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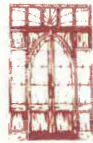


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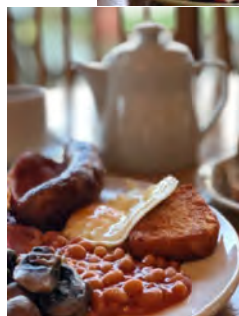
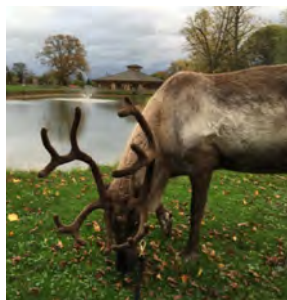
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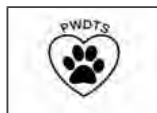
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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month

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

2nd Tuesday 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 Memorial Hall

Saturdays

Martley Memorial Village Hall

Coffee Mornings

Are held on the last Saturday in the month in aid of local and national charities. 10.30am until 12 noon. Open to everyone.

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 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 Parish Clerks to the Councils.

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Martley History

The Nellists in Martley

August 1960s:

Harvesting at Horsham Farm

August was another busy month at Horsham Farm, the time for harvesting the corn. When he thought it was ready Dad would pick a few samples from the fields of wheat, oats and barley and take them down to Ankerdine Farm where the Walkers would test them in a humidifier, to confirm. Then the big combine harvester would be driven to Horsham, only just managing to pass through the four wooden gates along the farm track beside the River Teme - and several days of intense combining would commence. In the early 1960s the combine was an old red machine where the driver sat perched above and just behind the wide rotating front spindle but later it was replaced by a modern yellow 'New Holland' with a protective dustproof cab and additional safety features. There were several large corn fields to harvest. It was often a dusty job and I remember the agreeable dry chaff smell associated with the work. Especially if there was the threat of rain the men worked late into the night, operating only by the headlights on the combine and accompanying tractor.

The resulting grain was transported in a high-sided metal trailer and stored on the top floor of the hop kilns, to be taken away in bulk later. (As young children, my brother Stewart and I liked to jump and play in the piles of grain there, until Dad stopped us). Once the combining was completed the straw would be baled - it was another big machine activity that fascinated us boys. Sometimes we would ride on the sled that dragged behind the baler, where a stack of six or more straw bales were collected and released for later transportation to the barns. Rarely in our Horsham years was the stubble burnt. One year, Dad fell off the top of the large trailer where he was loading straw bales; he suffered a nasty bump and was otherwise unhurt but Stewart (who was helping with the work) only told us about that incident many years later since Dad did not want Mum or me to worry about him. I can just remember the old tractor drawn reaper/harvester that was in use on the Farm in the 1950s before the fully automated combines arrived. Other harvesting memories are of Stewart and I climbing up onto the driver's seat of the combines after the daily work had finished (to us children they were the largest moving machines we had ever seen) and of the multitude of

glorious red poppies that grew in the corn fields before it became fashionable to spray insecticides. Another memory is of the aerial spraying of the crop much earlier in the year, when an aeroplane would descend on the Farm and fly many passes over the growing corn; to aid the pilot's identification, a man came out to the farm the day before and placed four red flags in the corners of each of the fields to be sprayed.

Late August was the time for picking blackberries, which Mum baked into



delicious blackberry and apple pies. Although it was a prickly and staining activity, I quite enjoyed

foraging for the berries in the brambles and hedgerows around the farm. August was the month too for the Madresfield show at Malvern. As well as the animal judging and other farming aspects, that one day event had the added attraction of the historic house, moat, gardens and maze. It was an occasion for us to meet up with other family members and to enjoy a showground picnic. August was also the month to make essential preparations for the hectic three weeks of hop-picking in September. There might be one last spraying of the hop vines (water was fetched from the Teme but one year the student driver misjudged the distance to the river bank and the tractor and spraying trailer cartwheeled down into the water. It necessitated a two-day crane rescue). Tom Hadley and Dad would spend a week or more servicing the large Bruff hop picking machine that occupied one of the open Dutch barns adjoining

the rickyard. There was much greasing to do of oily parts and heavy rubber belts and other equipment pieces to disassemble, clean and reassemble before the machine was given several trial runs. The pit where the hops were bagged had to be emptied of the water that had accumulated in it throughout the year; the drying kilns and sulphur burners were readied and serviced; and the 'kip' where the men would rest in between their night shifts also had to be erected. Lastly, Dad would recruit casual labour to work on the hop-picking machine. Most were seasonal regulars who lived locally at Berrow Green (Frank and Mrs Freeman and the Collins twins), Newtown/Wants Green (Alf Sims, with his distinctive old sliding side-door green 'Commer' van), Collin's Green (Tom and Beatty Powell, Mrs Rae and Mrs Kenley), Easinghope (Fred Davis) and Ankerdine (Alan Morris). There were other helpers too (such as Mary Adams, Bob Tyson and Tom Bullock) and in the 1950s and early 1960s a few families of traveller gypsies arrived for the work. An account of the hop-picking will be included in next month's magazine.

Roger M Nellist

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Pudford Lane

Already the year seems to be flying by, our few fruit trees in the garden are looking quite promising, the plums are beginning to ripen and our new pear tree has got more pears on it this year. I can look forward to a few apple crumbles as the apple crop looks good as well. We are definitely not the Monty Don of Pudford Lane when it comes to gardening and certainly nowhere near Harry King's skills at producing home grown fruit and

vegetables although he did give me some runner beans one year and I found a Tesco price tag on them! We never seem to have any spare time to spend in the veg garden although we usually manage to produce a reasonable number of tomatoes and runner beans which are my favourite vegetables. I also like my mixed salad leaves as you can keep picking a few leaves when you want them. I've only heard the cuckoo twice this year, once at home and once at some friends who live by Cleobury Mortimer. How fast things are changing, going back forty to fifty years ago, (I know, I can't believe how the years have flown by, so when people like Dave Bradley or Len Hoskins tell you they are 42, don't believe them!) you heard the cuckoo any time after 11th April and it always caused much excitement if you were the first to hear the cuckoo in your area. Another noticeable thing this year are the fewer number of swallows about. Years ago, if you were in the hay field in the late evening, it was a joy to watch the large numbers of swallows swooping across the field after the insects. I used to love loading bale trailers on what I would call an old-fashioned summer evening when it still seemed light and warm way after 10.30pm. We also thought how lucky we were that balers had been invented as the older farm workers, when younger, had experienced gathering the hay by hand with rakes and pitchforks. They would rake the hay into small tumps called haycocks which were built to protect the hay if there was a rain shower. The hay was then loaded with pitchforks onto horse drawn drays and taken back to the farmyard where a haystack was built. It's a good job Fi hadn't forgotten how to load hay on a

trailer when Sarah Wherry from Rosses Lane invited us for a quick drink one nice evening and John Pearsall was invited as well, we arrived to find 200 bales in the field to get into the barn! Sarah said you can have a drink when the last bale is in, she knew the offer of a drink would get us up there! We enjoyed our bit of hay hauling as we have big bales now so don't get to do any at home. I must admit, when we were finished, we had a very welcome drink with Simon and Sarah while listening to some of John's stories. I hope you are all keeping well, I must get back to the veg patch!

Alan and Fi

Diary of a Martley House Dad **Nov 2009**

The wisdom of getting a pair of puppies seems lost in the mists of time but we picked up Betty & Wilma much to the amusement of our two young daughters. After a month Claire decided my laissez-faire approach to discipline was alright for Ribh and Orli but not for the dogs and employed a dog trainer who came to the house. After just ten minutes observation this lovely, genteel lady exclaimed, 'The problem is not with your dogs madam. It is with your husband.' She was right, of course. So, to fully appreciate the Martley Circular Walk and the majestic view from the top of Rodge Hill with our puppies, I agreed to be trained. Claire also felt I needed some male company. The household after all was now 5:1 something that didn't particularly bother me. My wife had heard of a well-intentioned local group of volunteers called the 'Path-or-Nones' who were predominantly but not exclusively male.

They tended to local footpaths in a gallant effort to keep Public Rights of Way clear for everyone to use. A laudable concept but I was so busy. Claire said 'Oh well, never mind. It's probably a gentrified drinking club who, once they've done their good deeds, have a couple of pints.' 'Hmm' I replied, 'Perhaps I will give it a go after all.'

A Man in Moccasins

In 2017 my dying uncle passed on a tale he had told all his life but now knew he would never publish. It is a true adventure story about how Canada was created and is full of courage and conflict seen from a unique family perspective. I have lived in Martley for over ten years and this is my first novel. It is published by Candy Jar Books for £9.99 and available from the Central Stores or email me rrwmaclean@gmail.com and I'll drop a copy off for you. It will be available on Kindle for £2.99 in August. More details can be found at ruarimaclean.com

Pear Tree Garden

I'm happy to report that visitors have been returning to Pear Tree Cottage Garden! It seems that booking your own private visit for charity is catching on fast. We've had mini garden parties with visitors not only bringing their own picnics but their own cream teas! One group even celebrated a birthday and shared a bottle of bubbly. Anybody wishing to support our nurses and carers under the National Garden Scheme can call 01886 88295 and arrange their own private visit. A garden has to be the perfect in which to venture out after all the restrictions. As well as a guaranteed welcome, we can offer plenty of seating and, should the weather decide not to

cooperate, a comfortable summerhouse in which to linger. Visitors can relax in a swing seat enjoying views across apple orchards to Woodbury Hill and beyond. On Sunday 30th August 2020, we are planning a 'Twilight Garden by Candlelight' - circumstances and weather permitting!

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Pam

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We hope you are all keeping safe and well. These are challenging times we have been facing and we have all had to adapt to a very different way of life in both the workplace and our home lives. Our way of working at the surgery has changed significantly. We have adapted to telephone consultations as an initial contact with all our patients and are working to restarting some of our routine services over the next few weeks. Everyone seems to have adapted to the queuing system for the collection of medication from the window hatch, which I am sure has been helped by the lovely sunshine we have recently had. We understand that having to wait can be a little frustrating at times however we appreciate your patience. Through all of this the support and understanding we have received from our patients has been remarkable and we wanted to thank you all for this. We also want to say thank you for the many donations of PPE and wonderful home baking we have received. The cakes and treats have certainly helped to keep us going. Thank you for the wonderful collection of

rainbow paintings and drawings. We have these proudly displayed in our waiting area and they keep us smiling even on difficult days. The volunteers in the community have been fantastic collecting and delivering medication and fetching food shopping for those most vulnerable patients. Community spirit is still very much alive and we thank you for this. We are uncertain how long these changes will have to stay in place but we will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum as much as possible as we endeavour to continue to provide a safe service to our patients. Thank you once again for all your support.

All the staff at Great Witley Surgery

Coffee Mornings for Charities

Once again we are unable to hold our lovely Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall but there will be more surprises for the faithful regulars who may be missing their chance to meet up for a good gossip with old friends and a plate of goodies (remember, there are no calories on a Saturday!!). Life is gradually becoming a little less 'locked down' but we know that many of us still do not want to be mingling with too many other people, so we hope we are bringing cheer to all those remaining in their own homes. We would have been raising money for St Richard's Hospice this month. Many of you expressed a wish to give a donation when we dropped off cakes in June. We are quite happy to collect your donations if you place them in a sealed envelope. The money will then be passed on to the hospice in the usual way. Perhaps, you might like to try out another recipe this month, ingredients permitting, to enjoy

and share with your nearest and dearest.

Sticky Topped Ginger Cake Topping

50g butter; 25g soft brown sugar; 1x15ml spoon golden syrup; 50g flaked almonds; 50g glacé cherries; chopped 25g stem ginger, chopped.

Method

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Martley WI

Although we haven't been able to meet face-to-face, Martley WI has been holding very popular virtual coffee mornings and has started to resume its monthly meetings via Zoom. This time, our speaker was Jacquie Clements from the Worcester Breast Unit Haven, a small local charity which helps women and men during and after cancer treatment. It offers practical and emotional support that isn't provided by the NHS. The Unit was built five years ago following local fundraising, and is on the Worcestershire Royal Hospital site, thus enjoying a close working relationship with the NHS clinical team. Jacquie was pleased to report that breast cancer treatment and the work of the unit have continued during lockdown. October is breast cancer awareness month, promoting the importance of

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- ✓ Patients will now be able to collect from the Dispensary Hatch, just inside the Main Entrance.
- ✓ There will be a strict **one in/one out** policy and queue markers on the ground to ensure safe distancing.
- ✓ Face coverings **MUST** be worn when collecting medication.
- ✓ Payment for medication must be made by card only - sorry no cash.

DON'T FORGET

*There is a Bank Holiday at the end of August.
The Surgery will be closed on Monday 31st August 2020.*

Martley Summer Show

With much sadness and disappointment the Martley Show team and the Gardening Club have decided it is not realistically possible to hold a Summer Show in August this year. We hope to bounce back in 2021 to entertain you all.

Martley CE Primary School

The past few months have been challenging for everyone; Martley CE Primary School and Pre-School has not escaped these issues. Initially we formed a 'hub' of three schools based at Broadheath CE Primary, this also included pupils from Clifton Primary. This arrangement worked very well with staff from all

regular self-examination, and Jacque reminded us that the earlier something is picked up, the easier it is to treat. Our next meeting is in September, when we will be seeing who grew the tallest, most impressive sunflower from seeds that we were all given in the Spring.

We'll also be forging ahead with plans for our centenary celebration. Please come along and join in the fun, contact Martley WI team for more information.

Martley WI Team

three schools providing childcare and education for the children of Key Workers. Our hub of schools, one of the first to be organised, remained working together throughout the 'holiday' periods and provided care on Bank Holidays. The support from staff has been tremendous and has led to an even stronger relationship between the schools. Teachers, as many of you will know, have also been challenged with providing lessons for home learning. Some teachers became video stars and recorded daily

bedtime stories; others recorded short lessons and all were engaged with marking and responding to children's work. This has been an enormous task for parents at home as well, as many have been juggling supporting their children with activities at home, whilst still attending countless Zoom meetings and answering telephone calls from work! As a school, we fully appreciate the problems faced and are extremely grateful for your support in maintaining meaningful educational opportunities. Some of the children (and parents!) have clearly had lots of fun creating videos and completing problems set. The quality of the work produced at home has been very good indeed and the teachers have enjoyed reading it using the online platform 'Seesaw'. This platform has enabled us to keep a record of pupil engagement and has been a two-way conversation between children and staff. As time progressed, the three schools have all opened in some way to more pupils. Logistical arrangements such as only being able to have around 10 pupils in a classroom and some staff working from home has meant we have not been able to accommodate as many children as we would ideally have liked. We have completed several detailed risk assessments and have removed from the classrooms a great deal of furniture and other items in order to allow social distancing for the children and for surfaces to be cleaned more easily. Currently the school hall resembles a furniture showroom after a tornado has struck. We are surrounded by tables, chairs, soft furnishings, redundant computer equipment and many more items. During 'lockdown' we had a minor

flood in one of the classrooms which has resulted in an insurance claim for new carpets and many books and other items. With all of the carpet manufacturers closed this was more difficult than usual. The insurance company even attempted a remote assessment of the damage – they hadn't made allowances for the internet connection in Martley and this ended up in an old-fashioned telephone description of the damage caused.

The children who have returned to school have been wonderful – they have settled in brilliantly and have accepted the new 'normal' without question. Handwashing is a regular occurrence and even the littlest children move happily across the 2 metre spots on the floor. Children's desks are set 2 metres apart and we are spending as much time as possible teaching and learning outside whilst remaining in our 'bubbles' or groups of children. Thankfully we have experienced some lovely weather to make this a more pleasant time for the staff and children.

We have become very used to daily DFE (Department for Education) updates and the copious guidance documents from the government; each document containing links to several other guidance documents! Often it seemed that the advice seemed conflicting but we are grateful that we belong to a trust (The Diocese of Worcester Multi-Academy Trust) with the same ethos and commitment as ourselves. Constant communication across the two schools, Martley and Broadheath, has been maintained and it has helped to be able to share out the reading responsibilities.

We are now busy carefully reading the guidance related to the 'full re-opening' of schools in September. This too is

proving a challenge as we try to arrange staggered start times, moving furniture back into classrooms and try do our very best to follow all safety guidelines. We are all keen to have the children back in school and look forward to hearing their happy voices around school; even if singing in large groups is still currently not allowed! It has been a very different start to the new leadership structure of Mr Hackley as Executive Headteacher of Martley and Broadheath, and Mrs Cox as Head of School at Martley, than the one we had planned. It has though, proved to be a very positive experience as we have had the opportunity to work closely as a team with the support of Mrs Randall as Head of School at Broadheath. It has also enabled subject leaders in both schools to begin to look at their subjects collaboratively and we plan to develop this more in the future. Our traditional 'goodbye' to the Year 6 pupils has also been very different this year; the last two terms have been especially challenging. The usual planned activities have not been possible due to government restrictions and we have all missed the chance to wish them well in the future. We are not sure if the children were happy or not about not having to sit their SATS! Hopefully we will be able to plan a get together in September where we can bid a proper farewell to these pupils who have contributed so much in their time at Martley CE Primary School. The Year 6 Leavers have contributed much to the school over their years here, we will miss their sporting prowess; their academic endeavours but most of all their individual strengths and talents. I am sure that they will go on to achieve many great things as they make their

journey through life. On a different note, we bid a sad farewell to Mrs Linda Darby who, has been helping to educate the children of Martley CE Primary School for over 18 years. She has shown tireless dedication to the school and has been part of the lives of countless families. Mrs Darby is leaving us to spend more time doing her favourite activities such as sailing and gardening. As yet, we have been unable to get together to celebrate her time with us but we will be inviting her back for a socially distanced celebration as soon as we are able. I am sure that those of you that know her will wish Linda all the best for the future; may the wind always carry her in the right direction.

Andy Hackley and Lucy Cox

Martley Old Grammar School Foundation

For students who attended The Chantry and who are going to go to university, local sixth form or other college in the autumn, a grant may be available from the Martley Old Grammar School Foundation. The grant can be used to buy such things as textbooks, computer equipment, specialist clothing or stationery items. Applicants can apply more than once as long as they are in full time education A reminder too for this year's applicants to send in their receipts to receive their grants. For an application form or more information, please contact Cheryl Pearsall on 01886 888793

Royal British Legion

In these strange circumstances that we find ourselves in we must look to the future. Next year will be the Centenary of

the Royal British Legion and a special service will be held in Westminster Abbey. Locally I am sure we will have events. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 there will be no door to door collections for the Poppy Appeal. The 2 minutes silence to commemorate VJ Day will be held outside the Talbot Hotel Knightwick on the 15th August meeting at 10.45am. Covid regulations will apply and there will be no refreshments or toilet facilities available. Hope to see you there!

Sue

Voices

August is the month we Shakespeareans will experiment with a Zoom rendition of Macbeth. The project is not without its potential pitfalls. Managing cues and reducing background noise are high on the list of requirements for success. Hopefully our inexperience will not spoil our pleasure in speaking the memorable words of the play. Macbeth is an atmospheric play. It often introduces the Witches with claps of thunder and flashes of lightning. The Weird sisters begin their sinister chanting as if imitating the devil's messengers arriving from Hell to beckon Macbeth to his eventual doom. Shakespeare probably copied the idea from Marlowe's Dr. Faustus. The doctor is tempted by Mephistopheles (the Devil's messenger) to enjoy a life of pleasure in return for his immortal soul. Ultimately in the spectacular final scene he is dragged down to Hell. Marlowe's Faustus was popular and profitable in Shakespeare's time and by adopting a similar motif Shakespeare encouraged the punters to his theatre, the Globe, and helped to fill his coffers. Because of this motif, the opening scene is important, and most

people are familiar with the notion of Witches in Macbeth even if they know little of the play. Shakespeare has made them memorable by adopting a particular approach to the verses and consequently the vocalisation of their words. The Witches speak in a poetry form called tetrameter, which is a kind of chanted verse with strong rhymes and a regular beat. We hear the line '*Double, double toil and trouble/ Fire burn and cauldron bubble.*'! This is a spell which relies on our fascination with the supernatural. We all know what is going on, the Witches are conjuring visions of evil magic. But it is the way the words are spoken and the stylisation of the voices that makes the sinister scene work. An actor's voice is his or her most important instrument. The meaning and atmosphere are conveyed not only by the written words but by the way they are enunciated and by the pitch and timbre of the voice. Spoken words are not the only conveyors of meaning; facial expression, gesture and body language complete the picture. During Lockdown we were confined to a great deal of spoken communication via the telephone. I know that some manage to use Facetime and Zoom and similar platforms but the majority resort to speech. Although we don't wish to act, it makes sense to consider the important contribution all of our senses make in communicating meaning to another person – hearing, sight, touch and smell all play their parts. When we are confined to one sense it's worth giving a thought to the advice given to actors about enunciation, timbre and pitch and how they help to convey meaning. It is all too easy to be misunderstood if you cannot be seen. Listen to a radio play and you

will get the idea. Sometimes spoken words are a little more exaggerated, stressed and repeated so as to make the point or to confirm meaning.

Our attempt to read the play on Zoom does include vision which will help. However, speakers will be reading their parts and the tops of heads are not very expressive, so the task is a challenge. I will report back next time and let you know how we got on. In the meantime, bear some of these thoughts in mind when speaking on the telephone and enjoy dramatizing your conversations. Do stay well everyone.

*Janet Anderson Kaye, Group Leader
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Royal British Legion

My name is John Turley and I am the Chairman of the Knightwick Branch of the Royal British Legion. This year is the 75th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of WW2. How this is to be commemorated nationally due to the virus has not been decided. However, since 8th June I have been doing a daily run/march/walk to achieve 750km by 15th August, the anniversary date. On 14th August, along with a branch member, I will be travelling to London and on the 15th will lay a wreath at the Gurkha War Memorial in Horse Guards Ave at 1100hrs.

I know, like me, that many of you will have your own charities that you support, and no doubt supported Captain (Colonel) Tom, what an inspiration! However, if you feel that you would like to support me in my endeavours, I have set up a Just Giving page in aid of the Gurkha Welfare Trust which looks after Gurkha veterans and their families. If you go to Just Giving on

your computers and put my name in the 'search friends' bar you will find my page, or you can just click on this link: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john4gurkhas If you would rather donate in another way please, contact me on 01886 821077 (not quite James Bond!!). Thank you for taking the time to read my appeal and keep safe.

John

Nearly New and Table Top Sale

Saturday 15th August 2020

11am-2pm at Broadwas Village Hall, Stoney Ley, Broadwas, Worcester

Clothing, accessories, books, framed prints, household items and much more. Come and bag a bargain whilst helping us raise money towards the new extension to the village hall.

Please contact:

Yvonne 01886 822023 or mobile 07967 521 426

Sharon 01886 821415 or mobile 07970 698 790

Parking will be available. In order to protect visitors, a one-way system will be in operation (in and outside the hall) together with hand cleaning stations. Payment will be in a separate area, so please have the correct money if possible. The wearing of face masks will be required.

We look forward to seeing you there!

More information can be found at

www.broadwas-cotheridge.com/village-hall



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Wichenford Needs Your News!
Call Carol Garrett on 01886 888603
www.kenswick-wichenford-pc.org**

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

UNAPPROVED ABBREVIATED DRAFT MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Monday 16th March 2020, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford.** **THIS MEETING WAS POSTPONED AND THE RELEVANT DOCUMENT WAS EMAILED FOR COUNCILLORS TO COMMENT.**

PLEASE NOTE: This is was done by email and no Councillors were present.

Declaration of Interest

- a) Register if Interest: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or another Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of Paragraph 12(4)(b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items unless a Dispensation has been requested/granted.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

Democratic Half Hour Public Question Time

From 7.40pm residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the Chairman, before the start of the Parish Council meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2020 (attached).

No report was received from the County Councillor or the District Councillor.

Progress Reports (for information) Presumed dedication application

Update on progress of Footpaths C643 and 653.

Notice Board

We need clarification on whether we can go ahead and purchase one. Councillor Rendall did send an email with one she had found.

Litter

The equipment has been received so anyone interested can borrow it. I note, Martley had 1 the weekend and 22 volunteers collected 30 bags of litter. It seems a pity that our parish cannot seem to get any volunteers.

Highways

For the 4th time the very large pot hole between Voyce House and Guises Lane has been reported. I believe that the road by Ridgend is going to be re surfaced. The

new sign post has appeared at the junction of Horne lane and the Village lane but the fingers have slipped down onto the floor so I have asked for them to be put back and also the finger that points to Kingsgreen is the wrong way round!!!

Planning

Luckily, there are no outstanding planning issues other than the new application for Allsetts. We have done comments previously but if we have any more comments, they ought to be in.

Applications pending since last meeting (for information)

19/01888/FUL Development of 1no live/work unit, part retrospective for Allsetts Farm

Applications Approved, Refused, Withdrawn

20/00007/HP Glazed garden room link between dwelling and garage for Orchard Barn, Wichenford (**Withdrawn**)

19/01788/HP - 19/01789/LB replace UPVC windows with wooden, replace door with window. Little Cob House, Wichenford (**Approved**)

Applications to be considered.

None

Appeals

None

Finance

(The income/expenditure to date will be issued at the meeting). To approve payments to be made as on attached list.

To consider payments on any late arriving invoices.

Clerks Salary/Expenses

Donation to the Nora Parsons Day Centre (to discuss). GBL was going to see if they wanted anything. We have got £122.26 to pay for the salt we had and £478.80 for

the Lengthsman.

Flashing speed camera

We are able to keep the one that is in the village. All the other parishes have brought their own and WCC no longer want it as it is old. I am in the process of ordering 2 new batteries for it which cost £80 each. It cannot be upgraded to give more information due to its age.

Members Code of Conduct (to adopt)

Even though we adopted this in August apparently this is an updated version and needs to be done.

Lengthsman

To consider specific tasks for March/April.

Training

Update on training programme

Janet was going to attend the SWDP meeting at the guildhall on 31st

Councillors Reports and items for future agendas

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda, together with any road traffic collisions that have occurred within the previous month and to raise items for future agendas.

Cob House News

We find ourselves in very different times, but facing a challenge is always good! We have been overwhelmed by the positivity of our customers during their visit and the support they have given us. Of course, we have had to make changes, different menu, more outside tables, less inside tables and one way systems. Like everyone else, we are getting used to talking through masks! But, our staff and customers feel safe and that is what it is all

about, enjoying yourselves in a safe environment. The café opens at 8am weekdays and 7.30am weekends, closing at 4pm for an extra deep clean at the end of every day in addition to the constant cleaning that goes on throughout the day. We still offer a buffet breakfast, however we now serve this for you rather than you helping yourselves the same with the hot plate and Sunday lunch too, everything is also available to take out, including a new Sunday Lunch loaded baguette! We have a delicious selection of baguettes and sandwiches made fresh to order and the very popular coffee and cake offer is available all day long. Our menus are on our website together with information that will help you with your visit to us under the Covid guidelines.

Its lovely to welcome back the fishermen on the bank, there is a new Breakfast and Fishing offer, a 2 item breakfast baguette small tea or filter coffee and a days fishing for £10. For day ticket fishing, could you please park in the car park marked Wyatt's on the left as you come down the drive, thank you. We welcome walkers and have a great selection of walks available on the website to download should you wish to get out and about to try a new route. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

The Team at Cob House Country Park

Lost Church Tapestry

I wonder if anyone has a tapestry Hassock in the making? Susan Britten made a series of hassocks for Wichenford Church in 2000. She painted the designs on to the tapestries, and between her, and myself we tatted most of them. However, one is missing which I think I must have given to someone in the village a couple of years

back which depicts the Wichenford Dovecote. Does anyone know of its whereabouts, I have forgotten completely who I gave it to, to stitch. Could you contact me please, gbl@wichenford.net

Georgina Britten Long.

Speeding

There has been a sharp increase in vehicles speeding along the main street of the village and along Venn Lane. Just because there are fewer vehicles on the road currently, this does **not** mean an increase in speed is in any way safe.

Vehicles are not slowing down until well after the 30mph limit, if at all! Venn Lane may not have a 30 mph limit but it is a meandering road with blind bends. Please drive as though you were about to meet;

Two riders on horseback; or

A parent with a push-chair; or

A pensioner taking their dog out or a band of cyclists; or

A group of children out for a walk.

There has been an active discussion within the village of solutions to the problem. The suggestion of requesting speed bumps has been ruled out, as too damaging, especially to emergency vehicles and house foundations. The Parish Council have requested a 40 mph limit buffer ahead of the 30mph zone and speed camera units to track actual speeds. If volunteers come forward, there is training available to have a community speed watch, which the village could then use at those times when speeding is most prevalent. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Recipe for the month

'EASY ONE-CRUST PIE'

You will not need a normal baking tin.

Just a solid baking sheet, lightly greased (so it saves a little on the washing up).

For the shortcrust pastry:

6 oz (175 g) plain flour;

3 oz (40 g) butter or margarine, at room temperature;

Cold water.

The choice of fruit is yours. I've always used plums and they work well.

For the Filling

1 and a half lb (700 g) prepared fruit (plums, rhubarb, gooseberries, cherries, peaches, apricots, raspberries etc. – whatever takes your fancy);

3 oz (75 g) caster sugar;

2 rounded tablespoons of semolina;

1 small egg yolk;

For the Glaze

1 small egg white;

6 sugar cubes, crushed;

And don't forget your lightly greased baking-sheet.

(You probably have your own recipe for shortcrust pastry but I have included one here – just in case)

To make the pastry

Sift the flour into a large mixing-bowl.

Rub the fat into it lightly with your fingertips.

When the mixture is like crumbs, sprinkle in enough cold water to bring it together to a smooth dough that leaves the bowl absolutely clean – with no crumbs left.

Give the pastry a little light knead to bring it fully together.

Place the pastry in a polythene bag in the fridge for 30 min.

Then

Pre-heat oven to gas mark 6, 400F (200C).

Roll the pastry out to approximately 14

inches (35 cm). As you roll it, give it quarter turns so that it ends up as round as possible – but don't worry about ragged edges. Carefully roll the pastry round the rolling-pin and transfer it to the centre of the lightly greases baking sheet.

To prevent the pastry getting soggy from excess juice, paint the base with egg yolk (cover about 10 inch (25 cm) circle in the centre), then lightly sprinkle the semolina over this. The semolina absorbs juices. The egg forms a waterproof coating. Pile the prepared fruit in the centre of the pastry, sprinkling it with sugar as you go.

Turn in the edges of the pastry – if any breaks, just patch it on again – it's meant to be ragged and rustic looking.

Brush the pastry surface all round with the egg white, then crush the sugar cubes with a rolling pin and sprinkle over the pastry.

Bake for about 35 minutes (on the highest shelf of the oven) or until the crust is golden-brown. Remove from oven and serve warm with crème fraiche or ice-cream.

*Carol Garrett – with grateful thanks to
Delia Smith*

Wichenford 100 Club

Winners June 2020

No. 174 L Jacks £50.00

No. 150 A Ball £15.00

No. 121 T Rice £10.00

Due to lockdown, the draw was once again drawn by Heather Rendall

Thank You

This is a Thank You to all those in

Wichenford village who supported Jack's veg and plant stall on 24th May. Having planted nearly 40 runner and dwarf beans in April to raise money for the NHS, he



raised £193 in donations (one contribution coming all the way from Italy).

He would like to give the

money towards a charitable project his grandfather is starting, helping to build gardens which are attached to ICU wards across the country. Having survived Covid himself at the age of 84, he claims it was the moment he was wheeled out into the garden at Derrisford and felt the sun on his face that he realised he was still alive. So Jack would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported him and hopefully your beans are growing tall by now!

Savannah Edwards

Knightwick Surgery

Email Scam

We recently fell victim to a phishing attack on our surgery email account. This led to some patients being contacted from what appeared to be knightwick.surgery@nhs.net asking them to click on links within the email. As soon as we became aware of this, we updated the security details on the account, contacted all patients via text and reported it to all relevant organisations including the local Fraud Team, NHS Digital and our Data Protection Officer. After investigating the breach NHS Digital contacted all those directly affected with advice and the matter has now been reported to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).

We will never ask you to follow links from an email without discussing this with you first. If you receive any emails you are unsure about, **please do not** open attachments or links without checking with us first.

NHS Test and Trace calls you by phone, the service will be using a single phone number 0300 0135 000. The only website the service will ask you to visit is

www.contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/

Contact tracers will never:

Ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087);

Ask you to make any form of payment;

Ask for any details about your bank account;

Ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts;

Ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone;

Ask you to purchase a product;

Ask you to download any software to your device or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet;

Ask you to access any website that does not belong to the Government or NHS;

If you think you have been subjected to, or a victim of, a scam or attempted fraud using Track and Trace or any other fraud please call 101 or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm dial 999 now.

Foodbank

Foodbank feeds off community spirit as supplies come flooding in !

Worcester Foodbank has hailed the extraordinary generosity of the local



We are delighted to invite you to enJOY Digital Seated Dance.

enJOY Digital Seated Dance is an **FREE 6 week** online class.

It is specifically for adults over 50 who live in Martley.

This class combines both exercise and creativity and will keep you active and connected to your neighbours from the comfort of your own home.

Sessions are Led by **Fi Petts** who emphasis on the **JOY** of dancing while teaches you different dance styles and how to express your creativity to those good ol' favourite songs. It is safe for everyone to enJOY no matter your ability. After each workshop everyone will put their kettles on and enJOY a cuppa and natter together.

Sessions are taught online through **ZOOM**.

If you would like to join in but unsure how to use ZOOM, please let us know and we will provide one **FREE** course to get you started!

The first session begins on
Thursday 6th August 10.30am – 11.30am.

To find out more information or to book your place, contact Fi Petts on
fionapettsdance@gmail.com
07826730730

LET'S STEP OUT AND JOIN IN!



community which has left its warehouse bursting at the seams.

The charity has been swamped with more than 30 tonnes of donations since the start of April after people rallied behind its efforts to support the growing number of households impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Two-thirds of the donated supplies have already been swallowed up with volunteers feeding just over 1,000 people in April alone – making it the second busiest month since food bank opened its doors 8 years ago.

But manager Grahame Lucas said the

outpouring of support had left the charity in a much stronger position to deal with the economic slump which is expected to follow the lifting of lockdown.

Mr Lucas added: "Lockdown may have kept us apart but the community has stood together to tackle hunger and make sure those at the sharp end of this crisis get the lifeline they need."

"In many ways this crisis has brought out the best in us but we know there is no room for complacency and for some people the hardship is only just beginning."

The surge in donations has been fuelled by a wave of street collections organised to coincide with the Clap for Carers on Thursday nights. The idea was originally inspired by Worcester City FC Chairman Steve Goode and has spread like wildfire

across the city. But the groundswell of support had left the charity struggling to find space to store new supplies until neighbouring Freedom Church stepped in to provide some temporary storage.

Food bank is now urging supporters to consider donating supermarket gift cards or money so it can buy the items it needs most when it runs short of them.

You can find out more about how to Support the food bank

at www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

I wonder how you have been keeping in touch with people over the last few months? Telephone? mobile phone? A visual internet communication such as Face-time or the latest interactive chat site, Zoom?

Whichever, and you may of course use something completely different, we have all realised how important it is to be in touch, how important our relationships with both family and friends are. As lockdown eases we have of course been able to move closer to one another again physically, but of course with that 2 metre gap. You may have seen a loved one and just forgot yourself and given them a big hug, understandable but we have to be careful I know. Though those gaps are there we know that the gap between us is only (hopefully) temporary. When there is a vaccine or there is a cure for this awful virus then we can resume normal relations and hugs.

This has parallels for me with my faith and my journey towards my following Jesus. As a teenager I was going to church, I knew about God, but there was a distance between me and my Creator. A gap! We were distanced by things that came between me and him. The virus, what the bible calls sin, was causing the lack of a full relationship. That was until I found the vaccine, the cure, which was and is Jesus.

Once I realised how much I was loved and I reached out to him in prayer the relationship was restored, I had a spiritual 'Hug' from God and he has never let me go since and that's a long time now, and he never will leave me or forsake me. Even though there have been hard times, even though I sometime let him down, God is by my side. Even when I don't feel his presence God is there and through this lock down I know God has held us close and loves us.

That relationship is for us all and maybe you would like to find out how and why a Best selling Author and Artist like Charlie Mackesey, once an atheist, sees his relationship with God now, and join us for the Churches together Virtual video evenings as you can see in the poster.

But even if you cannot join us for those evenings may you find that Hug from God that he want to give us all and see there gap between you disappear and know his Spiritual hug day by.

May I take this opportunity to bring you a hug too, even though its only in words. God bless you all

David



Services in August

Sunday 2nd August

Leigh:	9am	CW Holy Communion (<i>Anne and Jen</i>)
	10.30am	Martley: CW Holy Communion (<i>David</i>)
	10.30am	Broadwas: CW Holy Communion (<i>Jennifer</i>)
	10.30am	Clifton: CW Holy Communion (<i>Becky</i>)

Sunday 9th

10.30am	Crown East: BCP Holy Communion (<i>Ruth</i>)
10.30am	Wichenford: CW Holy Communion (<i>Becky</i>)
10.30am	Shelsley Beauchamp: (<i>Jen and David</i>)
6pm	Alfrick: Evensong 6.00 pm Evensong (<i>Sally</i>)

Sunday 16th

9am	Bransford: BCP Holy Communion (<i>Anne</i>)
10.30am	Martley: 10.30 am (<i>Catrine and Jennifer</i>)
4pm	Team Zoom Service (<i>Becky and Anne</i>)
6.30pm	Clifton: Evensong (<i>Pat and Barbara</i>)

Sunday 23rd

9am	Alfrick: CW Holy Communion (<i>Anne</i>)
10.30am	Broadwas: Morning Worship (<i>Rob</i>)

Sunday 30th

3.30pm	Suckley All age service outdoors. (<i>Anne and Jen</i>) (move into Church if bad weather)
3pm	Harpley: (<i>David and Becky</i>) Martley (group) (<i>Jennifer</i>)

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