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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Working Parties

There are often a number of tasks needing to be undertaken that can be safely carried by volunteers. It has been decided to have a monthly working party on the last Saturday 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.

New Parish Councillors

Thirteen people have been nominated to serve as parish councillors as follows -

Martlesham Ward—Ian O'Brien Baker, Jackie Bear, Laurence Burrows, John Forbes, David Gibbs, Michael Irwin, John Kelso, John Naylor, Peter Niven, Judith Nixon and Walter Welch.

Martlesham North Ward—Anthony Taylor

Martlesham West Ward—Duncan Sweeting

Their first meeting will be the parish council meeting on Wednesday 14th May when the chairman, vice-chairman, committees and representatives will be decided.

As there are only thirteen councillors nominated there will be two vacancies that will be filled by co-option. Anybody interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the clerk, details below.

Litter and Dog Fouling

Martlesham is a clean and tidy place and to help keep it that way several new litter and dog dirt bins have recently been installed. Please use these and the many existing bins around the parish to help Martlesham continue to be clean and tidy.

Meetings

* Parish Council - Wednesday 14th May and 4th June

* Development Plans and Finance & General Purposes Committees - Wednesday 21st May (7:00 pm)

* Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 28th May

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, Mart-

lesham Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax 01473 612632 via any councillor. E-mail: martleshampc@btclick.com

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

SPRING FAYRE

Sale of plants and cakes

HEATH PAVILION

**SATURDAY 3RD MAY 10am-
11:30am**

Admission free

This is usually a very popular event when it is advisable to get there early for the more special items. In addition to the plant and cake stalls there will be tea and coffee together with a raffle.

The Spring Flower Show held in St. Michael's produced a colourful display of flowers in vases and pots with a beautiful line of arrangements along a side wall. The cookery classes were full with ten sultana cakes and ten Victoria sandwiches to test the judge in deciding the winners. There were a good many entries in the children's section, also very colourful with vases of flowers and necklaces made from sweets. The handicraft section also provided an interesting range of crafts with the Enterprise Cup for the best entry being won with a tapestry picture entered by Lyn Morphy. We were pleased to receive some entries from non-members.

We have arranged a coach outing to Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden at South Walsham near Norwich on Friday 9th May, leaving at 9:30 am. There may be a few spare seats if anyone would like to join the party. The fare, including entry to the gardens, is £9.50 (£9 senior citizen).

An Autumn Show is being planned for Saturday 20th September and a schedule is in prepara-

ration - details later. In the meantime—happy gardening!

Stan Harris— tel: 623427

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

We met in the pavilion on Monday March 10th for our usual meeting with Kay in the chair. Our speaker, Mrs Taylor, unfortunately had to cancel her visit. We were very pleased to welcome Mr Christianson from Woodbridge who stepped in at the last minute. After a short business meeting, when Kay gave us a report of the Suffolk East Federation Annual Meeting, we had a delightful talk and demonstration by Mr Christianson. We were introduced to a new food mixer named 'Daily'. This was a very compact machine and our demonstrator produced 'cream from skimmed milk', 'a delicious meat paste from leftovers', 'excellent fruit drinks' and smooth creamy soup. We were all invited to sample the exhibits and they were excellent. Mrs Betty Bridle gave a vote of thanks.

April 14th was an open meeting with guests from Levington and Martlesham. Kay told us we had cancelled our proposed Chocolate Experience Day and hoped we could direct our energies to making our stall on Village Day a great success and help to raise funds.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Ruth Mellen, a former member of our W.I. Ruth gave a demonstration of flower arranging – "A Table Centrepiece" – with an excellent talk on how, when and why. Then members were invited to make a corsage for themselves, choosing their flowers from a large selection Ruth had provided. Everyone enjoyed this activity and we were all proud of the results. The competition was for a limerick or poem about flowers and members read out their entries and we all appreciated their efforts.

The next meeting will be on May 12th to discuss 'Resolutions' for the AGM. There will be a beetle drive. Please contact me, Olive, on 01473 626885. We would love to welcome any visitors.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

REPORT OF MONTHLY MEETING ON 11TH APRIL 2003

A good attendance at the April meeting enjoyed a demonstration by Kelly Smith, of "ALL FIRED UP", of painting on ceramics. "ALL FIRED UP" is located in the centre of Ipswich and provides opportunities for visitors to try their hand at ceramic painting, either individually or in groups. Kelly's talk and demonstration were both interesting and fun to watch and enjoyed by all present members.

The competition for a mug was well supported and was won by Heather Richards with a mug commemorating the CORONATION in 1937 of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

At the meeting on May 16th in the Richards Room at 7:30 pm members will discuss the Resolutions to be put forward at the Annual General Meeting to be held on June 11th at the Albert Hall.

Mrs S D Harris

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

A few ladies from the Felixstowe Fuchsia Club came to our meeting on the evening of March 20th to demonstrate their skills at making imitation Fuchsias from ladies nylon tights. They had seen these being made and decided that they would have a go. Though there were teething troubles, they soon mastered the art and became very successful and have now made in excess of 200 which are used to decorate Deben High School during their Fuchsia Festival each year. With each lady having a particular part to play in the operation, starting with taking the dye from the tights and re-dyeing them in various colours, it was like a production line with wires added to bound 'stalks' and the nylon stretched over each wire shaped into a 'petal' or 'leaf'. The finished article was quite a revelation and it was easy to see how they are so admired at their shows. Kelly Shannon thanked the ladies for such a fascinating demonstration and admired their dexterity, with members' appreciative

applause echoing these sentiments.

After our usual tea and biscuits, Myrtle Dunn read out two poems - one called 'Why' and the other 'Only in America'. Both were very amusing and enjoyed by all.

A vote was taken on which charity to sponsor next year with 'CLIC', who have an all-embracing approach to Cancer and Leukaemia In Children, coming out top. We will do our best to support them well, with our first event being our Coffee Morning on July 26th.

Staying with our present charity - Hope House - we are grateful to Sheila Swanwick's husband Len for doing a sponsored 20 mile walk back in March, and raising in excess of £171 to add to the amount we have already collected. Well done Len and thank you.

Mrs Thelma Bravery came to our meeting on April 3rd with her party plan Signature Jewellery. To start with Thelma gave a demonstration of the many ways that scarves could be worn using scarf clips of various designs, which were for sale along with other items of jewellery, perfume and ornaments. Rita Dunnett gave a vote of thanks to Thelma for stepping in at such short notice with a selection of items on offer to suit all tastes. Thelma has promised to come back nearer Christmas so that members can purchase some of their presents from her.

In May our meetings will be on the 1st, 15th and 29th in the Richards Rooms beginning at 7:30 pm. More information can be had from our chairman Vera Pawsey on 01473 610366.

Rita Smith

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Mrs Linda Harman was our speaker for April, her demonstration was titled "Let's Dance". Mrs Harman began her demonstration with an arrangement depicting 'Scottish dancing' using blue iris, cream narcissi, red and yellow tulips with various foliage. She followed that with

one representing "Square Dancing", next "Line Dancing" which was in the Dutch parallel style. For the "Can-Can" she used orange lilies and carnation and red roses. "Ballet" was represented by delicate pink spray carnations and roses with trails of contorted willow and liatris to give height.

The vote of thanks was given by Margaret Forbes and the winner of the competition for a basket of garden flowers was Joan Hill.

Our next meeting will be on May 21st when Sallie Oakley will be our demonstrator – her subject "Just Me". The competition for May will be "Flowers in a Favourite Container".

The club meet on the third Wednesday of the month in St. Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm. Annual subscription is £10 with visitors welcome at £2 per session. There is always a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting. Ruth Mellen—tel: 01473 624401

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Welcome to our new committee members and a big thank you to all those that have now retired from posts. As yet we have not decided on upcoming events for the year. These will be decided at the next committee meeting and will be in the next issue.

For any of you mums with young children ageing from birth to pre-school, you would be made most welcome at any of our sessions. We run our sessions in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am – 11:30 am and 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Drinks and biscuits are provided. There is an area for those with very young babies where they can play with some protection from the larger children.

Please call me on 01394 387281 if you would like any further information.

Louisa Smith (secretary)

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club is on Tuesday 6th May at St. Michael's Church Centre from 12:45

to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served around 1 pm and then Rachel Turner from the Real Nappy Network will talk about the alternatives to disposable nappies.

All mums, babies and toddlers welcome - come along and meet your friends and learn about how you can help the environment too.

For more details please 'phone Sue on 624130.

ST. MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL MARTLESHAM HEATH

Over the Easter Holidays we gave the children a sponsored game to do. We thought it would be nice for the children to decorate our pre-school logo, a butterfly, with lots of different materials that they could find at home. When all of the pictures are returned they will go up on display on our board for everyone to see.

The theme for this term is 'People Who Help Us'. The children will be learning about what happens at the post office, how the police help us and we are planning to take the children to RAF Wattisham to have a look at their helicopters. Also we will be talking about life boats so the children can have a go at making their own boats and testing them out in the water.

After Easter our older children started their 4+ sessions. This session is to help prepare the children for when they go up to primary school. The children that are going to Birchwood will be able to go to the school to see their foundation teacher and join in the class story time. This gives them a chance to familiarise themselves with the school. 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.

Our half-term break is from the 26th May to 30th May. Pre-school will be closed on the 5th May, as it is a bank holiday. Our summer term finishes on the 18th July.

If you are interested in send-

ing your child to our pre-school and would like more information, please contact Angela Wilkes on 01473 631510.

Catherine Reeve

MARTLESHAM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and would like to give a warm welcome to all the new children starting with us this term. This half-term the children will be enjoying activities and crafts on the theme of "mini beasts". Preparations are already well under way for our annual Fun Day which will be held later than usual this year on the 28th June. This year we are having a Clown theme so please come along and join us for lots of fun and clowning around!

We would like to thank Terri Robson of 'True Colours' for bringing our jungle book mural to life and also painting our gym mat box. They look amazing, and the children, parents and staff have admired them.

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.

Martlesham Mothers' Union

A Ploughman's Lunch

**at St Michael's on Wednesday
7th May**

at 12:45 pm

All are welcome, bring a friend!

Proceeds to our Overseas Fund

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Faith, Fellowship and Fun! These were words used by our leader Rev Elizabeth Corker when she led the Service at our April meeting. She was referring specifically to our joint experiences on Lady Day when many of us had coached to

Bury St. Edmunds to attend the Service celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation at the Cathedral at which Trish Harward, the World Wide Leader of MU, was to give the address. Later that evening Trish came with Joyce Starling, our Diocesan Leader, to a more informal gathering at St. Michael's where fun was most definitely on the agenda.

After expressing her delight at the success of events and thanking all those involved, Elizabeth continued her address by suggesting that those words also described the whole ethos of the Mothers' Union all over the world, particularly in countries where members had little else in their lives for which to be thankful.

Did you know that Anglican clergy are colour-coded? After worship, Elizabeth explained the various implications of clergy attire. Most priests wear dog collars to indicate their profession. Until fairly recently they were worn with black shirts but nowadays almost any colour goes, that is any but 'cyclamen', which is reserved for Bishops! At Morning Worship or Evensong black cassocks and white surplices are usually worn but at Communion Services, white alb/cassocks are worn with stoles, which vary in colour. White stoles are used for celebration, Christmas, Easter and Weddings, red ones for Feast Days, Palm Sunday, Pentecost and Saint's Days, purple ones for Lent, Advent and funerals and green ones for all other occasions.

Our next event will be on Wednesday May 7th at 12:45 pm, when we will be serving lunches to raise funds in aid of MU projects overseas. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall. The Deanery Festival will be held in St. John's Church, Felixstowe at 2:30 pm on Tuesday May 20th. Our annual outing is on Tuesday 15th July. We shall be boarding the Orwell Lady at Ipswich for a cruise down the river and afternoon tea will be served. See

Ann Berg for information and to book your place.

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

A thought for the month -
How do Faith, Fellowship and Fun
fit into your lives?
GOD BLESS.

Sheila Smith

BUCKLESHAM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CAR BOOT AND JUMBLE SALE

on **Sunday May 11th**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm(ish)
on **Bucklesham School Playing
Field**

Pitches **£4.00** in advance, **£5.00**
on the day.

Phone **(01473) 717939** to book.

Hot food and drink will be available on the day.

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our April meeting was held on Tuesday, April 8th at 8 pm in St. Michael's Church Centre. Those who were unable to attend missed a fascinating programme. The speaker was Mrs Kay Pratt who gave an illustrated talk on "Otley Hall & Bartholomew Gosnold". Kay is one of the tour guides at Otley Hall and has done a great deal of research into both the Hall and the family connection with the Hall of Bartholomew Gosnold and of his involvement in the exploration and settlement of the North American colonies. It is hoped to organise a tour of the Hall later in the summer.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Pavilion on Wednesday, May 14th at 8 pm and we have an agenda that includes the election of new officers

and committee members so please make a note of the date and venue and make every effort to attend.

The meeting in June will be a talk by Dr Sam Newton on "Raedweld, the Saxon King". This is the king whose grave is believed to be the ship burial at Sutton Hoo. Dr Newton is a renowned expert on the Saxon period in our history and has published several books on the subject.

John Tyler – tel: 612736

IN APPRECIATION OF MRS FORBES

I am writing to the Martlesham Monthly because I feel that a public acknowledgement should be made to an unsung public-spirited citizen of Martlesham. On more than one occasion I have happened upon her very busy, with a black bin bag in one hand, and a pick-up stick in the other, depositing unsightly rubbish from the road verge into her bin bag. She is Mrs Forbes. The litter which accumulates beside our roads is really a disgrace—and it would be more so without the attentions of Mrs Forbes. I feel she deserves a vote of thanks. Don't you?

Yours Sincerely,
Mary Wiltshire

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent tea afternoon for Mary Bolton's Inca Walk in Peru. I had hoped for more visitors but those who came were very generous, as were the people who kindly gave donations beforehand. The total raised was £128.

Elaine Everitt

THE DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

At their recent meeting at their new venue in the Ufford Park Hotel and Leisure Centre, the Deben Probus Club were treated to a very interesting and informative talk by Helen Taylor of Age Concern. Age Concern is the Suffolk Ipswich-based charity that provides advice, information and services to support older people and their carers in the local community.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 28th April when Mike Rumsey will talk on 'Home Brewing', accompanied by samples of his brews.

The Deben Probus Club is for

retired or semi-retired professional or business men of sixty years or over and a warm welcome is extended to new members. The meetings are held over lunch-time once a month at Ufford Park, (usually on the third Monday of each month) - we have our own suite and bar and lunch is served at 1:00 pm.

New members are very welcome and should contact Walter Gormer on 01473 252294 or Maurice Bush on 01394 38638 if they would like further information.

THE ANGEL PLAYERS

The Angel Theatre, at nearby Rendlesham, was used as a cinema for the USAF before being renovated as a live venue for many visiting celebrities and acts as well as providing fine facilities for local amateur groups.

Since reopening, the Theatre has a built up a tradition of presenting good family entertainment and, until recently, its future as a local amenity seemed in doubt.

Although sadly the old theatre is to be demolished, it is being replaced by a brand new complex that promises to offer even better facilities.

The Theatre is the home of the Angel Players, a local award-winning amateur group. The players come from all over the local area, including the Heath. It is a friendly group that welcomes anyone, child or adult alike, with an interest in the Theatre, whether as a prospective performer, backstage technician, artist, musician or whatever.

The Players will be presenting 'My Fair Lady' between 28th and 31st May and this will be the first major Musical to be performed in the new theatre. Later in September they will be performing 'Bugsy Malone', an all children production, before preparing for 'Aladdin' in December.

'My Fair Lady' is a great Musical that will appeal to all the family and promises to offer a great night out.

Why not come along to see us? You will be most welcome.

For more information:

Theatre Box Office 01394 420727

Angel Players.

Phil Lodge—tel: 01473 605916

PORTAL AVENUE WOOD- LANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP

Unfortunately, due to a couple of hiccups, this is the first news since February. However, like a bad penny we always re-emerge. The Group has not been idle over the past two months and apart from the improvement of paths wet weather surfaces using chippings from the chipper/shredder, we have

- * - placed bird boxes throughout the woodland (the low open boxes are for robins - a frequent question)

- * - 6 bat boxes have been sited and hopefully by the time you read this a further 6

- * - with the help of our younger members 48 primroses were planted, although some have been decimated by the rabbits. They seem to have been particularly hungry this year munching violets, fox-gloves and even bluebells

- * - due again to the rabbits and deer being partial to our hedge and tree planting, we have had to replace all spiral guards with tree shelters. These are mainly redundant Highways shelters and apart from about 5 trees the remaining 435 appear to be thriving. These 5 and any others requiring it will be replaced in the autumn with trees from the Group nursery.

With the wildlife mating season upon us the noisy activity will cease, but plenty of tasks can still be undertaken. The trees and hedge will need weeding and mulching over the next 4 months, bracken, gorse and bramble will need controlling in the open areas, more bird boxes need building and mounting, the rebuilding of the aircraft revetment nearest Main Road and the back of Deben Avenue needs completing, there is still planting to be undertaken and stag beetle pyramids to build to name just a few tasks! Outside of working days, we will also organise

bird, mammal, glow worm and flora surveys. The next actual working day is on Sunday the 17th of May and as always we meet at the Force HQ Sports Field entrance at 10 am for a 2 hour session. We are always looking for more volunteers, so come along and enjoy some fresh air and exercise (as much or little as you can manage), any one is welcome. If you feel you do not need, or are past the time for exercise, the surveys are just as important and need volunteers, so contact us.

Our current vandalism problems are, apart from the rabbits and deer, the digging out of cement sandbags from the revetment we are repairing and the deliberate pulling of branches from the Woodland onto paths. If you see any acts of vandalism in the Woodland we would be grateful if you could inform Committee members, to enable us to take appropriate action.

If you require more information Group contacts are:

Chairman - Duncan Sweeting
01473 622859...Secretary - Peter Izzard 01473 611291.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

We are holding our wildlife painting competition for children again for this year, with entries invited from our local primary school age children. The theme this year is on the subject of "Mammals". Mammals rear their young on milk and have hair and occur in a wide variety of shapes and sizes all the way from the tiny pygmy shrew to something the size of an elephant on land or a blue whale in the ocean. They are a truly fascinating and diverse group of animals and as mammals ourselves we always seem to hold them in high regard. It is some years since we last featured this group as a subject in our competition and we look forward to the entries from our local children. If you are interested in taking part please submit your entry to me by Tuesday 13th May at the very lat-

est.

The exhibition and prize giving for this competition will take place on Saturday 17th May at 10 am in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. Please come along and view all the entries and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with us about local wildlife issues. Cakes will be on sale and there will be a raffle.

For our working party on Sunday 18th May we will be walking around our local woodland on the heath, attempting to see and more particularly listen to all the birds present. Come along and join us and help us complete our annual survey. No previous experience is required, guidance will be provided. Please bring a pair of binoculars along if you have them. Meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

I would be interested to hear from you about sightings of reptiles within our local area, as we are trying to build up a picture of which reptiles are present and which areas are the most important for them.

Phil Smith-tel: 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust Annual Plant Sale will take place on Sunday 11th May from 2 pm at Foxburrow Farm, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust has decided to return to Foxburrow Farm for the plant sale. Thousands of plants will be available and the plant growers promise an even better quality and wider range of plants at bargain prices. There will also be a selection of gifts and hot and cold refreshments and it will be possible to walk the nature trail. If you wish to donate any plants to the plant sale or if you can help either on Sunday 11th or Saturday 10th May (we still need helpers) then please give me a call.

Please also note Suffolk Wildlife Trust Morning Market will be at Melton Hall (near the traffic lights in Melton) on Saturday 14th June from 10 am until 12:30 pm. Please come along and support us.

We have a walk in search of Nightingales on Friday 2nd May

starting at 7:30 pm along the Phoenix trail. Meet at Rendlesham Forest car park - grid reference TM 355482. Come along and join us.

Phil Smith-tel: 625630

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Garden Competitions for Martlesham Parishioners and Businesses to enter. Entry is free.

Forms can be obtained from:-
Merchem Pharmacy, 9 The Square, Martlesham Heath,
The Post Office Stores, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham or from the address at the end of this article.

(A) **Most Attractive Front Garden**

Sponsored by Home Meadows Nursery Ltd. (The Meadhome Cup)

(B) **Most Colourful Hanging Basket(s) and/or Containers In the Front Garden**

Sponsored by Windmills Florist, Woodbridge (Windmill's Florist Cup)

(C) **An Interesting Low Maintenance Garden**

Sponsored by Chris Ling's Garden Scene (The Garden Scene Cup)

(D) **Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at Public Houses, Restaurants and Small Retail outlets.**

(E) **Best Floral or Planting Display at an Industrial/Commercial Unit or Large Retail Outlet**

(F) **Best Kept Road, Place, Close, Square, Lane or Street et al in the Parish of Martlesham**

For competitions (D), (E) and (F) certificates will be presented by **Martlesham in Bloom.**

Special awards may be made for gardens that have been outstanding in the past years.

Martlesham in Bloom Event **"TALKING FLOWERS"**

Tuesday 3rd June 8:00 pm
in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath

An evening on a gardening theme
hosted by the Martlesham in Bloom team

Including raffle, refreshments, and
Bring & Buy

All welcome

Martlesham in Bloom & Martlesham Community Council Event

MUSICAL GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 22nd June

3:00 pm to 6:30 pm

at 'Jaydene', Main Road, Martlesham

Entry £2.00 adults and 50p children 16 or under.

Drinks will be available.

Bring a chair and a picnic tea and enjoy the live music.

If you would like information on any of the above please contact:-
J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary), 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, tel: 01473 625196.

"MUSIC ON THE GREEN"

12TH JULY 2003

Latest news

BBC Suffolk will be broadcasting LIVE all morning from The Village Green.

Don't forget to book your pitch to raise funds for your organisation— phone 01473 622874.

Bands we have performing so far are Martlesham Brass, Plush, Blue Wave, Swing Machine, 4 piece Sax Band, Lemonade, Luminoes, Out of Proportion, Interquartile, Light Body, One Day Life along with Words & Music (Beatles Music), a popular duo from Colchester who will be performing this year. There are several others in the pipeline, all adding to a wide range of musical talents and ages to suit all tastes.

Look out for raffle tickets on sale soon in local shops.

No need to book for the Car Boot Sale - just turn up on the day from 7 am.

A great day out for all the family.

If you would like to be a sponsor of Music On The Green then please contact Paul Firman on 01473 622874

Our Sponsors are: Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, Red Lion, Chalk and Cheese, Martlesham Developments, Martlesham Body Repair, BT exact, Ryan Insurance Group, GMA Warehousing & Transport

Ltd and The Martlesham Monthly.
The committee would like to thank the sponsors on behalf of the Village, as without these sponsors the day would not be possible.

'MUSIC ON THE GREEN' - 12TH JULY

Have you applied for a pitch yet? Letters have been sent out and replies are welcomed on 01473 622874.

Meanwhile, the list of bands is growing.

Thanks to all our sponsors. We can always use more - if you think your business would like to get involved the number to 'phone is 622874.

BBC Radio Suffolk will be at the event all morning this year.

For further up-dates don't forget to visit www.musiconthegreen.com

Tell all your neighbours, friends and family to be on the Green on Saturday 12th July between 10:30 am and 10:30 pm for a fantastic day out with non-stop live music, stalls, entertainers and refreshments.

MARTLESHAM BRASS

As summer approaches, so Martlesham Brass starts to get busier. Looking back to April, it was a quiet month for us, although we did record our Christmas CD on 4th April. (It will be on sale later in the year.) Then on 27th April Martlesham Brass Bands participated in the Ipswich Scouts Annual St George's Day parade and church service.

Looking ahead, Martlesham Brass welcomes a new intake of beginners on Friday 2nd May, bringing the membership of the band up to 117. The next highlight in our calendar is Sunday 11th May and the Annual EABBA Spring Festival in Norwich, where three Martlesham Brass band sections are competing alongside bands from across East Anglia. Later in the month, on May 25th, our Intermediate section will be performing in Framlingham for the Framlingham Frolics.

Our fundraising committee has organised a Beetle Drive on May 17th at St Michael's Church

Centre. Tickets are £2.50 or £1 for primary school (or younger) aged children. Prices include buffet and all proceeds go to Band funds. Everyone welcome, entry by advance tickets only. Tickets available from band practices, or telephone Alison on 01473 611578. Participants may attend dressed 'a la beetle' if they so wish, although it is neither recommended nor compulsory!

Advance notice: Martlesham Brass is holding its annual Summer Fayre on June 21st at St Michael's Church Centre. The fayre is always a great day of entertainment - so put it in your diary! Many thanks to those local businesses that have already offered prizes for our grand draw; we are very grateful for your support.

For information about the band visit our website at www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk or telephone the band secretary Nicol on 01473 404472.

Alison Eyley
Martlesham Brass Publicity Officer

KESGRAVE & DISTRICT HELP CENTRE

Mrs Greengrass is worried about her pension.

"At present I just sign my pension book, hand it to the nice man behind the counter and he gives me my money. Now under this new fangled direct Payment scheme I hear I will have to have a bank account. I don't want a bank account, there is no bank in Kesgrave anyway. I want to get my money at the Post Office each week as I have always done. What can I do?"

With the aid of some pamphlets published by the Department of Work and Pensions and by the Post Office, the Help Centre were able to give Mrs G. the following information:

* You should carry on collecting your State pension from the Post Office as usual.

* During the next two years you will be sent a personal letter which will explain what you need to do next about the new Direct Payment scheme together with full information about the new Post Office card account.

* With the simple Post Office card

account you will get a Post Office Card and your four digit Personal Identification Number (PIN number) To get your pension:

* Hand your Post Office Card (POC) to the nice man or pretty woman behind the counter.

* Tell them how much you want to withdraw.

* They will swipe your POC and enter the amount you want to withdraw. The pin pad on the counter will show you the amount of money you have requested.

* If you are happy the amount is correct, enter your four digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) to confirm the request.

* Your card will be returned to you with your money and a receipt.

You do not have to withdraw all your money in one go, just when you need it, free of charge at any Post Office branch.

With the new POC account you can nominate a helper, such as a relative or friend to collect money from the Post Office on your behalf. If you have any questions, ask the Post Office staff. They are there to help you.

Why not drop in at our 10 am Thursday coffee mornings and see our 'Bring and Buy' table.

The Help Centre Office in the Community Centre is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Our 24 hour answerphone is on 622574 or you can e-mail us at kesgravehelpcentre@ukonline.co.uk

Ray Spratt

MARTLESHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The U8's have been making steady progress in their first season of competitive football. Away at Wickham Market the A's lost 6-2 but the B's came away with a fine 3-0 win. This was followed with a 1-1 draw and a 2-1 victory versus St. Johns. Other results were A team drawing 1-1 with Brantham, B team winning 3-2. Both teams had close defeats against Winesham, 2-0 and 2-1, and finally the A's lost 2-1 v Trimley with the B's winning 3-2 again.

The U9's results have been a 3-2 loss against Winesham, B's winning 1-0 against Claydon, A's

winning 4-0 at Woodbridge (Mark Ray and Mason White grabbing 2 goals apiece), B's drawing 2-2 with Matt Drury and Tristan Finbow to keep their title charge on course, B's then winning 8-1 against Witnesham with the last action of the month seeing the A's lose to a last minute goal against St. Johns (Oliver Cutting making some fine saves to keep the visitors out) whilst the B's virtually assured their title with Sam Newbould scoring the equaliser after the visitors took the lead from the penalty spot. Well done to all the U9's.

The U10's results were mixed - emphatically beating Whitton 6-0 and 9-1, A's winning 3-1 thanks to a cool finish from Dean Copping and two Jack Baldry goals, one a screamer of a volley (left foot as well) which gave the keeper no chance., and the B's losing 4-2 having led twice. The U10's finished their first season off at home to Woodbridge, losing 3-2. Lewis Smith gave the A's the lead, but the visitors were 2-1 up just into the 2nd half, James Gotts equalised within a minute but a late goal won it. There were many great performances from the home side with the pick of the bunch being Jack Baldry, James Gotts and Joe Harris. Well done to all those players involved with the U10's with end of season awards going to Lewis Smith (Parents Player of the Year A team), Laura Bird (B team), Managers Player of the Year going to Joe Harris (A) and Laura Bird (B), Most Improved Player being Tom Empson, with Golden Boot winners being Lewis Smith and Ryan Copping.

The U11's results were B's winning 2-0 (Bergholt) and 5-0 (Bourne Vale). Both teams won against Framlingham 2-0 and 3-0 respectively.

The U12's results were 1-0 and 5-2 defeats against Kesgrave and Ipswich Warriors plus a 5-1 defeat in the cup, also against the Warriors, then a 4-0 victory against Holbrook followed by a 3-2 win away at Kirton.

The U13's had a good month with wins at Felixstowe and St Johns (both 2-0), at home to Hadleigh,

(2-1) and at local rivals Kesgrave (3-2) with a 5-2 defeat at Stowmarket.

It's been a month of mainly cup activity for the U14's - a 4-0 win over Bourne Vale, followed by a disappointing defeat in the Colchester Open Cup against Witham Nomads, drawing 2-2 (losing 3-2 on pens), then a League K.O. Cup semi-final loss against Witnesham, ending 1-1 after extra-time (losing 3-2 on pens again).

The U15's picked up a little this month with a 1-1 draw against Bildeston, a 4-1 victory over Felixstowe Ath, 4-1 again against Melton and then a 2-2 draw with Leiston but the bubble burst with a 5-0 defeat at Broke Hall.

The top age group (U18's) had two good victories away at Wetherden and Haughley 3-0 and a 4-2 win at home to Walsham.

More next month or visit our [web site at www.martleshamyouth.co.uk](http://www.martleshamyouth.co.uk)

Kevin Lutman

THE MOB

The Mob have been confirmed as the winners and champions of Division 5 of the Sunday Morning League. Of course, once the congratulations had been published in the Green 'Un we lost for the first time this season. Old Newton Rams beat us 4-3 and we have to admit we got out of the game what we deserved - nothing. Old Newton were prepared to work harder for each other and euphoria at being divisional champions doesn't win games, as some of our players found out. Still, we must be upbeat about things as we go into the Junior Cup Final against Wetherden. If the lads work hard and give their all I am sure the result will be the one we all want. Please come along and give the lads your moral and vocal support. They will find it easier to show their full ability if they have got a good crowd behind them.

Our end of season party-come-presentation evening this year is going to be at The Curve Bar on Saturday 10th May, starting at 7:30 pm. Admission will be by ticket only (at £5 per head) and an

invitation is extended to all ex-players to come and join the celebrations - just contact Ivor Guppy on 07790-438836 to book your place. It is intended that this year it will be more of a mixed party so please book tickets for partners as well. The price of admission includes food and music.

THE MOBSTER

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

At the Committee meeting on the 16th of April, members learnt of the sad death of Rodger Bryant today, the well-known and respected member of our club. Most members are unaware of the work he put in for our benefit over the years. The Committee, on behalf of all members, offer our sympathy to his wife Doreen and all his family at the sad loss of Rodger.

The Committee also thanked the members who worked through the winter to improve the green and the surroundings, the new (much needed) gate everybody will notice, also the spring cleaning in the pavilion.

There will be a list up for anybody who would be interested in couching for bowls.

March and April (the first half) would have been reasonably good for us bowlers. Let us hope that the good weather continues for the rest of the season.

The first event was the Pre-Season get together on 19th April. I am sure it went well, as it did last year. Saturday 26th April was the opening of the green with the Spoon Drive. Soon it will be the Wednesday Pairs each month (approx.)

Why not come and join us for the season?

Linda Brown, our secretary, has all the information and her telephone number is 01394 384698

Next Committee meeting is on 7th July at 7 pm.

Jack Cot

IN MEMORY OF NANCY CAUSTON

When my father moved to be Rector of Bucklesham in 1926, the parish of Brightwell, which had previously been linked with Kesgrave, was joined to Bucklesham. At that

time the old Brightwell vicarage, now Brightwell House, was occupied by Judge Chetwynd Leech and his wife, daughter and son. However, within a few years the Judge died and Jock Causton bought Brightwell House and he and Nancy moved in.

From the beginning Jock and Nancy were firm supporters of Brightwell church, attending regularly. It was well known among Jock and Nancy's friends that if they went out visiting on a Sunday afternoon in the summer they had to leave in time to get to church. I can remember my parents' concern when one year Jock and Nancy did not arrive at evensong on Whit Sunday. Apparently they had some invitation they wanted to accept and they had forgotten it was Whit Sunday. When my parents enquired whether they were alright, Jock is alleged to have stated that he did not hold with Whit Sunday – (not true of course).

At some time in the 1930's Jock bought Nancy a car – an Austin 7 I believe – and this caused great amazement as it was not usual in those days to be a two-car family. Typically Nancy used her car to help other people, driving over to Bucklesham Rectory to transport my mother to and from Ipswich to do her shopping.

I will never forget the ages of Jock and Nancy because in 1940 my father had his 70th birthday. Jock and Nancy were invited to the birthday party but were unable to come. However they sent a congratulatory telegram from the "Arfasolds" (they were then each 35).

I have one good memory of Nancy, I think in 1941. She had come over to the Rectory and we were in the garden chatting when Mrs Rush, a resident at that time of Upper Bucklesham, came to visit us on her tricycle. Nancy and I, who were both very competent cyclists, asked if we might try our skills on the tricycle. Nancy, with great determination, set off on the tricycle and steered herself firmly into a flower bed. Both of us tried several times equally unsuccessfully. Finally Mrs Rush mounted the tricycle and

rode with great dignity straight up the drive.

Jock and Nancy would also make arrangements for my father to be driven to Brightwell church and back again for services.

I said that Brightwell House was the former Brightwell vicarage. Jock and Nancy ensured that in many ways it continued to fill that gap – a place for meetings, for garden parties, etc. – a centre of village life.

We must all be very grateful and thankful for the great contribution that Jock and Nancy made to the life of the church in Brightwell.

Miss Norah Curry

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

With the shops selling Easter eggs at reduced prices, and the shelves filling up with barbecue charcoal and sun cream instead, you might get the impression that Easter is now over and we can all relax until Christmas. But for Christians, the season of Easter has only just begun.

After celebrating Jesus' victory over death and his resurrection to new life on Easter Sunday, we now remember the time Jesus spent with his disciples, teaching and encouraging them, before he ascended to his Father in heaven forty days later.

For those first disciples, spending time with the risen Jesus was very important. It changed a group of frightened and broken people into inspired and fearless messengers, who were prepared to go out and spread God's message of love and peace to the whole world.

For us today, spending time with the risen Jesus is just as important. It has the same potential to transform seemingly hopeless situations, and still produces the most amazing results in people's lives. This month we can help transform the lives of many in seemingly hopeless situations during Christian Aid week. Inspired by God's Easter message of love and reconciliation, can we help to show others that we believe in life before death, as well as life after death?

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11th – 17th

May 2003

You may feel overwhelmed by the number of charity envelopes that drop through your door, and wonder why you should give yet again. Alternatively, you may feel overwhelmed by the sheer scale of suffering and poverty shown on our TV screens every day, and feel powerless to help.

Christian Aid's motto is 'We believe in life before death', and it aims to relieve suffering regardless of race or beliefs. When you donate money to Christian Aid, you can make a real difference to the lives of ordinary people who are in desperate need.

Christian Aid, working with local 'partner' organisations, funds long term projects in around 60 countries, helping the poorest and neediest people to become self sufficient. Christian Aid also gives emergency aid in times of crisis; for example helping those affected by the war in Iraq. Christian Aid also listens to the concerns of the world's poorest people and campaigns on their behalf, and is currently raising awareness about ethical fair-trading, international debt and child labour.

You can help this valuable work in Christian Aid week by becoming a collector for our local house-to-house collection. If you can deliver and/or collect envelopes in a road in Martlesham please contact Rosemary Still, for Martlesham Heath please contact Carolyn Smith. Alternatively add your name to the notices in St Mary's or St Michael's as soon as possible.

Christian Aid relies entirely on your donations and does not apply for lottery funds. As charities are now able to claim back the tax on all gifts of money, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider filling in your name and address in the space provided on the envelope. Your gift, no matter how large or small, can then be increased by nearly 30% at no further cost to you.

Please donate as generously as you can when you receive your envelope. You can help to change the world! Thank you.

Carolyn Smith 01473 625630



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John	Martlesham St. Mary	Martlesham Heath St. Michael
Sunday 4th May Easter 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 11th May Easter 4	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion Sunday School
Sunday 18th May Easter 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship Sunday School 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 25th May Easter 6 Rogation	3pm Rogation Service	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion Sunday School
Thursday 29th May Ascension Day			7:30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 1st June Easter 7	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Saturday 7th June			4pm Pentecost Praise

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St. Michael's. BRIGHT STARS on 08/05/03 and 22/05/03 at St. Michael's.

PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY

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| Pray daily for world peace and: | 19 for the safety of all road users | 30 for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth and the labours of men |
| 7 for the residents of Buckingham Close | 20 for those suffering from addiction and their families | 31 for prison Chaplains |
| 8 for love, on Julian of Norwich's day | 21 for the residents of California | JUNE 1 for the communication of the Gospel to all the world |
| 9 for the Forces Chaplains | 22 for victims of crime | 2 give thanks for the delights of summer |
| 10 for Suffolk Organists, meeting at Lavenham | 23 for the Chaplains to seafarers | 3 and the beauty of the countryside |
| 11 for the givers, the workers, and the recipients of Christian Aid | 24 for all craftsmen and craftswomen and their skills | 4 for the residents of Carol Avenue |
| 12 please put a little more in your Christian Aid envelope this year | 25 for Oxfam's continuing commitment to development wherever it is needed | 5 that all nations may accept God's gift of peace |
| 13 for those living far from home | 26 for all who use St Michael's Church Centre | 6 for our link Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania |
| 14 for the residents of Burgess Place | 27 for the farming community at show time | 7 for all getting married today |
| 15 for child minders | 28 for the residents of Carlford Close | |
| 16 for the Hospitals' Chaplains | 29 Ascension Day—pray for the United Nations | |
| 17 for all who are out of work | | |
| 18 for the worldwide support of the needy by Tearfund and its partners | | |