

# MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

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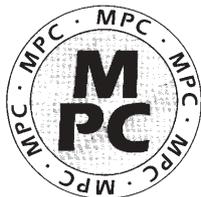
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### **WRONG NUMBER**

We apologize that we were supplied with the wrong phone number which we published last month for Flagship Assist and Assure under the "Frail? Vulnerable? Elderly?" item about Personal Alarms. The correct phone no for enquiries should be 01362 696175.

**You will find some additional items that we did not have room to print in The Electronic Monthly on our website as well as a full copy of each month's edition (see above for web site address)**



## **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **New Councillor**

At the last Council meeting we were pleased to welcome John Nayler who was co-opted as a new councillor to fill the vacancy on the Council.

### **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

A further vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor and will be advertised shortly

The role of a parish councillor is varied and interesting as it involves many aspects of the community; it is a voluntary position involving usually only two meetings per month and the amount of any other time needed is as little or as much as you may wish to make of the role. If you are interested in helping to improve your community, or perhaps you disagree with some of the things that the parish council does, please contact the Clerk who can provide further details or speak to any councillor.

**Annual Parish Meeting -  
Wednesday 24th April  
7-30pm in the Parish Room,  
Felixstowe Road**

**All residents welcome**

**This is your opportunity to  
hear what your Parish Council  
and many other Martlesham  
organisations and societies  
have done over the last year.**

**You will also be able to ask  
questions or make comments  
on any Parish Council or  
Martlesham issues and there  
will be time for discussion. On  
the agenda will be the proposal  
for a Martlesham Parish  
Appraisal and Plan.**

### **Website**

There is now a Martlesham Parish Council website with lots of information about the parish, the parish council and parish activities; we welcome any comments or suggestions.

Its address is  
[www.martleshantsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.martleshantsuffolk.gov.uk)

### **Meetings**

Parish Council - Wednesday 3rd  
April and 1st May

Development Plans Committee  
- Wednesday 10th April

Recreation & Amenities  
Committee - Wednesday 17th April

All meetings are at 7-30 pm in  
the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road

but please check the notice boards for further details of the above and other meetings.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at Council meetings for residents to ask questions or make comments to the council.

### **Contacting the Council**

In writing to the Clerk, Martlesham Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB. Telephone or fax 01473 612632 Via any councillor.

E-mail  
[martleshampcbtclick.com](mailto:martleshampcbtclick.com)

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

## **VILLAGE DAY "MUSIC ON THE GREEN" 13th JULY**

Plans for "MUSIC ON THE GREEN" are well advanced. The day will begin with a car boot sale and the first band going on stage at 11.00am, there are now over 15 bands booked (but room for more) ranging from Caribbean, rock, blues, cover, brass, jazz, folk and pop, there will be non-stop music until 10.30pm.

During the late morning and afternoon there will be non-stop children's entertainment in The Pavilion.

For band information please contact Kevin Moore 01473 622724

Do you require a stall for Village Day, if so please contact

Maureen Dalley 01473 622977

## **W.I. MARKET MARTLESHAM HEATH NEW TIME -NEW IMAGE**

Starting from April 9th the W.I. Market will be opening from 9am to 10.30am in order to attract the custom of young and old mums as they leave their children at school and before they rush off to their next activity. The market is held every Tuesday at the Pavilion near the church at the Village Centre of Martlesham Heath and NOT at the Community Centre near Tesco as publicised on the local radio. We sell a range of fresh baked goods including ready meals, plants flowers and fresh vegetables in season and crafts. We also serve coffee and cakes and welcome young mums and children as well as our valued older customers (there is space and access for buggies & wheelchairs!).

It has come to our notice that some younger people on the Heath think that the market is just for W.I. members but this is not the case. The W.I. Market Co-operative Organisation is open for anyone over the age of 16 to join and produce

goods (there are plenty of men involved in markets all over the country as well as women). The producers are all paid for their goods so it is an ideal way to make money whilst you are at home either caring for a family or enjoying retirement. The market takes a commission to pay for rent of premises, advertising etc. but does not aim to make a profit. The W.I. is there in support to help with issues such as food legislation, copyrights, marketing and packaging, auditing of accounts and provide courses for producers.

Further details  
[marie@whinney89\\_freeserve.co.uk](mailto:marie@whinney89_freeserve.co.uk)  
or tel. 623764

### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road. The meeting does provide an opportunity for all parishioners to find out about the Hall and to express their views on its future uses.

The Committee are seeking volunteers for the posts of Treasurer and Secretary. The existing Treasurer wishes to retire at this AGM. This is not an arduous task, taking limited time with committee meetings usually every other month. The Secretary changeover would be more fluid, with the existing Secretary completing all unfinished items before retiring.

Anyone who is interested can obtain full details by telephoning David Pocock on 01473 624563.

### **MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LTD** "Looking after our Village"

Following the piece about our work in the woods last month, we have taken the first steps in our management programme. Our contractors have done a good job in cutting back the paths to improve access. Although the paths may at first appear very wide, this was done deliberately to help people feel safer as they walk through the woods. Of course there will soon be growth at either side which will take away the rather stark appearance, but we will be cutting the edges of the paths regularly to keep the access ways free.

We are very pleased that the Girl Guides have asked if they can work on an area of the woods and they are arranging this work jointly with the Conservation Group and

ourselves. As we outlined last time, we are keen to encourage wider involvement from the community, and will be producing a management plan for this area which will be discussed with interested parties.

To some extent opening up the woods was a calculated risk by the Board. We are taking steps to block off entry by motor vehicles to avoid any encampment of the area, but other types of inappropriate activity could also be a problem. I would like to remind all members that for reasons of safety, noise and damage, no motor vehicles of any description are allowed on MCL property (or on the Western Corridor). If anyone sees motor bikes, quad bikes or whatever in the woods we would appreciate it if they alerted the police and also reported it to the MCL office. We hope that by encouraging people to use the woods we can develop a feeling of ownership and responsibility for the area. If you are aware of anti-social behaviour, please take some action and let someone know.

Other points we would like to make are to dog owners, who are asked to pick up dog muck and make use of the bins, horse owners who will not be allowed to ride in the woods, and to everyone who uses the woods, please do not leave any litter.

We have been talking to the group of lads who have been using the woods for BMX about the possibility of an approved area for bike jumps. The Board was concerned that this should be in a suitable place so as not to any cause danger to others on the Heath. However, when we reviewed it last night it became clear that the problems of Company liability for accidents, and consequent insurance costs for an MCL approved area, mean that more investigation needs to be done. We are prepared to work with the Martlesham Community Council and the BMX group to try to resolve the issues, but until that is done we can not permit digging of jumps in the woods or elsewhere.

We have now agreed a lease for the Pavilion with the Pavilion Management Committee to give them control of this important community facility. The Pavilion Management Committee is applying for charitable status and the availability of the lease will allow them to bid for Lottery funding to re-furbish the building. We wish them well with their exciting plans for the future.

MCL is trying very hard to support the community which it does by making facilities available to the Martlesham Youth Football Club, the Cricket Club, the Play

School, Martlesham Heath Aviation Society, the Pavilion Management Committee, and to the Parish Council for the play area. In addition it maintains trees, grass, buildings and paved areas, collects litter, and carries out a lot of legal and other work in the Village. It is therefore very disappointing that some members still resist paying the very reasonable contribution that they agreed to when they moved here. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. We will unfortunately have to send out yet another set of reminders soon. If necessary, we will regretfully have to consider taking legal action against some of the people who are content to let others pay for the upkeep of the environment and facilities that they enjoy.

MCL is looking for someone to help to keep the area tidy by collecting litter. This would be part time with flexible hours and would probably suit a retired person. If you are interested, please contact the Company to discuss payment and details.

Members are always welcome to attend the Board meetings which take place in St Michael and All Angels Church Centre each month, and the next meeting is on Monday 15 April at 7.15 p.m. Members wishing to make contact with the company should either write to MCL at 42D Barrack Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3RF, e-mail to [mcl.mh@btinternet.com](mailto:mcl.mh@btinternet.com), or phone on 612207 and leave a message, with your contact details.

MCL

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION 6-20TH APRIL 2002**

The Children's Society helps over 40,000 vulnerable children and young people every year. In pioneering projects across the country they are there for children needing help, including young runaways, children who are bullied at school or at risk of exclusion, young prostitutes and drug abusers. They are finding long-term solutions which give these children the chance of a future free of drugs, crime, violence or abuse.

If you are able to spare a little time to collect for this worthy cause, please sign your name on the road sheets available at St. Mary's and St Michael's. Alternatively contact Deborah and Tim Branch direct on 01394 383410. Thank you.

**MARTLESHAM  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(Registered Charity 273769)  
NEW MEMBERS

We are always looking for new members to join us on the Committee, so if you wish to improve your environment and have a few hours to spare; the Community Council would be very pleased to welcome you. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month in the Parish Rooms, Felixstowe: but you do not have to

If you would like to just 'help out' at the Fundraising events only, such as selling draw tickets or items at a stall on Village Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2002 or the Jubilee Garden Event on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2002, or the Gilbert and Sullivan Concert on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2002, etc., you would be very welcome.

If anyone would like to 'get involved' with any of the above projects we would be very pleased to hear from them.

**RECREATION GROUND**

We have arranged for a new direction sign, which has been put up for us by Suffolk County Council MULTIPURPOSE SPORTSHALL

Informal talks have taken place with the Sports Lottery Organisation, which has given us every encouragement. Tenders have been received from Architects, and it will be decided (hopefully) March 18<sup>th</sup> 2002, the one which will be successful. The planning application will then be prepared and submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Business plan is being prepared. Once that has been completed the lottery bid will be prepared. There will be a lot of work going on behind the scenes before the actual building can start to take place.

**DROP ON CENTRE**

Unfortunately this is not happening the way we would have hoped.

**NEW TREASURER**

As from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002 our new treasurer will be Hugh Johns. We would like to wish our retiring Treasurer Roy Berridge, all the best and to thank him for the help he has given in the past.

If anyone is interested in helping in any way, please contact Jackie Bear 01473-623007 or e-mail jacque.bear@btinternet.com

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FINALLY, OUR ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING WILL BE  
TAKING PLACE ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY  
2002 IN THE PARISH ROOMS,  
FELIXSTOWE ROAD,  
MARTLESHAM. THIS IS YOUR  
OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND  
HEAR THE LATEST ON THE  
MANY PROJECTS IN WHICH WE  
ARE INVOLVED**

**MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

**INDOOR GARDEN PARTY  
THURSDAY 4TH APRIL**

**7.30PM**

**IN**

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
CENTRE  
ADMISSION FREE**

**THE THEME OF THE EVENING  
IS GARDENS AND FLOWERS,  
THERE WILL BE  
SINGING BY A LOCAL GROUP,  
A QUIZ, A SLIDE SHOW, BRING  
AND BUY AND A RAFFLE.  
THE 2002 GARDEN  
COMPETITION LEAFLETS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE AND  
DISPLAYS ON OUR PROJECTS.  
WE ALSO HAVE NOTELETS  
PRINTED WITH OUR NEW  
LOGO THESE WILL BE ON  
SALE IN AID OF MARTLESHAM  
IN BLOOM.**

**Recreation Ground, Kronjie's  
Piece and Adopt The Rover Fynn**

We have planted several trees on the above pieces of land and have started cleaning up. There is more to do if you would like to help please contact me at the address below.

We are looking into ways of enhancing the walk beside the River Fynn in the Recreation Ground.

**Sponsored Walk Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
September**

This walk will be in the afternoon and will be round the area of the Recreation Ground and Kronjie's Piece; walking at a reasonable speed it will take about 10 minutes! So you may be able to do several circuits.

If you would like to take part and make some money for your club or charity plus help us to enhance the parish with plants, bulbs, trees and shrubs do contact me.

If you would like to help with Martlesham in Bloom projects or would like information on the above articles please contact J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary) 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath. Tel. 01473 625196.

**BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY  
SCHOOL.**

The last few weeks have been both varied and challenging for the children at Birchwood Primary School. As part of the Martlesham in Bloom initiative the younger children in Years 1 and 2 have been busy growing bulbs and the results

are looking good! As part of raising our very youngest children's awareness about caring for their teeth, the Foundation Stage had great fun at Kid's Kingdom. Certainly an active way to get across a very important message.

We were delighted with the performance of all our Year 6 children for narrowly missing first place to come second in the Pyramid swimming gala. Seven schools took part in this event and the children demonstrated great skills in sportsmanship as well as swimming.

The school's netball and football teams have been competing each week with growing success. They are looking forward to competing in a wider tournament towards the end of the month.

The School Association held a successful Spring Fair on March the 1<sup>st</sup> and many people worked extremely hard to achieve this.

We have finished this short Spring term with excellent performances from both our school orchestra and Year 5 and 6 drumming group that represented us so professionally recently at Kesgrave High School.

**MARTLESHAM  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Our April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in St. Michael's Church Centre. The speaker will be Peter Dolman and his subject "Windmills of Martlesham & District". Peter is probably Suffolk's premier authority on windmills - he lives in one near Bury St Edmunds - and has done a great deal of research into the history of local mills and their occupants.

As usual, all are welcome and admission is £1 which includes refreshments.

The Society has grown since we started two years ago and the time has come to put things on a more formal basis. With this in mind I have scheduled an Annual General Meeting for Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. It will be held in the Pavilion and the main items on the agenda will be the adoption of a Constitution for the Society and the election of a small committee to assist with the running of the Society and particularly the planning of programmes. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

John Tyler Tel. 612736

### **THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP, KESGRAVE**

We have had an exceedingly busy term with numerous visitors and a wonderful half term challenge, which raised over £350 for some new blackboard easels, a big thank you.

We must also say a big thank you to the mystery man who has noted our plea about our sandpit and helped by installing us a new base – a resource that is enjoyed time and time again by all the children in the nice weather.

The summer term looks to be just as busy with a visits to Foxborrow Farm, making a display for All saints Church Flower Festival, a visit from the photographer as well as the milkman, double decker bus etc.

The photographer will attend playgroup on 14th and 16th May and anyone from the community is welcome to come with their family groups. Please ring Liz on 635944 to book and appointment time.

We say goodbye to Gillian who is leaving us to pastures new and wish her well. We are looking to employ somebody to help in the afternoon sessions (Tues and Thurs) with packing the cupboard and general assistance with the session. We offer £10 per session and times are roughly 12.40pm to 3.05pm, allowing collection from school. Anyone interested in either or both of these positions please phone Sue on 01394 386940, no experience is necessary however you will be required to complete a police check form.

Sue White Chair 01394 386940  
Lisa Poole Secretary/Admissions  
01473 631087

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

We should have just returned to "normal service" after the Easter break, with sessions re-starting on Wednesday 10th April. Sessions run in Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9.30-11.30 and from 1.30-3.30. New members are always welcome, and for those with young babies, there is an area "coned off" to protect them from our larger visitors.

Our AGM will have taken place at the end of March, and the new committee should be getting to grips with their responsibilities. If you can

help, or have useful suggestions for the committee, please let me know, on 01473 623020. Hopefully we will soon start planning our summer events. The only event currently booked is the visit of the photographer on Wed 12 June. A list will be going up on the noticeboard, so get your names in early as this is usually very popular.  
Vivienne Midwinter (secretary)

### **ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL MARTLESHAM HEATH**

On Thursday 14th March a group of our children were invited to attend Kidz Kingdom, Martlesham Heath, by Brenda Wykes from the Health Authority. She gave a little talk to the children about dental hygiene. Then they were able to play for a little while and they really enjoyed the afternoon.

We are sadly saying good bye to Sarah Tait who is leaving us to go to Geneva with her family. The staff and committee would like to thank her very much for all her hard work and support that she has given us at St Michael's. We wish them all the best in their new home.

Thank you to everyone who attended our extraordinary general meetings in February. Thank you to the following people for stepping forward to fill our vacant positions. Simone Temple is now chair person, Angela Wilkes vice chair and Karen Baker is treasurer. In May we will be having our AGM and are still looking for a fund-raiser. Also some of our other members will be stepping down so there will be other positions opening.

Over the Easter holidays the children have a sponsored game to do, which involves them filling a smartie tube with as many different things as they can find. We look forward to seeing what the children have found to put in their tubes.

Our theme for next term is 'Animals'. The children will be learning about different groups of animals, like Pets, Farm, Arctic/Antarctic, African Safari, Dinosaurs, Tropical Jungle and Sea animals. Some of the things that the children will be making are Dinosaur models, animal masks and using salt dough to make some sheep.

For the Queen's Golden Jubilee the children will be celebrating it by coming to pre-school dressed as Kings and Queens. The children will be making crowns to go with their costumes.

After Easter our older children start their rising 5's sessions. This session is to help prepare the children for when they go up to Primary school. We will invite the foundation teachers from Gorseland and Beacon Hill Primary Schools to come and talk to the children, as some of our children may be going to one of these when they finish at St Michael's. The children that are going to Birchwood will be able to go to the school to see their foundation teacher and join in with the classes story time. This gives them a chance to familiarise themselves with the school and will start after half term. We are very grateful to Birchwood for allowing the children to do this as it makes the leap from pre-school to Primary school less daunting.

A 'Race for Life' is a national sponsored event to raise money for cancer. Our local venue is Christchurch park on Sunday 12th of May, you can run or walk and it's about 2 and a half miles. We would like to get as many ladies together as we can, so if you would like to join us or would like more information please contact Catherine Reeve on 01473 610165

Our Summer term starts on 9th April. The pre-school will be closed on 6th May Bank holiday Monday. We break for half term on 24th of May and return on 10th June to finish our Summer term on 19th July.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information please contact Angela Wilkes on 01473 631510.

Catherine Reeve

### **CALLING ALL MUMS**

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be on Tuesday, 9th April at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 12.45 to 2.30 p.m. All mums, babies and toddlers are welcome to join us for lunch. This will be followed by a talk by Simon Heery, health visitor, on Child Safety. Why not come along and learn about this important subject?

For further details please ring Sue on 01473 624130.

### **FOR SALE - with regret BROADWOOD DRAWING ROOM GRAND PIANO**

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## **NEW MUMMY & ME AND KEEP FIT CLASSES**

In addition to the existing Tuesday morning classes at St Michael's Church an afternoon Mummy & Me class will be starting on Thursday 11th April at 1.30 pm in the Pavilion (as well as a new Friday morning group in Kesgrave). The sessions are for 1-4 year olds with mummy or a carer and include songs, games, dancing and soft play circuits, to help develop co-ordination, agility, balance, as well as being great fun!

On Friday 12 April an additional Keep Fit class will be starting in Kesgrave. These low impact classes include exercises to mobilise joints, improve stamina, strengthen and stretch muscles and relaxation. Sessions are suitable for all levels of ability and will help you to get active and stay fit.

For details of both classes please phone Julia Drewell on 01473 620511.

## **MARTLESHAM PRE- SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

We would like to give a warm welcome to all the new children starting playgroup and pre-school this term.

This term the children will be enjoying lots of activities on the topics of 'The Countryside/New Life and The Sea', which will include visits to Foxburrow Farm for the pre-school children, and Baylham House Rare Breeds Farm for the playgroup children.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone that came in to help with our recent topics of Music/Dance and Around the World, including Kathy Greenhow and Linda Mitchell of the Sutton Hoo Morris Dancers which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Of course, visitors are always welcome to come and see us. If you would like more information about the playgroup please contact Sarah Elmer, our bookings secretary, on Ipswich 620042. Alternatively visit our web site at

[www.btinternet.com/  
~martlesham.playgroup/index.htm](http://www.btinternet.com/~martlesham.playgroup/index.htm)

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND CHILD SITTING CIRCLE**

If you are new to the area, or would like additional opportunities for getting out and about without the children - joining the circle may be

the answer. It is made up of a group of local parents who sit for each other, and "pay" for sessions via a token system - so no money changes hands.

New members are always welcome so if you would like more information please call me on 01473 610549 or email me at [SueMSpencer@aol.com](mailto:SueMSpencer@aol.com).

## **CAN YOU HELP ?**

A small party of Spanish students from Princeton Academia-De'Ingles near Madrid are coming Woodbridge for the 11th. year running for a holiday and to experience the English way of life and hopefully improve their English language. We are currently looking for more new friendly host families in the Woodbridge and surrounding areas to accommodate these boys and girls between the ages of 11 to 16 years. They will be arriving around 27th. June staying until the 25th July final dates still to be arranged. They will be occupied all day during weekdays either lessons or other activities. This can also be a good opportunity for your own children to make new friends from overseas and give them a cultural experience so if you feel you and your fain could welcome on of these students into your home please contact me for more information on 01473 631786 good reimbursement of £80 per week will be paid for all your expenses.

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

The first day of March and the first Friday in the month, when we hold our monthly meeting. This time a good crowd were present to hear a most interesting talk by Mr Ron Palmer.

Ron is a member of the Suffolk Aircrew Association and gave a talk of his WW2 experiences in various locations from Wales to Iceland! From initial training at Padgate near Warrington and to Bournemouth for a course to become a Flight Mechanic. From there to Manobir near Tenby where a flight of "Queen Bees" had to be kept flying. Queen Bees were Tiger Moth biplanes that were flown by radio control and towed drogues for target practice by the Royal Artillery. Then to Iceland of all places where 263 Squadron had Bostons that were invaluable in the fight against the U-Boat. Ron remembers his time there as a gruelling experience! It was 1942 by then and he was off to St Athen, in north Wales for a Flight Engineers course.

Ron was then posted to fly in

Short Stirlings. The Stirling was very well built but its specification was somewhat obsolete before the RAF's bombing offensive began in earnest over Germany. It had a 1500 mile endurance and a 2000lb bomb load. A top speed of 230 mph and a ceiling of only 17000ft. Its inadequate ceiling height was because when the contract was offered, the Air Ministry required its new heavy bomber to fit inside the standard 102ft hangar, such as "B" Flight hangar at Martlesham. Therefore the wingspan was reduced to 102ft from 112ft. A critical amount and a rather absurd requirement. So then to Fairford in Gloucestershire where Ron joined 190 squadron which was engaged in drops for the SAS and SOE (Special Operations Executive). The French resistance organisation had to be supplied and the SOE was the secret organisation responsible for this. September 1944 saw the ill-fated Arnhem operation and Ron flew several sorties in connection with this. One in seven allied aircraft were lost during this time. Space prohibits me to report all the varied and dangerous exploits that Ron Palmer was involved in. Bombing trips with special navigation equipment - A bad weather sorties to Norway - dropping troops at the time of the Rhine crossing - the list goes on! Ron received his commission in September 1945. After demobilisation Ron was for several years a hotel manager at the White Hart at Wickham Market. A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

After the break one of our own members, Cliff Caley gave a most interesting "off the cuff" talk of his own experiences as a flight engineer in Lancasters. Cliff survived 31 operational sorties over enemy territory and many of them were either long distance or heavily defended targets, or both! Places such as Stettin on the Baltic coast - Essen and Stuttgart. Cliff was demobbed in December 1946. A vote of thanks was again given by Gordon.

Our next meeting is the occasion of our AGM and this will be followed by the annual "Holly Hall" photographic competition. This will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Alan Powell 622458

## **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Our Chairman introduced Dr. Rosemary Hoppitt to us at our meeting on February 28th Dr. Hoppitt is the chairman of the Sutton Hoo Society and gave us a most interesting talk on the history

of the burials grounds at Sutton Hoo, which were first discovered in 1939 by local archaeologist Basil Brown. Dr. Hoppitt showed us early pictures of the work carried out there and many coloured slides of later work and the wonderful artefacts found there. Today Sutton Hoo is an exciting place for everyone to explore and enjoy, with it's new visitor centre. It also has a restaurant and shop and a short walk will take you out to the burial mounds to see for yourself where so many items were found, a veritable treasure chest on our doorstep! Members applauded a vote of thanks given to Dr. Hoppitt for a most enlightening and stimulating talk.

At our meeting on March 14th Miss Ann Berg Gave us an introduction into the sights of Japan. Ann's brother is Rector of Christchurch in Yokohama, apart from his own parishioners he has an itinerant congregation of English speaking people and Ann visits quite often. Ann showed us many coloured slides of Yokohama and beyond, the parks, gardens, shrines and buildings were excellent, ending with views of Mount Fuji all making a most colourful evening's viewing. Our Chairman thanked Ann for a superb talk and slide show echoed by members appreciative applause.

April meetings are on the 11th and 25th more details can be had from our chairman Vera Pawsey on 01473 610366  
Rita Smith.

### **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

The 11th AGM was presided over by Canon Brian Lillistone. Both secretary and treasurer reported on a very successful year reminding everyone of the highlights of past meetings, the Garden Party, the outing to Beth Chatto's Garden and the open meeting. Margaret Forbes agreed to stand again as chairman and Ann Berg was elected as Vice Chairman. Maureen Rutherford agreed to become a committee member. Sadly however Mrs Mary Pratt who has carried out the duties as secretary valiantly, feels she can no longer take on this work because of her health. Heartfelt thanks go to her. Another notice of future resignation was given, albeit not for some months, from our President who will be leaving the area. So we shall be looking for someone to take his place in the future.

The yearly competition cups were won by Ann Fraser and for the

novices Dorothy Willett. This closed the business. Afterwards Ruth Mellen kindly gave a talk at very short notice on her time Zambia. She and her husband spent five years as teachers and house parents at Chengelo, a school out in the bush. Ruth enjoyed her time these immensely despite cockroaches, mosquitoes etc. and still works hard to support the school. This is a very worthwhile project which aims to equip the students not only with an excellent education but also a Christian and well balanced attitude to living.

Our club meets every third Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's Church Centre. Martlesham Heath at 2.30pm. Annual subscription £9 and visitors are always welcome at £1.50 per visit.

The next meeting will be on 17th April with "Tales of a Native Oyster" as the theme of Mrs Bird and the competition is "By The Sea"

A Chisem 01394 388659.

### **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

The President, Mrs. JOAN LOCKE, flu pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs. MAUREEN SIMPSON, at the March meeting.

Mrs. LOCKE, delegate at the Annual Council Meeting at Pakefield, gave a comprehensive report of the day.

A stall has been booked at the Village Day on Saturday 13th July and members are asked to collect books and bric—a—brac for selling.

ANN BERG has arranged the annual outing to the Southwold Summer

Theatre on Saturday 27th July following a lunch at de Cressey's Restaurant at Walberswick.

Following the business meeting Mrs Rosemary WATSON demonstrated cake icing using sugar paste explaining many ways of producing different designs.

The "East Anglian Air Ambulance" will be the subject of the talk on Friday 19th April at 7.30p.m. in the Richards Room.

Visitors welcome,

Contact: Mrs Betty DARKE  
01473 624193

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHER'S UNION**

Ted Cotton was our speaker at our meeting on March 6th. He regaled us with many amusing anecdotes and some more gruesome tales relating to his years with the Thames River Police.

The Port of London was an important highway long before the advent of made—up roads. In the days of small ships there were over 20 quays and of the 33,000 or so men working alongside the river, at least a third were working for themselves — illegally! As the lawlessness became worse, Patrick Colquhoun suggested ways of cutting crime and together with John Harriot and the East India Company they set up the Thames River Police. They started with 202 Ships' Constables and 3 boats each armed with a stave, a cutlass and a boat pistol (a sawn—off shotgun).

By 1800, Robert Peel had set up the Metropolitan Police, using the Marine Police as his model, and soon the River Police were incorporated into the Met. The early boats were wooden open structures with only oilskins to protect the men from the elements but later models had a basic cabin. In 1914 powerboats were introduced, followed by radio communication in 1935 and by 1963 they even had doors on the cabins. They experimented with aluminium boats but they were very noisy and became gradually narrower as they got squeezed between boats and the quay or between two boats. The latest police boats were made of glass reinforced plastic and were somewhat larger as they now had an on—board toilet — not surprising when Ted described his daily schedule and the number of tea and coffee stops!

When Ted first joined the River Police there was still freight traffic on the river with valuable cargo such as pineapples, copper bars and salmon. There were frequent collisions to be dealt with, including one of the Cunard liners which hit a block of flats! There were also oil spillages, so one of the boats was allocated to the RSPCA to rescue swans.

On Boat Race day the police boats were very busy keeping the spectator boats in line. After the official race there was another important event — the police boat race — back to base!

Each year the police stalled about 90 attempted suicides and recovered about 50 bodies. Each bridge has a station where officers watch for potential suicide candidates. As soon as one is spotted the police boat is alerted and the instant someone jumps an alarm sounds and the boat is waiting as the person hits the water. Once a Mancunian, tired of life, took

a train to Paddington, a taxi to Waterloo Bridge, jumped from the first arch—to be run over by a tram on the embankment! In another incident a woman jumped off the embankment and landed up to her waist in mud. The boat stayed with her for 2 hours until the water level rose sufficiently for them to pull her into the boat.

Ted described his first encounter with a body. As a new inexperienced officer, he was expected to unwrap the body from its sail cloth shroud, undress it and describe the state of it to the pathologist who stood at a safe distance with the superior officer.

While the other officer returned to base in the boat, poor Ted took a bus back, carrying the somewhat repulsive sailcloth. Needless to say he was requested to remain on the platform of the bus: There was an excellent attendance, including several visitors and we were all intrigued by his experiences and I'm sure he could have revealed many more, had time allowed.

The evening meeting on Tuesday 19th March took the form of a concert presented by Musicology. The programme consisted of items from 7 singers with Lisa Taber at the piano. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the songs which included music from Cole Porter, Flanders and Swann and the Beatles.

Sadly, we have recently learned of the death of Edwina Coude. Please remember her family in your prayers, together with all our members and friends who are unwell, particularly Brenda, Ethel, Ena, Nesta, Peg and the Peacock family, and any others you know who are going through difficult times.

On a happier note — Congratulations to Brian and Audreen on the birth of their first grandchild.

Our Quarterly Service will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30 pm and Sue Sykes will be talking about Children's Hospices at the evening meeting on Tuesday 16th April at 7.45 pm.

My thought for April: Robert Louis Stephenson once wrote, "Everyone lives by selling something" — in which case everyone has the opportunity to practice Fair Trading.

GOD BLESS  
SHEILA SMITH

## **MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

### **SPRING FLOWER SHOW**

**Saturday 6th April  
St. Michael's Church  
Centre 2pm— 4.30pm  
Children's Hyacinth  
growing competition  
and poster competition**

We are all looking forward to our Spring Show with a good entry of Spring flowers which together with the flower arrangements and pot plant's will provide the usual mass of colour in the hall.

By all accounts the children's hyacinth growing and poster competitions are going well. The posters will have been on display at Tesco's store for a fortnight and the winners 'selected with prize giving expected to take place in the coffee 'shop at 4.30pm on 2nd. April. The winning posters will be on display at the 'show.

The hyacinth competition is on an inter—school basis with a prize for the best school display but <there are prizes for individual entries as well. We are most grateful for support and sponsorship from local businesses as well as Tesco and they include; Deben Frames, Pedal Power, Black Tile's Post Office and Chris Ling. Messrs Taylors of Spalding have also given support.

There is a small charge for admission to the show and refreshment's will be available during the afternoon.

Our programme of indoor meeting's will 'soon draw to an end. We had a pleasant entertaining and informative meeting at Woodbridge at the Annual Quiz with the Horticultural Society. Although the rounds were even the final points total gave the home team the contest.

The final meeting will be on 26th. April in the Richards Room at 7.30pm when Mr C.Parfit will give us "A portrait of a Suffolk River".

The date of the Spring Fayre programmed for the 4th. May has been changed to the following Saturday 11th May. This will follow the 'same format as last year with stalls just for plants or cakes. Put the new date in your diary now so as not to miss

the bargains that will be on offer!  
Happy gardening, Stan Harris  
623427

## **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

April is the point in the year when things start to get busy for Martlesham Brass; as the weather (hopefully) starts to warm up the players of Martlesham Brass start to emerge into the daylight!

The Main Band has already made a trip, to the Southern Counties National Brass Band Championships in Stevenage on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. The test piece was 'Suite in Bb' by Gordon Jacob and the band were placed 20<sup>th</sup> out of 28. The main band will be playing the same piece at the EABBA contest in May.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April the Main Band are performing for the Ipswich Motor Caravanners. The evening will consist of a program of light musical entertainment and dancing. This event was to be held last year, but was cancelled because of foot and mouth.

The 21<sup>st</sup> April sees the whole of Martlesham Brass parading as always with the Ipswich East Scouts in their annual St George's Day parade. This year it is a joint parade in Ipswich town centre. The Main and Intermediate bands combine to play on the parade, hopefully joined by the Preliminary and Beginner players marching behind. The 'playing and marching' is harder than it looks, so it is nice for the less experienced players to practice their marching skills without trying to play and read music on the move!

Looking forward, Martlesham Brass is taking three bands to the EABBA annual contest on May 5<sup>th</sup> in Norwich. This will be a day of mixed emotions, as Intermediate Bandleader Jayne Howlett will be conducting there for the last time, probably! Jayne, along with husband Mark and son Sam, are moving to West Suffolk. Jayne will be missed greatly as she was a founder member of Martlesham Brass, has been one of the team of bandleaders, and was the fundraising chairperson for a while, whilst also being our principal Euphonium player. Without her fantastic organisational skills and constant good humour the band would not be where it is today. Although we hope she will still come back and play with us when she can, she will be sadly missed, as will Mark and Sam. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best for a happy future, and to thank Jayne for all her effort over the last 5<sup>1/2</sup> years.

As we look forward to the summer many of you will be aware

Martlesham Brass have a very full diary of summer events now, especially if you have tried, unsuccessfully, to book the band. If you are organising an event, particularly later in the year, we may still have a few dates left.

If you wish to book the band please contact Julie on Ipswich 620240.

If you have any general enquiries, or you wish to join the band, please contact Liz and Paul Benyon on Ipswich 623276; please note we have a waiting list for beginners at present. You can also visit our web site at

[www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk)

Alison Eyley ~ Martlesham Brass Publicity Officer

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

We are coming to the end of the winter season and it has been a successful one. With two games to go we are in third place in the league (Division Two). We have an outside chance of promotion, but we will not be disappointed if we stay in Division Two. In the summer we do not bowl on Friday afternoon, but just on Tuesday afternoon (2.30 - 4.45pm), and Tuesday evening (7.00 - 10.00pm).

I am pleased to report we have had several new members join us recently and we continue to thrive. If you would like any further information either come along and see us or phone me Steve Danby on 01394 384075.

### **THE MOB**

It seems unbelievable really but as I write this The MOB have only two

matches left to play before the end of the season, which all things being

equal and barring some freak weather will actually end on Easter Sunday, a

full month before we finished last year. So despite it being a fairly wet

winter it hasn't disrupted the football anywhere near as badly as last year.

Since the last column we have had 3 matches. On the last Sunday in February we were hosts to Alstons, who play a more robust game than our genteel lads. They had three men booked and beat us 5-1. Now this may seem bad but given that we won our away game against them (and the odds) everyone felt fairly happy to have shared the points evenly over the 2 games, during which they picked up

a total of 5 bookings and 1 sending off, enough said I think.

On March 3rd 405 were the opponents and everyone had a nice lie in as they play at Kesgrave High school, close enough to walk to if I didn't have to carry all the kit. Anyway they are a mixture of youth and experience, the

combined age of their back 4 must be about 160 odd. The MOB won this

comfortably if I'm honest, never under any real pressure with two goals in

each half and a very welcome clean sheet. Our goals being scored by Andrew Seymour, The Wright Brothers (remember Orville & Wilbur from the cryptic quiz?) and well worth a mention Kevin Chambers who's deft first touch side foot shot across the keeper will be something he will talk about for hours - (if you let him).

On 10 March we visited Felixstowe and Seaton Rovers reserves. Now try and think back, that Sunday was the windiest of the winter and for those of you who don't know Eastward Ho at Felixstowe let me sum it up by saying its on a hill, and there's nothing to stop the wind howling off the sea all the way

from Holland. We did the council a favour that day, virtually the whole

game was played at one end of the pitch! Our end against the wind in the

first half and Seatons' in the second. Kick the ball in the air and it went

behind you! This was probably the best defensive display seen from the boys all season and to get to half time 0-0 was a real bonus. Seaton defended stoutly in their turn in the second half but couldn't keep out a superb left foot(?) shot from Joe Southgate that flew into a top corner. The icing on the cake though was Eddy Barton's corner which he deliberately bent in at the far post. We know it was deliberate because we had discussed it at half time and its' not the first time he's done that. 2-0 was enough to send us scampering back to the changing rooms very happy. Here I must compliment Seaton on their attitude, they were friendly before during and after the game and it was a pleasure to visit them.

No game on the 17th so next up its 3 Jolly Sailors on the 24th, so lets hope we send them home not so jolly having taken a lashing from the football

team. Until next time Goodbye and stay lucky.

The Mobster

### **MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

Sunday 10th of March was going to be the first "friendly" match of the season, but it was not to be. Our opponents let us know (on the 7th March) that they now wanted to celebrate Mothers Day!

Our Captains Harry and Joan had to get in touch with 20-30 members to let them know the match was cancelled. Thank you Harry and Joan for all the wasted work you both put in.

Saturday the 13th of April there will be a preseason meeting of all members, old and new, to book for competitions and admire the new green as well as the work completed during the winter. This meeting will NOT be cancelled.

A week later the green will be opened for the start of the season. Bad weather will be the only reason for this date to be cancelled.

On Monday the 3rd of June (Bank Holiday) the Committee are arranging a Jubilee Drive and B-B-Q, get your names down, this will be a major event this year.

Next Committee meeting will be on April the 2nd at 7.00pm.

Linda Brown 01394 384698

### **WOODBIDGE LIONS CEROC**

In response to public demand Woodbridge and District Lions Club are again hosting a Ceroc Evening at Woodbridge Community Hall on Saturday 6 April, 8.00 - 11.45pm. All are welcome to come and try this exciting stylish modern partner dance and professional tuition is given as part of the evening. The hall has a licensed bar, is located in the centre of Woodbridge next to Deben Swimming Pool and there is ample parking literally outside the front door. Ceroc is a modern jive, similar to Salsa, but without the complicated footwork. This means it is very easy to pick up, so no excuses about having two left feet! There is no need to take a partner because during the classes everyone is moved around. This means you get the chance to dance with everyone at least once. Interested? Then phone Allan on 01473 622417 for information and tickets which cost £5 pre-booked or £6 at the door on the night. We look forward to seeing you!

**COFFEE MORNING AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 10 - 12 ALL WELCOME**

## **NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY**

### **LOCAL GROUP**

Our next event will be something a little different - a rib lifting presentation with an entertaining side - **BETTER BREATHING, POSTURE AND MOVEMENT** by Beryl Mabbutt and Yvonne Smart  
Monday, April 15th at St. Augustine's Church Hall, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich 11.30 - 2.30 Bring a packed lunch - Tea and Coffee will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

### **KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB**

Any one who wishes to join the Club please contact Debbie Stebbings on 01473 62691 leave your name and address and I will send you an application form and details. Club evenings are all year round on a Wednesday evening 7-10pm if you would like to play please come along and join in.

### **KESGRAVE & DISTRICT HELP CENTRE**

The Help Centre was formed in 1987 to provide aid to the more senior members of our community. With the continuing support of all sectors, public, business and private, and the efforts of our dedicated team of Volunteer helpers, it has been possible steadily to expand our activities. These have included a car service for those unable to use conventional transport, collection of prescriptions, pensions or shopping, weekly coffee mornings, monthly lunch club and outings to the theatre, country and coast. The object has been to improve quality of life and to help more people retain their independence.

We can now offer additional help to those residents who are no longer mobile. The Help Centre now has a Citroen Chairman Dispatch Passenger Vehicle adapted to take wheelchairs. If you are a wheelchair user and would like to be more independent, we invite you to take a trial ride in the new Help Centre Passenger Vehicle. Just contact us and we can pick you up at your home and take you with your own wheelchair to your destination, collect and return you to your door. At present this service will operate within Kesgrave, Martlesham and Rushmere St Andrew and for visits to the Ipswich and Foxhall Hospitals. Whether you have you have an appointment with your doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc., wish to go shopping, to visit relatives or to join friends at our coffee mornings, we shall be pleased to help.

We are a non profit making charity and rely on donations from satisfied users to contribute to the cost of our transport service. Kesgrave & District Help Centre. Twelve Acre Approach

Office open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 à 12 noon.

Tel: 01473 622574 24 hour Answerphone e-mail [kesgravehelpcentre@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:kesgravehelpcentre@ukonline.co.uk)  
Ray Spratt

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Spring is in the air and it's a good time for trying out some of the plans we've been thinking about over the winter months. We are encouraging the formation of more small prayer groups for 2 or 3 people to meet together regularly. We have started an informal music praise session for singers and instrumentalists and are starting a monthly 'American' male voice praise group. Our first event was for the benefit of guests at our Easter tea and Service. More information on how to get involved is available from Julia.

You are warmly welcome to the following meetings at the Fellowship Centre, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham.

**SERVICES:** April (7th, 14th, 21st).

10.30-11.45 a.m. Morning Worship with Sunspot for 3-13+  
6.30 p.m. Communion

Sunday 28th, 10.30-11.45a.m. Family Service and Communion - suitable for all ages.

#### **Weekday Activities:**

**TUESDAY CIRCLE:** 9th April. at 2.00p.m. "The Chantry-Sue Ryder Care"-A talk by Sue Doe (Don't forget- an advance notice for your diary- May 14th will be our **JUBILEE LUNCH** -sit down at 1.00p.m.)

**FUNFIT:** Every Wednesday (Except school holidays) 9.30a.m. A gentle workout followed by a short reading and refreshments-children welcome.

**TODDLER GROUP:** Every Thursday (not school holidays) 10 a.m. -12

**YOUTH CLUB:** Every Thursday (not school hols.) 6.30-8.00p.m. For 11 to 13 year olds (approx!)

**PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY:** Meetings are at various times. If you would like to know more about these or any other activities please ring Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482.

## **THE RECTOR WRITES**

Jesus Christ died on the first Good Friday and rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. It happened nearly 2000 years ago but still Christians round the world are celebrating these events. Why? Because we believe that in these events God was showing his great love for all mankind and bringing about a victory of love over evil that is good news still for us today. We can live our lives in the light of Jesus Christ and be filled with his new life and power. Come and join us in worship if you want to find out more about the good news of Jesus Christ.

We shall be holding a **COFFEE MORNING** on Saturday 20th April in St. Michael's from 10am to 12 noon, this will replace our Spring Fayre. Last year we asked for donations (Gift Aided if possible) to replace the Spring Fayre but some people missed the social side of the event - so this come to the Coffee Morning, and hear about how you can use your gifts in the service of God and his Church - we are talking about practical gifts as well as financial ones. Come along to the Coffee Morning on April 20th to learn more. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and refreshments.

Looking ahead we have several events planned. We shall repeat our Pentecost Tea Party and Songs of Praise Service on Saturday 18th May at 4pm. All users of St. Michael's and church members are invited to take part in this happy event to mark the Birthday of the Church - for Pentecost is when the church began its life and mission.

We shall hold our Church Fete at the Jubilee Weekend on Saturday 1st June and St. Mary's will be decorated with Gold Flowers for the Queen's Jubilee that weekend.

There will be a Confirmation Service at St. Michael's in October this year if you would like to be confirmed or know more contact the clergy about preparation classes.

At our recent Annual Church Meeting Colin Hares and Paul Jordan were elected as Chuchwardens for the coming year. Mrs J Smith is standing doen as treasurer and was thanked for 8 years service to the PCC and Mr Chris Howard was elected to the PCC to take over the post of treasurer.

Brian Lilistone, Rector



# THE CHURCH IN MARPLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for The Month	Brightwell St. John	Martlesham St. Mary	Martlesham Heath St. Michael
Sunday April 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Easter 1 BCP)	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship 6.30pm Informal Worship
Sunday April 14 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter (E2BCP)	6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion & Sunday School
Sunday April 21 <sup>st</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter (E3BCP)	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Communion & Baptism (CW)	9.45am Worship & Sunday School 6.30pm Informal Worship
Sunday April 28 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> of Easter (E4BCP)	6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> of Easter Rogation Sunday	8am Holy Communion 3.30pm Rogation Service	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship & Baptism

MIDWEEK SERVICES:- Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St. Michael's. Tues 9th 9.30am Holy Communion at 39 Angela Close; Thurs. 11th & 25th 10.30am Pram Service for Mothers & Toddlers at St. Michael's.

Brightwell Caretakers	Date	Martlesham Caretakers	Flowers	Sweepers
Mr & Mrs C Watson	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Mrs Jordan/Mrs Branch	Mrs D Ramsey	M Zetter
"	14	Miss Berg/Mrs Gorham	Miss M Davis	S Harris/T Branch
"	21	Mrs Burges/James Burges	"	E Still/C Hares
"	28	Mr & Mrs Harris	Mrs J Thornhill	P Barnett/C Cobb

## PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL 2002

Pray daily for world peace, those who are sick and that we may worship in Spirit and truth	20	homeless young people that we may grow in our faith	1	residents of Main Road
7	21	our local scouting and guiding leaders	2	all who work at the police HQ
8	22	St George's - pray for those persecuted for their faith	3	those who cannot forgive our local GPs, nurses and midwives
9	23	residents of Lugano Avenue	4	give thanks that Jesus is always with us
10	24	St Mark - give thanks for his gospel	5	all who travel today for churchwardens and their work
11	25	those who are lonely	6	
12	26	all at the Reader selection day at St Michael's	7	
13	27	those whose faith is challenged		
14	28	those making difficult decisions		
15	29	give thanks for the wonders of creation		
16	30			
17				
18				
19	MAY			

**St. Michael's Church Centre**  
is open weekdays  
10am - 12 noon  
for Coffee  
and enquiries  
and fellowship -  
just call in to meet  
friends old and new

## **TRADE FOR JUSTICE CAMPAIGN**

Many of you will remember and have contributed to Jubilee 2000, the campaign to improve the conditions of the worlds poorest by reducing the debt payments their governments have to pay. Billions of dollars were cancelled and one direct result is that two years ago only 30% of Tanzanian children attended school and they had to pay. Now all children there receive free education this paid for by funds diverted from interest payments.

A World Bank spokesperson said of that campaign This is the most effective global lobbying campaign I have ever seen.'

But now is no time to rest - a new campaign is underway which aims to rebalance the way international trade affects producers in the third world.

Whats wrong with trade today?

Poor countries are getting a raw deal from the global trading system. They are being bullied and squeezed out of the global market on a scale never seen before. Of course, trade has always had winners and losers, but in the last few decades trade has become more and more polarised, with big businesses and rich countries getting richer, while poor ones find it ever-harder to compete. Poor countries are also disadvantaged by a lack of capital and technological know-how. Their share of world trade is now just 0.4 per cent and has dropped by 40 per cent since 1981. This means some of the worlds poorest people are missing out on the benefits trade can bring. For example EU fishing fleets now regually catch sardine off the coast of West Africa, this is canned in Europe and some shipped back where it is sold at prices too high for most people there.

The rules that govern trade are being made in fora such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The trouble is poor countries can hardly afford representation at it. Meanwhile huge multinational companies who increasingly dominate world trade spend millions lobbying the WTO to make sure that things stay this way.

The result is that poor countries are losing US\$700 billion from unfair trade rules 14 times what the Third World receives in aid each year and 30 times the amount it pays in debt repayments each year.

There are many ways that the current arrangements discriminate against the poor and we will be looking at some of these over the next few issues. However you can take action yourself already - support pledge cards will be handed to our MP, sign one now. They are available in all three churches or from me. I would also like to build up a panel of people who can send the occasional pre-printed postcard to world leaders.

You are invited to Westminster on June 19 to talk to your MP on these issues. A coach will be travelling from Ipswich.

'If you think you're too small to be effective you've obviously never been in bed with a mosquito.'

Paul Jordan 01473 625061  
PJORDAN@IEE.ORG

Further reading at  
[www.tradejusticemovement.org](http://www.tradejusticemovement.org)

### **KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB**

Any one who wishes to join the Club please contact Debbie Stebbings on 01473 62691 leave your name and address and I will send you an application form and details. Club evenings are all year round on a Wednesday evening 7-10pm if you would like to play please come along and join in.

#### Dates for your Diary

April 24th mixed tournament 7-10pm

April 27th we are holding a parent and child tournament at the Club 2-5pm any one who wishes to enter please contact Dick.

May 4th Kesgrave v Needham Market school 2-5 pm at Kesgrave.

May 25th Play Tennis Day 10am-5pm

We are always looking for volunteers to help with tournament and coaching if you lend a hand for a hour or two please contact Dick.

There are several tournaments lined up for 2002 including our annual Kesgrave Open Ratings tournament in May which is held opened to all club players and local players please contact Steve Pilcher on 01394 386516 if you wish to enter.

#### Coaching courses for Juniors and Adults.

Juniors :

Short tennis-Mini-tennis Red Held at Kesgrave High School for ages 6-9 years old. Tuesdays 6-7pm

and Fridays 6-7pm.

Transition Tennis-Mini -tennis Orange Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 8-10 years old. Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm.

Beginners- Mini tennis Green Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 9-16 years old. Wednesday 4.30-5.30pm-Girls only Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm-Boys only Friday 6-7pm

Improvers- Mini tennis Green Children aged 10-16 years old Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club Friday 7.30-9.30pm

Adults

Beginners and Improvers Any age from 16-80 years old

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club Thursday 10-12noon Saturday 11-12noon Please phone Dick on 01394 384791 for more information.

If you would like to improve your game, whether you are a beginner or an improver, we now have another coach who can help you with your tennis , his name is Lee Tweed. Lee is a fully licensed coach and will do group or individual sessions. For more information call Lee on 01473 626193 or 07787114935.

#### **Wheelchair coaching**

Wheelchair tennis coaching takes place at Kesgrave Tennis Club on Monday 2-4pm and Thursday 1-3pm. Also mini wheelchair tennis on Friday evenings at Maidenhall Sports Centre 8-10pm. Please phone Debbie or Dick for more details. The Suffolk Wheelchair Tennis Group held their second Tournament on the 9th - 10th February at The Ensors County Tennis Centre, Kindly sponsored by Heeromamobility, Medite Shipping, Ensors Chartered Accountants, F.S.T. 18 players took part in this Tournament including local Kesgrave members. Daniel Potter won section B challenge match against fellow kesgrave club member James Hartley. Gerry Gardiner also a Kesgrave Star was runner up in section A challenge match against David Jenkins. Gerry was also runner up in section A doubles 3rd/4th play off with partner Mike Marsden. Kate Love from Essex won the section B doubles with partner Michael Boxall with the runners up being Mac Mcdougall from Kesgrave and Exning club and Jocelyn Timothy. Good results from our local players we wish Gerry good luck at the next Tournament in Gloucester.

Debbie Stebbings 01473 626919

## **LEISURE LEARNING**

Courses and activities for all...

The full range of courses and activities for both adults and children start again at Stradbroke High School the week beginning 15th April...

The courses are designed for all ages, abilities and interests and include beginner's computing (literally "where to find the on/off switch'), dance, T'ai Chi, stained glass, recorders, French, roller skating, gymnastics, carpentry drawing and painting keyboards and many more...

There are also weekend workshops which include Makaton signing, drums and percussion, pet & animal care, nutrition, historic motor racing, writers workshop and our 22nd Arts Experience workshops including a range of arts activities, dance, drama, and music...

For further information on all the courses, workshops and activities available at the School please contact Dave Sumner on 01379 388 238.