

# MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

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### EDITORIAL

I would like to wish all the supporters, contributors and readers of the Monthly a very happy New Year.

Personally speaking, it is a genuine pleasure to take over Brian Lillistone's duties as the editor of the Monthly, and it is an honour to be involved with such a long-standing and well-respected publication.

May I also take this opportunity to thank, in particular, Brian Lillistone, Paul Firman and Mark Weidman for their generous assistance in helping me to find my feet in my new role. It is greatly appreciated.

Neal Goldsmith

### MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Budget for 2003/2004**

The Parish Council has been pre-

paring its budget for next year and the precept that it receives via the council tax. Next year's budget is likely to be about £72,560 and it is possible that a precept of about £60,000 may be approved. This precept is an increase of £5,000 on the current year's precept (£55,000) and, although large in percentage terms, it equates to an increase of about £2.30 per year for a band D property. For this you have a fully accountable parish council that undertakes a lot of work to help keep Martlesham well-maintained with many facilities. This council acts on the parish's behalf in an increasing number of issues (that may affect the parish both directly and indirectly) which are raised through the planning process, from both central and local government.

The Parish Council will have to decide its budget and precept for 2003/2004 at its meeting on 8th January. This budget includes £2,300 for grants but a grant to help keep Kesgrave Youth Club (to which many Martlesham youngsters belong) open on an extra evening each week will also be considered.

#### Working Parties

There are often a number of tasks needing to be undertaken that can be safely carried out by volunteers. It has been decided to have a monthly working party on the last Saturday of each month when parish councillors and any other volunteers will be carrying out these tasks; volunteers are most welcome and if you are interested please contact the Clerk for further details.

#### Broadband

A competition is being launched by the East of England Development Agency for communities to get broadband (very fast internet access) for their whole community. This is a great opportunity and all that is needed are several individuals, who want broadband, to organise the competition entry; anybody interested please contact the Clerk. Further information is available on the [www.demandbroadband.com](http://www.demandbroadband.com) website.

#### Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Parish Council has to abide by the above act and has therefore

agreed to a national model scheme whereby a wide range of information held by the Parish Council can be made available; this should be advertised soon on the notice boards and if further details are needed please contact the Clerk.

#### 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.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk)

#### Meetings

- Parish Council—Wednesday 8th January and 5th February
- Development Plans Committee—Wednesday 15th January
- Recreation & Amenities Committee—Wednesday 22nd January
- Finance & General Purposes Committee—Wednesday 29th January

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: [martleshampc@btclick.com](mailto:martleshampc@btclick.com)

Laurence Burrows—Chairman

### NEWS FROM FRICTION

The senior and junior committees along with all our members hope everybody had a very enjoyable Christmas and wish everyone a peaceful and fruitful New Year.

I must thank all those junior members (along with parents) who turned out for the photo shoot for the local newspaper. The young people certainly showed their skateboarding skills and the result was some very exciting photos.

May I remind all local band

members about the live music evening we are hoping to arrange for the new year. If you would like a platform to show your talent, please ring Rosy Scott tel: 01473 610440 or Carol Hollett tel: 01394 385329.

Finally, I must thank Marion Stacey on behalf of all Friction club members and committee for her generous donation.

Denise Abrahams

## MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Our Autumn meetings ended with a wonderfully colourful and decorative Christmas display by Mrs R. Mellen and Mrs I. Packard. The ladies demonstrated how to expertly arrange a variety of table decorations, and these were greatly admired by the large audience.

The Annual Dinner was attended by 50 members and friends. The caterers served an excellent meal and this was followed by a social evening that was much enjoyed.

The programme starts again on 10th January 2003 when we have a change to the Quiz Night as published. Instead Miss Ann Berg will give an illustrated talk entitled "A Trip to Japan". As Miss Berg has recently returned from Japan we will be privileged to have an early, if not the first, look at her presentation.

Then on 24th January Mr J. Niblock, whose name often appears in credits under pictures in the press, will speak to us on "The Life of a Photographer". Both meetings will be at the Richards Room at 7:30 pm when visitors will be welcome.

Marshalls catalogues are now available and seed orders should be given to Mr C. Watson as soon as possible in January. There will be discounts on the orders as usual. Happy New Year.

Stan Harris—tel: 623427

## MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our Chairman introduced Mr Ken Stone to us at our meeting on November 28th. Mr Stone's talk was

entitled 'A Royal Year'. To enable him to include some pictures of The Queen Mother, Ken started his Royal Year in July 2001. With the aid of some attractive close-up slides and a superb running commentary, Mr. Stone took us through many of the 'First Family's' engagements and personal visits, including The Sandringham Flower Show, Highland Games, State Opening of Parliament, Trooping the Colour, The Jubilee Celebrations, Royal Ascot and the Cenotaph, and rounding this all off with a view from the Thames of the lovely Windsor Castle. Our Chairman thanked Ken for a most interesting and colourful talk and slide show endorsed by appreciative applause from members.

The evening of December 12th saw the arrival of our annual Christmas Party. This year the committee had decided that they would entertain members with the latter encouraged to sing and 'dance'. After trying to eat our way through the huge amount of food bought in by all members, the committee put on two sketches, one entitled 'Breakfast Is Served' and the other a rendition of Pam Ayres' poem 'The Wonder Bra'. Both skits bought about much laughter from members, bringing a real party atmosphere to the evening. This was followed by community singing and everyone joining in the 'Hokey Kokey'. After singing some well-known carols we ended by linking hands and singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. The whole evening proved to be a glorious success and I think anyone would be hard pressed to say they did not enjoy themselves.

After our Christmas break we reconvene on January 9th with a further meeting on the 23rd, followed by our Christmas Dinner on the 30th.

Rita Smith

## MARTLESHAM W.I. REPORT OF MONTHLY MEETING—13TH DEC. 2002

At the December meeting members

enjoyed an evening of games and competitions relating to the festive season.

Mincepies and refreshments were prepared by the committee.

A 'Bring and Buy' stall to boost funds was well supported.

The President, Mrs Audrey Burnell, presented Mrs Sylvia Harris with a trophy and gift voucher for having gained the highest number of points in the monthly competitions during the year.

The first meeting of 2003 will be on Friday January 17th at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room when MR and MRS KELSEY will talk on 'DISCOVERING BUTTERFLIES'.

Visitors and new members welcome. Contact:- MRS B. DARKE. Tel: 624193

### QUIET DAY

**St. Michael's Church Centre on  
Saturday March 8th 2003 from  
10 am to 4 pm. All welcome,  
more details from notices in the  
churches or tel: 01394 385333**

### BUY NOW FOR NEW YEAR PRESENT

A book entitled -  
**"Martlesham—The Good and Bad  
Old Days"**

A collection of historical facts:

- Murder in Martlesham
- 1881 Census
- the Romans in Martlesham
- the Martlesham Beetle
- The Red Lion
- the Aerodrome
- St Mary's Church
- the School and much much more...

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Published by Martlesham Monthly.

All profits to Martlesham Historical Society.

## MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our final meeting for 2002 was held in St. Michael's Church Centre at 8 pm on Tuesday 10th December. For a cold and wintry evening, the attendance of 35 was very creditable. The subject was "The National Trust at Orfordness" and the speaker was the NT Regional Archaeologist, Angus Wainwright. The illustrated talk covered the history of the shingle bank from the Middle Ages to the present day and included reference to the many uses to which Orfordness was put by the Ministry of Defence, particularly during World War II and the Cold War of the 1950-60s. It is hoped to schedule a group visit to the NT site during the spring.

Our next meeting will be held in St. Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 8 pm. The speaker will be Mr Michael Weaver who will talk of "The Woodbridge Story". All are welcome. Admission is £1 which includes refreshments.

If anyone has a six-foot wide folding projector screen that they would like to dispose of, please give me a call.

John Tyler - tel: 612736

### DANCE RAISED £400

I presented a cheque to St. Elizabeth Hospice for £400 being the money raised at the Jubilee/Hospice Dance held at Martlesham on November 9th 2002. The event was a great success and we are arranging a repeat in March 2003. Our thanks to everyone.

Lottie and Norman Rose

### TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Almost five years ago, the Editors of the "Martlesham Monthly" were asked if it would be possible to produce a large print edition to assist those residents with impaired vision. This proved impossible to do and it was subsequently decided to investigate the feasibility of producing an audio-taped version.

A request was made for volunteers to read the printed "Monthly" and there were initially six people who offered their services (one lady has travelled most months from her home in Ufford to

participate!) The "Martlesham Monthly" funded the purchase of a suitable recording deck and microphones and the late John and Doris Lester agreed to co-ordinate the effort and to make their home available as the recording studio. Thanks are also due to Martyn Shakespeare who provided a great deal of technical guidance.

Since that time a taped version of the "Monthly" has been distributed each month by means of special velcro pouches which are labelled "Items for the Blind" and which are handled by Royal Mail free of charge.

Once the text of the printed "Monthly" is completed it is emailed from the Editor to James and Janice Barter who print off scripts that are mailed to each of the readers. The readers then meet at my home on a Thursday evening (either the first or second Thursday in the month) to record their script. At the moment the list of readers includes Sylvia Andrews, Janice Barter, Ruth Bowles, Tricia Craven, Susan Golding, Mike Hall, Anne-Louise O'Donovan, Mary Pratt, Ian Read, Sheila Smith, Bronwen Tyler and Sheila Woods.

Once the tape is completed, copies are made for each of the recipients and these are posted by midday Friday to ensure that they are received on the Saturday.

In addition to the regular "Talking Monthly", we produce an annual audio tape listing all the companies and individuals who advertise each month in the "Martlesham Monthly" printed version.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving a copy of "Talking Martlesham Monthly" or if you would like further details, please let me know.

John Tyler - tel: 612736

### MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

About 60 guests joined us for our Christmas party on Wednesday December 4th which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Entertainment was provided by Geoff Lambert and his friend from Felixstowe and much appreciated by everyone. As usual, Sylvia had made a beautiful cake for the occasion and we completed

the afternoon by singing carols. Thanks must go to all who contributed to the success of the occasion.

Our evening meeting on Tuesday 17th December was a complete contrast, although the stollen and mulled wine provided by the Rector were equally delicious. The Christmas meditation provided by Elizabeth interposed by music supplied by Ron Fisher gave us much food for thought.

Next month there is just the one meeting on Wednesday 8th January, not New Year's Day!! It will be a quarterly service followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Please remember Ena, Nesta, Doreen and Peg in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month - we all pray for the Peace of God, perhaps we should also pray for a 'piece' of God to help with our understanding. GOD BLESS!

Sheila Smith

### BLOOD DONOR SESSION

A blood donor session is to be held on -

**Monday 6th January**

in the **1st Martlesham Scout H.Q.** at the following times:

**1- 3:30 pm and 5-7 pm**

Kathryn Greenbow (Local organiser) tel: 623367

**St. Michael's Church  
Centre is open daily on  
weekdays from 10 am—  
12 noon for tea , coffee,  
information, etc. Why not  
drop in to meet friends  
old and new?**

## CALLING ALL MUMS...

Martlesham Mums' Club meets for its first meeting of 2003 on Tuesday, 7th January at St. Michael's Church Centre, from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. The speaker this month will be Mr. Arthur Griffiths from Ipswich Photographic Society who will be giving hints and tips on how to take good photographs of babies and small children.

Lunch will be served around 1:00 pm and all mums and pre-school children are invited to join us.

For further details please ring Brenda 625449 or Sue 624130

## MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break; I hope that you all had a nice relaxing time. I also hope that the Christmas party at the end of last term went well (as I write this it hasn't yet happened!)

We have now resumed our normal sessions again. For those of you who are unfamiliar with our arrangements, we meet in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and from 1:30 pm to 3:30pm. Drinks and biscuits are provided. Our group is aimed at children under the age of 4 and their carers. New members are always welcome and, for those with young babies, there is a special area to provide some protection from the larger children. Feel free to call me on 01473 623020 if you want any further information.

There are no special events currently planned, although this will change as the year progresses. Our next major "happening" will be the AGM which will take place some time in March (date to be confirmed).

Vivienne Midwinter (secretary)

## MARTLESHAM PRE- SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Happy New Year to everyone, and a very warm welcome to all the new children who are joining us this

term. I hope all the parents enjoyed the little gifts the children made for Christmas. On behalf of all the children I would like to say 'thank you' to Father Christmas for sparing his time to pop in to see them. They were delighted.

The theme for this half term is communication with lots of activities already planned to keep them busy.

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.

Regards, Liz Martin

## MARTLESHAM WIVES

We ended 2002 with our Christmas Dinner at the Suffolk College training restaurant. A superb meal was enjoyed by 14 members including our new Spanish and Japanese ladies - welcome to Ana and Ritsuko.

We have two events in January (both at Kathy's - 46 Forest Lane):

- Friday 10th January (12:30 pm) - Bring and Share Lunch.
- Monday 20th January (8:15 pm) - "A Grave Business" - another entertaining talk by the popular Peter Driver.

New members are always welcome (marital status immaterial!) - contact Jenny 01473 626253.

Elaine Everitt

## MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

We had our annual Christmas Party on Friday 6th December and quite a good crowd had a most enjoyable evening. We had the same entertainer as last year. Peter Clarke is able to provide music to dance to and made the evening go with a swing.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd January 2003. This promises to be a most interesting evening as the subject will be "Policing By Air". This talk will be given by Mr Adrian Bleese of the Suffolk Police Helicopter Unit. Meetings start at 7:45 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of £1 at the door.

## MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

The committee hopes that all members had a very merry Christmas and are now starting a happy and peaceful new year.

This year our club has been founded 75 years. Not many members were alive then much less playing. We wonder who is the longest playing member? As mentioned last month the committee hope to celebrate the occasion with something special - any suggestions to Linda.

Before the end of January subs are due, to be paid to the treasurer Sylvia Dickerson, 128 Dale Hall Lane, Ipswich IP1 4LY. Any information needed call Linda Brown 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

## MARTLESHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Thanks to all committee members and parents for an excellent turn out at our disco last month as the club enjoyed another great night at Martlesham Leisure.

We also welcome a new publicity officer to the club, namely Kevin Lutman. Kevin will be providing the updates for the parish magazines and producing the club newsletters from now on.

On the playing front, our U11 B team remain the pick of the bunch as they challenge for their league title with 5 wins from 7 at the time of writing. Our U14s recently had one of their biggest wins, turning over Whitton Sports 7-0 including a Sam Clark hat-trick.

Committee and Managers wish all players and their families a great New Year and good luck for the rest of the season.

Latest information on a range of club and team issues available via our website: <http://www.martleshamyouth.co.uk/>

Gordon Henderson  
MYFC scribe

## MARTLESHAM BRASS

Another year has gone by and the Christmas season is over. (Actually I am writing this on December 11th,

so we are really still in the thick of it, and great fun it is too!) During December all the sections of Martlesham Brass have been participating in our biggest fund-raising effort of the year, namely Christmas carolling activities around the area.

We started the month with our annual Coffee and Carols event at Gorseland School. Thanks to all of you that came and supported that event. We then performed at the Kesgrave Wine and Social Circle Charity Concert, which was raising money for St Elizabeth's Hospice. We would like to thank the Wine Circle for the excellent refreshments (!) and congratulate them on the large amount of money they raised for charity that evening. It was a great night.

We have played carols at Tesco Martlesham, Kesgrave and Copdock as well as Sainsburys Warren Heath. We also carolled around the streets of Martlesham and Kesgrave. A big 'thank you' to all of you who put money in our buckets. Some of the money collected helps to fund the band activities. Each week around 115 musicians of all ages and standards meet and practise music together. This activity is fun but it costs a lot of money to provide instruments and music for this number of players, and we appreciate your donations towards these costs. However at Christmas time the band feels that it is important to share some of the money we collect with charities. Band members nominate these, and this year the charities to benefit are **Hope House in Kesgrave** for their Mini-Bus appeal; the local branch of **Sargent Cancer Care for Children**; the local branch of **PITPAT** (the Pituitary Foundation, supporting people with Pituitary disorders); **the Leprosy Mission**. Final figures for the donations will appear in February.

We rounded off the Christmas season with a Christmas party on the 20th and a concert on 21st December at Martlesham Community Centre. Martlesham Brass are now enjoying a well-earned rest and are looking forward to the New Year.

#### Future events

- As a change to blowing a brass instrument, we are holding a special percussion workshop on Wednesday 29th January for any of our players who are interested in having a go on drum kits and glockenspiels, and want to learn to read 'that funny music'.
- The Band AGM is on Friday 7th February at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath, and this is followed on the Saturday by a training day organised by the EABBA (East Anglian Brass Band Association) with Sonar Brass, as part of the EABBA's Youth Commissions and Training 2003. More details to follow next month.

For more information regarding the band's activities please go to our *fantastic* website at [www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk). For bookings ring Julie on 01473 620240. For general information about the band ring our secretary Nicol on 01473 404472.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Alison Eyley – Martlesham Brass Publicity Officer

### LEISURE LEARNING

#### Indian Head Massage & Meditation

Learn to relax and help others relax by enrolling on one (or both) of the following courses:

##### Indian Head Massage

Learn simple techniques to use on family and friends to help them reach a deep state of relaxation. No oils used and no need to remove any clothes!!

**Venue** - Dumbarton Hall, Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich

**Time** - 9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Venue** – Kesgrave High School, Ipswich

**Time** – 7 pm – 9 pm

**Date** - Both courses commence Thursday 16th January 2003 for 8 weeks.

##### Meditation

Learn a simple method of medita-

tion which, when used on a daily basis, can help you feel less stressed, more confident, less tired and you could find that your work performance and general health improve.

**Venue** – Dumbarton Hall, Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich

**Time** – 12 noon – 1:30 pm

**Date** – Thursday 16th January 2003 for 5 weeks.

**Venue** – Kesgrave High School, Ipswich

**Time** – 7 pm – 8:30 pm

**Date** – Monday 13th January 2003 for 8 weeks.

TO ENROLL, please contact Leisure Learning Suffolk College 01473 343666.

Or for more information, please phone Susan Denny 01473 622974 or e-mail

[susandenny@ic24.net](mailto:susandenny@ic24.net)

### LEISURE & LEARNING

#### Weekend Courses and Workshops

Starting on January 18th from 10.00 - 2.00 pm there is the first of 3 workshops on **HOMOEOPATHY**. This 12-hour course includes an introduction to homoeopathic principles and the aim of the course is to develop the self-confidence to self-prescribe for a range of common ailments...

#### THE STRADBROKE READING GROUP

meets again on January 18th from 10:00- 4:00 pm. This is an informal group, meeting every so often, to look at aspects of modern writers, their lives, works and influences. This meeting will focus on the writer A.S. Byatt and her best-known novel "Possession"...

On January 30th from 7:00 – 9:30 pm there is an informal gathering of enthusiasts of **HISTORIC MOTOR RACING**. The meeting will include a guest speaker and video presentation...

On February 8th from 10:30 to 3:30 pm there is the next in the series of **WRITERS WORKSHOPS** for anyone interested in writing, looking at where to start, structure, and being published. Enjoy writing for profit or sheer pleasure...

Also on February 8th from 10:30-1:30 pm there is another **NUTRITION** workshop. This is looking at offering practical help with arthritis in all its forms, its relation to food intolerances and allergies and how a change of diet could help...

On February 15th from 10:30 to 3:30 pm there is a **DRUM & PERCUSSION** workshop, an enjoyable day discovering and exploring African rhythms and improvisations. Share in the pleasure and excitement of a range of percussion instruments...

March 1st and 2nd is the next of the "**ARTS EXPERIENCE**" workshops, a full weekend of arts activities for all the family. Professional artists and tutors offer individual help with a range of different arts activities including dance, drama and music...

For further information on all courses and activities available at the School please contact Dave Sumner on 01379 388238.

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

We wish you all a very happy New Year. We invite you to join us this month at our Sunday services or midweek Prayer and Bible Studies. We also have a range of social activities - youth clubs, Toddler Group, Funfit, Ladies Groups, etc., meeting weekly or monthly. Our Fellowship Centre is in Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham, next to the school.

#### **TUESDAY CIRCLE**

The next meeting of this monthly event for women (of all ages!) will be January 14th at 2:00 pm. We will be looking forward to Spring with a slideshow entitled "The Dutch Bulbfields".

#### **FOCUS ON FUNFIT**

A New Year- a new resolution to shed that Christmas excess? Why not join us at FUNFIT to get into shape. We take a light-hearted approach, exercising to Rosemary Conley's workout programme, followed by a short reading and refreshments. There's plenty of chance

to chat as well. There is no charge, and we are happy for you to bring your pre-schoolers along too. (If appropriate we will try to organise a crèche on a rota basis—but often the children seem happy to play at one end of the room.) We meet every Wednesday in term-time--the doors will be open from 9:00 am if you want to come straight from the school drop-off; we start the workout at 9:30 and finish at approximately 10:45 (depending how much chatting there is!) First FUNFIT will be JANUARY 8th.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

**BARN DANCE** in aid of Chengelo School, Zambia on Saturday FEBRUARY 8th. Further details from John & Ruth Mellen tel. 624401.

If you would like to know more about what we believe and how our church is organised please contact Julia Faulkner, tel: 625482.

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

Fred Potter is looking forward to his 65th birthday this January. He will be able to devote more time to his favourite hobby, but would he be able to survive on the State pension? Would he miss the companionship of his colleagues at work?

On 2nd November Fred read in the EADT a letter from Sir Reginald Harbottle from which he deduced that if he postponed his claim for the State Retirement Pension until he was 66, his pension would be increased by £5.60 a week. Fred, a keen Premier league dominoes player, and therefore good at figures, calculated that this would mean a 7.4% increase in his pension.

"A lot better than I get from my Building Society," he announced to his opponents at the Help Centre coffee morning.

"That can't be right," said Mr Tractor. "The Government isn't that generous, you'd better have a word with Mr Cake."

Unfortunately Mr Cake was away fishing in his pond with his packed lunch of bird pudding, so the Help Centre 'Think Tank' went

to work. They came to the conclusion that if Mr P. retired at 65 his basic pension would be £75.50 a week. If he retired at 66 it would be £81.10 a week. Not until June 2017, then in his eightieth year, would he begin to gain any financial benefit from having retired at 66. Based on current figures, by that time, if he had retired at 65, he would have received a total of £56,851.50 in retirement pension. If he had retired at 66 he would have received a total of £56,851.10—a difference of 40p!

Fred thought this was a bit of a gamble and has decided to retire on his 65th birthday. He hopes to supplement his pension by seeking an undemanding part-time job as a caretaker. To ensure he can make new friends in his retirement he is considering joining the Help Centre's small team of Volunteer Drivers.

The Help Centre team do need additional drivers. If you can spare an hour or two occasionally to help the housebound residents of Kesgrave, Martlesham and Rushmere St Andrew, please call Betty or Martin on 01473 622574 or call in for an informal chat. The office in the Kesgrave Community Centre is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 – 1 pm.

Ray Spratt

### **KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB**

On behalf of Kesgrave Tennis Club may I wish you all a very happy New Year. We hope to see you on court during 2003. We will let you know of all events that are planned for the forthcoming year in due course.

Anyone who wishes to join the Club please contact me, Debbie Stebbings, on 01473 626919. 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 7-10 pm. If you would like to play please come along and join in.

## 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 6-7 pm.

#### **Transition Tennis—Mini-tennis Orange**

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 8-10 years old.  
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm.

#### **Beginners—Mini-tennis Green**

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 9-16 years old.  
Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm—Girls only.  
Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm—Boys only.  
Friday 4:30-5:30 pm.

#### **Improvers—Mini-tennis Green**

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club for children aged 10-16 years old.  
Friday 7:30-9:30 pm.

### **ADULTS**

#### **Beginners and Improvers**

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club for any age from 16-80 years old.  
Thursday 10-12 noon.  
Saturday 11 –12 noon.  
Please phone Dick on 01394 384791 for more information.

#### **Wheelchair coaching**

We are now playing at Ensors Tennis Centre at Henley Road, Ipswich on 12th January, 2nd February, 2nd March 2003. Mark Bullock, who is the International Wheelchair Tennis Development Officer, will be coming along on 21st December 2002 to give us some more training.  
Debbie Stebbings 01473 626919.

### **POLICE**

Community Police Officer  
PC Ian Rafferty

**In case of emergencies please always call 999.** In non-emergency situations please call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Rafferty on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office—01473 383467

Mobile—07810 654145

E-mail—[ian.rafferty1@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.rafferty1@ntlworld.com)

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION**

Did you know that there are regular meetings and activities going on in the pavilion for at least 24 hours each week?

### **Each week there are –**

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Weightwatchers meetings
- WI market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club

### **Every two weeks there are –**

- Cross-Stitch classes

### **Every month there are -**

- WI meetings
- Police surgeries

### **Occasionally there are -**

- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- National Childbirth Trust classes
- Childminding Group meetings
- Martlesham in Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Village Produce Association meetings

### **During the summer there are –**

- cricket matches

**Did you know that there is some time available if you want to start a new club or society? For more information on any of these, please contact Paul Firman on 01473 622874**

## **THE RECTOR WRITES**

“To God be the glory !” goes the opening words of the well-known hymn. It expresses some of my feelings as I write this last column for the Monthly. Over the last year or so I have tried not to look back too much as I believe that this is a time for looking forwards, both for myself and Audreen as well as the church in Martlesham and Brightwell. The complete first line of that hymn is “To God be the glory ! Great things He hath done;” We have a lot to be thankful for that God has been able to do through the life of the Church and the community in this benefice over the last 25 years or so, but one is also conscious that there is still much to be done for the church and the community in the years to come. We have a strong church and ministry team that we have been able to build up but we all know that there are many gaps that still need to be worked on.

As I prepare to move onto a new life I thank everyone for the great support that they have shown to myself and the family as well as to the church. I pray that God will continue to bless all that the church tries to do in his name, as he has done over the past 26 years.

I always keep in mind the words of my predecessor, Canon George Taylor, as he looked round St. Mary’s Churchyard, commenting that it was full of indispensable people. His comment puts us all in perspective. As I move on I know that God’s work will go on because if we seek to do his will he will raise up people to do his work – he has done all through the Bible and the life of the church – he will not change his ways now !  
With every blessing and good wishes to you all.

Brian Lillistone

A date for your diaries: The Annual Quiet Day at St. Michael’s will be on Saturday 8th March 2003. The leader will be Canon Adrian Esdaile. More details from Rosemary Still on 01394 385333.



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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John	Martlesham St. Mary	Martlesham Heath St. Michael
Wednesday 1st Jan.03 Naming of Jesus			10am Holy Communion
Sunday 5th Jan. Epiphany Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 12th Jan. Baptism of Jesus 1st Sunday of Epiphany	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 19th Jan. 2nd of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Communion (CW)	9:45am Worship & Sunday School 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 26th Jan. 3rd of Epiphany	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 2nd Feb. Candlemas	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES:- Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St. Michael's. Tues. 8th Jan. 9:30am Holy Communion at Angela Close – All welcome. Thurs. 9th & 23rd 10:30am "Bright Stars" (Pram Service for mothers, carers, etc. & children) at St. Michael's.

<b>PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER</b>		
Please pray daily for peace, those on our prayer list, and the following:	17 for the legacy of holy writers to inspire us	homeless
7 for peace and reconciliation	18 the week of prayer for Christian unity begins	28 for our local schools, staff and pupils
8 for medical researchers	19 that we may each respond to Jesus' call	29 for those living in Viking Heights and Close
9 those living in Turino Avenue	20 for the joint Methodist and C of E talks	30 for those in charge of church finance
10 for all persecuted Christians	21 for the world council of Churches	31 for integrity in business
11 for our USPG projects	22 for those living in Valiant Road	FEB 1 thanksgiving for the Rector's long ministry in Martlesham
12 for all newly baptised (Baptism of Jesus)	23 for the work of Mencap	2 Candlemas/Brian's last service here as Rector
13 for the work and witness of Quakers	24 for the work of relief agencies	3 for the infirm
14 for the work of nature Conservation	25 give thanks for the writings of St. Paul	4 for all who work out of doors
15 for those living in Valley View Rise	26 pray that God may be allowed into all parts of our lives	5 for all our MU, members, leaders and speakers
16 for the rescue services	27 for agencies working with the	6 for those living in Waldringfield Road