Richard and Georgina Britten-Long.

#### ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to Philip Smith's Suffolk Sheep flock which was recently awarded the Champion Flock in the Gloucester and adjacent Counties Suffolk Sheep Breeders Annual Flock competition.

They also won the trophies for best ewe lambs and best progeny group for 5 ewes sired by the same ram. It is the second time in 3 years that the Peg House flock has won the

championship and on Sunday 21 October they held an open day for fellow breeders to come and look at the sheep.

### ***Worcester Wheels In The Parishes***

Worcester Wheels has been supporting people in and around Worcester for over 20 years and is now looking to expand to the more rural areas of the county. Worcester Wheels is a voluntary organisation which provides transport for the elderly, disabled and people who are unable to use conventional transport. Volunteers use either their own cars, or can drive one of our three minibuses or two people carriers. They provide a door to door service taking clients to Doctors, Hospitals, Clinics, Lunch clubs, shopping, or simply visiting friends and relatives. Although you regularly see our vehicles in and around the city, we are looking to offer our services in your area, Martley, Kenswick and Wichford. Our minibuses and people carriers are specially adapted to enable even the most elderly or disabled, including wheelchair clients, to use the service. Clients can be self referred or referred by Doctors, Hospitals, Health, Social or Home Care workers, but will have to give details concerning their age, health or

disability. Clients pay a nominal fare for each journey, so it is best to check the cost with the Office when booking your trip. Anyone who fulfils the criteria can register by ringing Worcester Wheels on (01905) 724274 between 10.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am and 2.00pm on Friday. They are then able to book their required journey giving at least two working days notice. Volunteer drivers/escorts are always needed and if you would like to join Worcester Wheels then please contact Sally Ellison or Hedley Burton on (01905) 24741 or e-mail [sally@wvc.org](mailto:sally@wvc.org) or [hedley.burton@wvc.org.uk](mailto:hedley.burton@wvc.org.uk).

### ***Dog Fouling and The Law***

Local authorities and town and parish councils can make a Dog Control Order to provide controls on the handling and behaviour of dogs on areas of land within their authority. One of these orders can be a Fouling of Land by Dogs Order, Offence of failing to remove dog faeces;. The maximum penalty for committing an offence under a Dog Control Order is £1000 in a Magistrates Court. However an authorised officer of an authority may alternatively issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. The amount of the fixed penalty can be set by the local authority within a prescribed range, but will be £75 unless another amount is specified. A Dog Control



Order can be made under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 which requires the person in charge of a dog to pick up and adequately dispose of their dog's excrement forthwith unless that person



has a reasonable excuse for not doing so. Not being in possession of a poop scoop or lack of a dog bin in the vicinity is not a reasonable excuse. Owners of dogs who allow their dog to stray and which subsequently foul land upon which the Act applies can be prosecuted. There is the option of payment via a fixed penalty notice. If you witness a dog fouling incident where the owner fails to remove the excrement you should attempt to obtain the following information, A description of the offence including details of the offender and dog, Whether the offender has reasonable excuse for failing to remove the excrement; The name and address of the offender; The date, time and location of the offence, details of any conversation that takes place; Photographs ( if possible) of the excrement and the general land layout. Details of a further visit to the location approximately one hour later to evidence that the excrement has still not been removed. You should then contact MHDC by either of the following methods, You can email [worcestershirehub@malvernhills.gov.uk](mailto:worcestershirehub@malvernhills.gov.uk) or call them on 01684 862151 or write to them at MHDC, Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, WR14 3AF.

### ***In Memoriam***

**Elsie May Morris** passed away on the 17 October. A service was held at Worcester Crematorium on 24 October.

**Peggy Florence Arnold** passed away on the 11 September. Her ashes were buried at St Leonard, Cotheridge on 7 November

### ***Baptisms***

**George Thomas Richardson and Grace Florence Mayne Richardson** were baptised at Abberley Hall Chapel and registered at St Leonard's Cotheridge on Sunday 16 December 2012.

### ***Marriages***

The wedding of **Tyrone Duncan Hemmings** and **Denise Tustin** was held on Saturday 8 December at St Peter's, Martley.

**Thelma Marston Robinson** passed away on 21 November. A service was held at Worcester Crematorium on the 7 December.

### ***Book Reviewer***

We are very pleased to say that following our request for book reviewers in our November edition, two local parishioners have come forward to review and share their favourite books. Vicki Howard is going to be our first reviewer and a profile of Vicki together with her book review will feature in the February edition of The Villager.



# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

Another year goes; another year comes, the cycle of time moves on.

I frequently hear people say, and probably do myself sometimes reflect 'where has time gone'? Time marches on at its set pace, that is until we start looking into theories of relativity and time and space, for now let us stay on terra firma and ponder our 'normal' pace of life. But what is normal? The writer of Ecclesiastes states that there is a time for every purpose under heaven and in the normal pattern of life we find 'a time for' almost everything. Some of those times he reflects are joyous times, some are sad times and I along with you experience both as a matter of living. The writer goes on to say that God has 'made everything suitable for its time' and 'has given us a sense of past and future in our minds', yet it seems some cannot see that God has any part in what has come and gone.

Maybe we find it difficult to see where God is in our lives and the times we live. It is interesting to note that when things do go wrong it is then that we often ask God where he was and is. Yet I ask myself and us, do we ask where he is in 'normal and happy times'? This is not a criticism, only an observation, it is also good to speak with God, to pray, and pour out our

feelings, our hope and our fears to him.

Perhaps we can set ourselves to be more aware of God in our lives in the year ahead, to notice that he is there, to let our relationship with him grow and develop, perhaps you might want to join one of the small groups we run during the year or find out more by coming more regularly to a service of worship, we can be assured that 'as we draw near to him he will draw near to us' (James 4:8).

Whatever we face may we know that God is with us, as we have just reminded ourselves at Christmas, with Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. The Psalms constantly reflect the way in which God acts within our lives and tells us that, 'Our times are in his hands' Psalm 31:15.

May God's blessing be upon you this year and may you know God by your side and within your life each day.

Happy New Year to all.

*Rev David Sherwin*

Thurs 3 Jan 9.00am Prayer at the Heart (PATH), St Laurence, Wichenford  
12-2pm Lunch in Company, Broadwas Village Hall.

**Sun 6 Jan** 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford  
10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge

Mon 7 Jan 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

Tues 8 Jan 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
7.30pm 'Element' course for WWRT written and led by Richard Tweedy  
at the Old School, Martley. Contact him on 01886 888544 or  
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Wed 9 Jan 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House

Thurs 10 Jan 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford  
7.30pm 'In His Name' Healing Course, Old School, Martley

**Sun 13 Jan** 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge  
10.30am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley  
10.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
12.00Noon Plough Blessing, The Talbot Farmer's Market, Knightwick

Mon 14 Jan 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at The Rectory

Tues 15 Jan 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
7.30pm 'Element' course, Old School, Martley

Thurs 17 Jan 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

**Sun 20 Jan Pulpit Swap**  
8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley  
9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley  
3.00pm Evening Worship, St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick  
4.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford

Mon 21 Jan 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley

Tues 22 Jan 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
7.30pm 'Element' course, Old School, Martley

Wed 23 Jan 10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House

Thurs 24 Jan 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

**Sun 27 Jan** 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley  
10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford  
6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley

Mon 28 Jan 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Tues 29 Jan 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
7.30pm 'Element' course, Old School, Martley

Thurs 31 Jan 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford



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## ***And finally ...***

### ***Children In Need***

The Children In Need national fundraising effort this year reached a fantastic total of £26,757,446. A truly remarkable effort especially in the current climate. It just shows that people really do 'dig deep' when it really matters. You only had to look locally at our Post Office. Mary and Lou dressed up (or down!) and sported their



pyjamas especially for the day! Even the postman joined in too. Mary, Lou and all their customers raised a wonderful £128.87



on the day and had great fun too. Nothing like doing a days work in your PJ's!! Thanks to everyone who donated and joined in with the spirit of Children In Need.

### ***Coffee Morning***

Due to popular demand a coffee morning will be held on the last Saturday of every month, at Martley Village Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon. The proceeds of which will go to charity. If you would like to help on the day, donate cakes or would like to nominate a charity, please contact Mandy on 01886 888237 or Janet on 01886 888472. We look forward to seeing you on our next coffee morning, Saturday 26 January 2013.

*Mandy*