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Community Police Officer
PC Ian Rafferty

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Rafferty on the following numbers for non-urgent matters: Office—01473 383487
E-mail—ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Police Surgeries

This is your opportunity to have an informal chat with your local policeman at the following dates and times (all surgeries will be held in **Martlesham Heath Pavilion**):

Mondays 12:30-2:00 pm

18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 15th August, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 19th December

Thursdays 4:45-5:45 pm

7th April, 12th May, 9th June, 7th July, 11th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December

DELIVERER REQUIRED FOR FARRIERS CLOSE

We urgently require someone to deliver the Martlesham Monthly to Farriers Close.

All those connected with the production and distribution of this magazine would like to thank Mrs Pam Wilson who has made this delivery for over 20 years, but because of health problems must now give it up. We would like to convey to her our very best wishes.

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Please contact Roy Berridge on 01473 611624.

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Martlesham Monthly are pleased to tell you that we have hired a garage in the Village for Community storage. This is available to all groups and organisations for storage of small equipment. There will be no charge for this service.

Please contact Paul Firman 01473 622874.

"MUSIC ON THE GREEN"

Do you like the sound of the BEATLES ... or ABBA?

Do you enjoy a little JAZZ?

How about a bit of POP or BLUES ... or maybe PUNK is your scene?

What about a BRASS BAND ... or a stack of SAXOPHONES?

Visit a CAR BOOT SALE?

Would you enjoy lazing about on our village green on a hot summer day, watching your children being entertained, at an event where you will meet old and new friends ... a FREE event for your whole family?

If the answer is YES to any of the above, come to

**"MUSIC ON THE GREEN" Saturday
9th July 10:30am - 10:30pm.**

We have nearly completed this year's band line up, which includes UB 4T (who delivered a stunning evening set last year), Titian Red, Words & Music by Lennon & McCartney Live, Martlesham Brass, The Debs Warren Band, The Bluewave Band, Cool Remedy, Khaki Parker, Suspect Device, Stax-A-Sax, and The Toni Warnes Band (Toni was a former 'TV Teenage Singing Sensation' and now sings with her own Professional Jazz Band). As you can see this exciting line up offers a wide range of musical styles and talents to suit all tastes.

Don't forget to book your stand to raise funds for your organisation - phone Stuart on 01473 611388 or e-mail

stuart@countycontactcentres.com

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

If you want to be a sponsor of "Music on The Green" please contact Paul Firman.

The sponsors for 2005 who

we are indebted to at the moment include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, Chalk & Cheese, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, The Property Gallery, Universal Control System, RDP Partnership, Martlesham Body Repair 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. Visit our website for updates www.musiconthegreen.com

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Felixstowe Road improvements

Work should have started at the end of March to provide new footways, cycle lanes and junction improvements and continue for about six weeks. During this time Felixstowe Road will be closed to through traffic though vehicles will be able to gain access to properties and the Community Hall. Provision will be made for pedestrians and cyclists along Felixstowe Road at all times. The works and road closure will be appropriately signed, please take care. The parish council has been campaigning for a proper footway for many years and we are pleased that it is at last being provided. Money for these improvements will come from the County Council, Tesco and Sus-trans.

There are plans in the Parish Room and if you wish to look at them please contact the Clerk.

Litter Action - A Spring Clean for your Parish
10.00 am
Saturday 23rd April

Meet outside the Community Hall
All welcome to help
Equipment and bags will be provided

New Bus Shelter

The parish council is asking the county council for a bus shelter to be provided on Main Road near to Portal Avenue. For our application to succeed support from residents is needed and the residents of Portal

Avenue have already given us their support. We would like to have any further comments or letters of support, please contact the clerk.

Odours from Foxhall Tip

Many residents have complained for some time about the odours from Foxhall Tip. We have recently met representatives from Viridor, Environment Agency, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal and they have assured us that they are taking extra measures to prevent odours reaching Martlesham. If anybody wishes to complain about an odour nuisance then there are three numbers that you can complain to:-

-Viridor's site manager at Foxhall - 01473 624199 or 07808 394873

-Suffolk Coastal's Environmental Health section - 01394 444624 (their role is mainly prevention of nuisance and appropriate enforcement)

-The Environment Agency hotline - 0800 80 70 60 (their role is the enforcement of the site's licence conditions and the prevention of pollution)

Planning Applications

The Parish Council receives copies of all planning applications made within the parish and if anybody needs to see a current application, instead of going to the Suffolk Coastal offices in Woodbridge, they may see them at the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road provided they make arrangements with the Clerk to do so beforehand.

The Parish Council comments on all planning applications, usually at our Development Plans Committee and residents are welcome to attend, their views can be very useful.

Meetings

* Parish Council - Wednesday 6th April and 4th May

* Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 13th April

* Recreation and Amenities Committee - Wednesday 20th April

* **Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 27th 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: martleshampc@btclick.com

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Wednesday 27th April,
7:30 pm in the Parish Room,
Felixstowe Road**

This meeting will be:-

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

- Your chance to ask questions or make comments on any Parish Council or Martlesham issues and there will be time for discussion.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

For further information, please contact the clerk

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM'S SPRING SURPRISE

**Tuesday 19th April
8.00 pm**

The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath

Our guest will be George Dawson, Chair of the Anglia in Bloom judges who will talk

about Anglia in Bloom and answer any questions.

Plants for sale, quizzes, raffle and light refreshments.

Admission is free

Hanging Baskets in The Square, Martlesham Heath

We are arranging to have summer hanging baskets in The Square again this year. We have sent forms for sponsoring baskets and/ or containers to everyone who

sponsored last year and already we have sponsorship from Martlesham Consultants Ltd, RDP, the Doctors Surgery, Fraser-Hann, The Douglas Bader, Martlesham Heath Dental Surgery, Viridor, Dummett Copp, Jacobs Babbie, Martlesham Community Council, HPB Productions and Grainger Residential Lettings. More sponsors are always welcome and if any other firms or individual residents would like to sponsor a basket or container (Baskets £28 each and containers £23 each) please contact the secretary, name below.

Summer Garden Competitions

The Garden Competition forms are now available for 2005. We will send these forms to last years entrants but if you would like a form for yourself or a friend please ring the secretary and we will send you one. They will also be available at our Spring Surprise.

Recreation Ground and Kronji's Piece, The Street

We have recently planted a tree, a Field Maple, and some hedging on Kronji's Piece. We also planted another tree, a Wild Cherry, and some cowslips and primroses near to the river on the Recreation Ground.

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

REPORTING NTL CABLE TELEVISION FAULTS

Correction!!

NTL have altered their system for reporting faults to the standard cable TV system which is installed in most homes on the Heath.

The procedure now is as follows:

Have your Account Number ready!
Dial 0800 052 2000

You will be told to enter your telephone number. Do not do this but enter 01582123456.

When prompted, enter "3" for "faults" followed by "5" for "Analogue". Be very patient!!!

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The Annual quiz with Woodbridge Horticultural Society (WHS) saw Martlesham come away as the victors for the third consecutive year with 223 points to Woodbridge's 220. Well done to our team of Kelly Shannon, Marjorie Manning and Brian Davey and many thanks to all at WHS for providing a pleasant and happy evening that was enjoyed by all.

Coming up on **April 9th we have our Spring Show**. Everyone is welcome to come along and view the classes in the afternoon and see who has won a prize.

If you have not yet managed to pick up your schedule please call Bernard Ward (show Secretary) and arrange to collect a copy.

Check out the schedule and photos of last years spring show at www.martlesham.org.uk

All adult entries must be in by the Thursday beforehand, so prior thought is needed, but the children can take their entries along on the morning of the show.

Our programme for April sees our last evening meeting of the season on the 22nd with 'Painting for Pleasure' by Reg Hartles and then in early May we have the Spring Fayre held at the Heath pavilion on a Saturday morning.

The 'Thursford Christmas Show' bookings are coming in well, but there is still time to get your ticket.

Please note... A correction from the last month's Martlesham Monthly - our annual membership is £5 per family and not £4.

Happy Gardening...

Chairman - Stan Harris 01473 623427, Hon. Show Secretary - Bernard Ward 01473 626918, Membership Secretary - Doug Steggles 01472 610148, Hon. Secretary - Linda Mitchell 01394 388577

Martlesham Village Produce Association

SPRING SHOW

9th April
St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath
Admission 50p

Viewing 2 pm
All welcome
Refreshments available

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The 14th Annual General Meeting of the flower club was held on March 16th. The minutes of the 13th AGM were read by Mrs S Woods, minute secretary, after which the President Mrs Catherine Newton gave her address. Reports followed from the Chairman, Miss Ann Berg, the acting secretary, Mrs Margaret Forbes, and the accounts were presented by Mrs Ann Chisem, treasurer.

The annual cups were presented for the flower arranging competitions throughout the year. Mrs Jean Smith was the winner in the experienced class and Mrs Christine Gedny in the novice class.

Two new committee members were welcomed by Ann Berg - Mrs Anne Bennett and Mrs Barbara Bown. When business was finished we had an interesting talk, with slides, by Mrs Mary Edwards of Polstead on "Your Garden as a Source of Floral Decoration".

Mrs A Bridges from Norwich will be our demonstrator on April 20th, her subject "My Life with Flowers". The competition will be for an arrangement in a favourite container.

The May meeting will take the form of a "Workshop" with Mrs D Buckles from Ipswich, entitled "Blooming Baskets". Come along and enjoy creating an arrangement you can take home.

The club meets at St Michael's Church centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm.

Annual subscription is £10 with visitors welcome at £2 per session. There is a plant and flower arrang-

ers stall at each meeting.
Ruth Mellen 01473 624401

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

We were pleased to see our visitor of last month Mariette Battenham again and to learn she had joined our W.I. A number of birthday posies were given out. Dorothy Watson, though on this occasion unable to be with us, celebrated her 96th birthday last week. Gilian Maylin had made a beautiful flower arrangement in a basket for her; this will be taken to Dorothy by Kay.

Kay introduced our speaker, Andy Oxborrow, instigator of the Martlesham Responders. Andy, a family man with three little girls, including a set of twins, works for BT. He joined St John Ambulance fifteen years ago and moved to the Heath two years ago. BT already had an in-house responders team which led to Andy wanting to set up a scheme outside to cover The Heath, Martlesham and areas as far as Waldringfield. He took further training and asked for volunteers.

We were told it is hoped another scheme to cover Grange Farm will be starting when the volunteers are trained. Further fundraising will enable them to have their own equipment. It was so good to hear of Andy's team doing such valuable work. There were various questions then Kay gave the vote of thanks.

Tea, coffee and biscuits came next while the raffle was drawn and competition winners named.

Looks like another treat in store next month. Our Speaker is Mr Stein from The Chocolate Shop. Need I say more! See you in The Pavilion on Monday 11th April at 7:45 pm.

Jean Penny 01473 626627
Betty Dickinson 01473 624250

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At the February meeting Encaustic Wax Painting was demonstrated by Mrs Lacey. This was a new subject for Martlesham W.I. It was interesting to watch Mrs Lacey working to produce her pictures and two members, Ann Berg and Sheila

Woods, were invited to try their hand at this craft.

Thirteen members braved the wintery weather to attend the Federation meeting at Pakefield on 22nd February. They all agreed it was an extremely interesting and enjoyable meeting.

"Life in a Hostel" will be the subject at the meeting on April 15th when Mrs Morphew-Hull will be the speaker.

Sylvia Harris

COUNTRY MARKET

For a beautiful garden and well-stocked larder visit the Country Market at Martlesham and Kesgrave

A fine selection of herbaceous plants is now available for planting out and bedding plants will be on sale later in the month.

There is a wide selection of sweet and savoury baked goods on offer, many of which are suitable for picnics.

New season fruit, vegetables and honey will be freshly available during this month.

As usual there are jams, chutneys and pickles on the preserve stall and a varied selection of good craft items.

The market is open every Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon at the Kesgrave Scout H.Q. and at the Pavilion on Martlesham Heath every Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 am. Homemade refreshments are served at both venues.

Orders can be taken on the day or via the website - www.marketonthegreen.org

For any further information please contact marie@whinney89.freereserve.co.uk

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Looking After Our Village

Despite the typical February weather of the night, a large number of members turned out to support the 28th Annual General Meeting of Martlesham Consultants Limited, held at St Michael's Church Centre, on Thursday 10th February.

Following recent appeals, we

are happy to report that the meeting saw six new Directors being elected to the Board.

On a sadder note the meeting witnessed the retirement of three of MCL's longest serving Directors. MCL would like to thank Rita Starling, Gill Glen and Jeremy Walsh for their great contribution to the work of Martlesham Consultants Limited over the last few years.

The contacts are as usual:
Mail - 6 The Square, Martlesham Heath
Voicemail - (01473) 612207
E-mail - mcl.mh@btinternet.com
Web - <http://www.martlesham.org.uk/mcl/>

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENTS

VE CELEBRATIONS/DANCE

**TO
BIG BAND 40/50's MUSIC
BY NORMAN ROSE**

**ON
SATURDAY 7TH MAY AT
7:30—11 PM IN
Martlesham Community Hall,
Felixstowe Road, Martlesham
£8 per head (inc. tea/coffee and
fish and chip supper
Bring your own drink**

Grand Prize Draw

**Tickets available from 2nd Stop
Shop, Black Tiles Post Office
or
contact Jackie Bear 01473
623007**

MCC are organising the following fund raising events during the year so make a note in your diaries:

- * Garden Party 24th July
- * Police choir hopefully in September (details later)
- * Sponsored Walk in September (date to be decided)
- * Family Quiz Night 27th October in St Michaels Church Centre
- * Jumble Sale in November
- * 70's Disco Evening Saturday 19th November

If you have any jumble please let Jackie Bear know on 01473 623007 know and she will

arrange for someone to collect it.
MCC Notes

"WHOSE BAD BEHAVIOUR IS IT ANYWAY?"

Are you tired of dealing with "naughty" children? Does the kids constant moaning drive you mad? Feel that you could use some direction because you've lost your way with your children?

If so please come and join other parents and carers at an interactive workshop, presented by **Jo Gell**, looking at how we as adults interact with young children's negative behaviour.

Tuesday 12th April from 7:30 pm at St Michaels Church, Martlesham Heath. Tickets are £5 including a glass of wine and nibbles.

To order a ticket, please call Fiona Jackson on 01473 610411, Sandra Phillips on 01473 624551 or Zoë Booth on 01473 623141.

I would be grateful if people could let me know if they would like to purchase a ticket so that we can gauge the amount of people for the evening.

Fiona Jackson

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays.

In March we held the AGM where a new committee was elected, this included some existing committee members as well as some new volunteers. We would like to thank the retiring committee members for all their hard work and efforts over the past years. Without them the toddler group would have been unable to continue.

We had visits from Phoenix Trading and Usborne books. Thanks to all of you who helped with fundraising by buying things. The children had lots of fun with the Sponsored obstacle course. This was varied so the younger as well as the older children were able to participate.

Toy Hire - toys are available to hire from the toddler group if you are booking out the pavilion for children's birthday parties, at the cost of just £5 to members and

April Fowell 01473 624430

£10 to non-members!

Due to the Easter holidays there will only be an afternoon session on the 6th April. Normal sessions resume from Wednesday 13th April.

If you fancy joining us we're in the Martlesham Pavilion on a Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. We provide refreshments for adults and children. The first session is free, it is then £1.50 per session. We look forward to seeing you.....

If you require any further info please contact Joanne Warren on 01473 611958.

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Firstly, we would like to welcome the new children and their families who have joined us this term; we very much hope that they will enjoy their time at Playgroup.

The children had a busy time last half term looking for signs of Spring amongst the snow! After Easter, we continue with our topic Animals/New Life/Spring when the children will be learning about the lifecycles of various animals, together with finding out about the behaviour and habitats of a range of wild and domesticated animals.

A HUGE thank you to all of our children and their sponsors for raising a magnificent sum of money in our recent sponsored event to cover the costs of turfing our garden. We have exceeded the amount we required and are very grateful for the support we received. We would also like to say a BIG thank you to Phil Groom and B & Q Plc. for their generosity in providing us with a shed in which to store our outside toys - this really is very much appreciated.

We would like to welcome Lou to our Playgroup and we are most grateful for the work she does to keep our building nice and clean.

If you wish to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further details about our Playgroup, please contact me on 01473 635944.

Elizabeth Leonard, Chairperson

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

Our theme for this term is 'People Who Help Us'. Roleplay will include Doctor's Surgery, Fire Engine, Police Station and Lifeboat. Activities will include making a get well card, fire engine collage, friendship bracelet, photoframe and junk model boats. The children will also be getting a visit from a policeman and fireman.

The pre-school would like to say a very big thank you to Sue Foulger and Andy, the Baker, for welcoming us at 'Duncans' on the Square, where the children were shown how gingerbreadmen are made. Each child was able to ice a biscuit and take it back to pre-school for snack time.

On Friday 11th March the children came to pre-school dressed in red clothes with red hair and noses in aid of Comic Relief. We raised £21.

The pre-school is holding a Ladies Evening on Thursday 28th April in St Michael's Church. Please see the separate advert for further details.

Summer term runs from Tuesday 12th April – Friday 15th July, with half term Monday 30th May – Friday 2nd June.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information please contact the pre-school on the following mobile number - 07712 506123. This number will be answered during session times (9:15 am – 3:15 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 1:15 – 3:45 Wednesday and 12:45 – 3:15 Thursday) and is available during school holidays.

Rachael Vest

NEWS FROM BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I near completion of my first term at Birchwood, I feel well and truly settled in. It is great to feel so positive about your job! We have had a very short and compact term. Our half termly Celebration Assemblies are proving very popular with parents who come into share children's achievements with us. Year Four enjoyed a very active World War II week, despite the weather

they still managed their Home Guard activity day on the Green. Our Book week was full of exciting events. Children and parents put a great deal of effort into our "Come as a Character" Day; I am not sure who enjoyed the dressing up the most - the children or the staff! Top That, a publishing company from Woodbridge, provided a very lively and informative presentation for the children. What with all of these events, Comic Relief and an abundance of snow, this term has been extremely busy. I am looking forward to the summer term with great enthusiasm as I know it will be just as busy and rewarding.

If you are already thinking about a school place for your children for September 2006 please do come and visit us. I would be happy to show you around personally and ask any questions you may have. Please phone to make an appointment 01473 610701.

I hope you all have a relaxing Easter.

Jacqui Lomas, Headteacher
Birchwood Primary School

GORSELAND SCHOOL

Like many organisations, nationally and locally, we responded to the terrible events that took place during the Christmas period in South East Asia. Parents and children were invited to donate 50p coins which we used to cover the words "With Love" on our playground. This raised the tremendous sum of £635 and included money which some of the Year 6 girls raised by holding a cake sale.

Whilst this was an extremely worthy cause it is not the only charitable event we have held in school this academic year. We have raised money by holding events for Jeans 4 Genes day (£302), Children in Need (£410) and most recently Comic Relief - all that red hair and dressing up raised a fantastic £1000. Collections made at our Christmas performances raised £403 for St Elizabeth Hospice. In addition to monetary help we have also been involved with Operation Christmas Child when 180 shoe boxes full of gifts were collected. Our annual Harvest Festival re-

LORIAL AVENTURE CLUB

sulted in donations of tins, dried food and toiletries for the homeless people's project in Ipswich. Lastly, at the request of pupils, 35 bags of clothes were collected for the recent Blue Peter appeal.

We are very proud of the way in which our families respond to our fundraising efforts and would like to thank them for their continued generosity.

Gorseland Governors

LAZY DAISY LADIES EVENING

**Thursday 28th April
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
St Michael's Church,
Martlesham Heath**

All Fired Up
Jewellery
Glass Decoration (vases, etc.)
Handmade Cards
Body Shop
Lazy Daisy Pampering
Reflexology
Raffle
Refreshments

Tickets cost £1,
which includes a free glass of wine,
and are available from
St Michael's Pre-School
or call **Kerry** on **01473 612806**

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be on Tuesday 12th April at St Michael's Church Centre from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. This will be our 5th Birthday party and to help us celebrate we will be having a 'Mummy and Me' session with Julia Drewell. Lunch will be served around 1:00 pm and all mums, babies and toddlers will be welcome to join in the fun.

For more details please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

As predicted, we were all fascinated by Sylvia Craig's reminiscences of her visit to Kenya. She travelled there with Joyce Starling,

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BARN DANCE

who at that time was our Diocesan President. Their luggage included a large sack of knitted teddies (some of them knitted by our own members) and an electronic keyboard.

Kenya is home to both Kikuyu and the taller and more friendly Masai. Joyce and Sylvia stayed with five Bishops, four of whom were black and the other an Australian. On one day they visited seven different parishes, with a meal at each, the first consisting of five courses and only one consisting of just tea and biscuits. Joyce caused problems because she prefers her tea without milk.

Nowadays men are welcomed as Members of MU. We have three in Martlesham but when the Masai men realised that their wives were onto a good thing and asked if they could join too, they met with complete resistance and the Kenyan MU remains firmly female!

There is no Health Service or clinics in Kenya, so immunisation, health education and first aid are provided by the Churches. Any money sent to Kenya by MU is given to the Bishops to distribute.

The speaker at our meeting at 2:30 pm on Wednesday April 6th will be Pauline Browbrick, telling us about her work at the Carlford Unit at Hollesley Bay Prison.

Please remember Betty Dickinson, Olive Smith, Lillian, Nesta, Doreen and Peg in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month - Don't knock the April showers, they bring the May flowers!

GOD BLESS, Sheila Smith

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

At our meeting on February 17th the subject for the evening was Tai Chi presented by Neil Hammond. He said that Tai Chi was developed in China for health and relaxation, not as a martial art. This art is now used worldwide and suits any age, helping to relax the mind and body. Neil had us all standing and trying a couple of exercises, which were quite good fun. With his three helpers he gave a 20 minute demonstration of Tai Chi which was very

at St. Michael's Church Centre

impressive. Vera Pawsey gave a vote of thanks with appreciative applause from members.

Despite atrocious weather there was quite a good attendance at our meeting on March 3rd, when Chris Parfitt presented a slide show and talk entitled 'The River Alde'. We were taken on a journey from the rivers' source, with slides showing bridges and places of interest along the way, with historical facts explained. Sheila Swanwick gave a vote of thanks for a very interesting talk.

At both meetings the usual refreshments were enjoyed with plenty of chatter followed by the raffle with prizes to suit all tastes.

April meetings will be held on the 14th and 28th. All ladies are cordially invited to join us.

Rita Smith

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:

Monday 18th April 8:15 pm

"Urban Sculpture"

Talk by Diana Lewis (Ipswich Blue Badge Guide)

Venue: Ann's - 24 Avocet Lane.

For further details contact Jenny 01473 626253.

TIME TABLE FOR THE IPSWICH MOBILE LIBRARY

Ipswich Mobile Library 2 Route 15 Alternate Tuesdays

Martlesham Heath: Douglas Bader 2:45 - 4:25

Calling on Tuesday 2005: April 12, 26; May 10, 24; June 7, 21; July 5, 19; August 2, 16, 30; September 13, 27; October 11, 25; November 8, 22; December 6, 20.

Ipswich Mobile Library 2 Route 16 Alternate Wednesdays

Martlesham: Black Tiles 1:40 - 1:50

Martlesham: Redwold Close 1:55 - 2:05

Martlesham: Falcon Caravan 2:15 - 2:35

Calling on Wednesday 2005: April 13, 27; May 11, 25; June 8, 22; July 6, 20; August 3, 17, 31; September 14, 28; October 12, 26; November 9, 23; December 7, 21.

Ipswich Mobile Library 2 Route 17 Alternate Thursdays

on Saturday September 20th

Martlesham Heath: Douglas Bader 10:50 - 11:45

Calling on Thursday 2005: April 14, 28; May 12, 26; June 9, 23; July 7, 21; August 4, 18; September 1, 15, 29; October 13, 27; November 10, 24; December 8, 22.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

April is the occasion of our AGM and will take place as usual at the Community Hall at 7:30 pm on Friday 1st April. This will be followed by our annual photographic competition. The subject this year is "WW2 Bombers". Prints should be no more than 7" X 5", mounted or un-mounted and no digital manipulation is allowed. All are welcome to attend and perhaps a non-member would like to enter the photographic competition? Non-members are charged £2 at the door.

Please come and give us a visit at the Control Tower Museum on Sunday 8th May. This is the 60th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe and an occasion to celebrate! We are in touch with the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight HQ and are hoping to see at least a couple of fly-pasts by either a Hurricane or a Spitfire. They will be extremely busy on that day and their appearance will depend on what other flying they will have arranged in this area. The Suffolk Aircrew Association are hoping that at least one or two veteran fliers from WW2 will be present. The Museum will be open from 11 am to 4 pm and the air raid shelter is now fully restored and is complete with a unique sound recording of an air raid. We have arranged for a barbeque and other refreshments to be on site.

Details of our Society are always to be found on our comprehensive website, www.mhas.org.uk. Even the song of the Nightingale has been recorded in the village and can be heard on the website!

Alan Powell 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our meeting on February 21st was held in The Pavilion when 13 members and visitors braved the snowy weather and heard a talk by "Pip" Wright entitled "Fervour, Frollics and Fornication in Suffolk Parishes". This consisted of a series of events culled from old Parish Records. The speaker introduced us to the process of researching Parish Registers, the originals of which are held in the County Records Offices. Sadly (or perhaps not?), none of the instances recounted had occurred in the Parish of Martlesham!!

Our next meeting will take place on Monday April 18th in The Pavilion. The speakers will be Mr Roger Salter from Ipswich and Mr John Coles of Kirton who will give an illustrated talk on "The Newbourne Land Settlement Scheme". The meeting will commence at 8 pm, admission is £1 and all are invited.

Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service is planning a project for groups of schoolchildren during the summer months which will involve discovering some of the history of the late 19th and early 20th centuries from what the people of the time threw away!! SCC are trying to locate the sites of old "rubbish dumps". If you know of such a location and feel that the landowner might be sympathetic to a supervised excavation on the site, please let me know—or better still, contact Duncan Allan at SCC Archaeological Service, tel. 01473 581743.

John Tyler, Hon. Sec., tel. 01473 612736

CHORAL MUSIC LOVERS

Your readers may like to know about the next Ipswich Bach Choir concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday 23rd April. The choir will be singing the popular "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Fauré and Rossini's "Petite Messe Solennelle". This is a work for chorus and solo voices with piano and harmonium accompaniment and was first performed in public in 1869. The venue for this concert will be St Mary-le-Tower Church in Ipswich. Patrick McCarthy will be conducting the Bach Choir.

If you wish to find out more about the choir why not visit their website on www.ipswichbachchoir.demon.co.uk or telephone 01473 251618 or 01473 623126.

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Martlesham Brass Band would like to invite you to their first major function of 2005, their Main Band Concert, held on 16th April at 7:30 pm in the Martlesham Community Centre.

The concert will exhibit the talents of the Main Band in an extremely varied and entertaining programme, ranging from the traditional to the modern. There really should be something for everybody. The Main Band do not get the opportunity to hold their own concerts very often, so intend to pull out all the stops for this event, which will include the premiere of the Main Bands Test piece for the East Anglian Brass Band Association Spring Festival in May.

Tickets cost just £5 each, and include drinks and canapés.

Martlesham Brass are a 115 strong Music Group who have been playing music all around Suffolk since 1996, encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds to become involved in Brass Band Music. This Main Band Concert will be a real testament to how much has been achieved in this time.

Martlesham Brass look forward to seeing you at their Main Band Concert for an evening of excellent music!!

Tickets are available from Matthew Ellis, tel: (01728) 830009, mobile: 07813 760499, e-mail: matthew.ellis@archant.co.uk

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

After much soul searching, we have decided to stop collecting cans for recycling. This is not because the Scouts are against recycling – quite the reverse! However, our desire to help the environment is, in this case, outweighed by health and safety issues (we do not wish to attract vermin, and are also concerned that youngsters – and adults – may receive injuries when sorting cans).

We hope that withdrawal of our facility will not inconvenience our past 'customers'.

Don't forget that there are several professional recycling facilities in the area – some very close to the Scout HQ, as well as those at Tesco and the Foxhall landfill site.

We haven't much space for other news this month – so it's just the Cubs that get a mention. As ever, they've been busy with a varied and innovative agenda – including constructing buildings from drinking straws (not overly successful, but even the mightiest skyscraper has modest beginnings!), an astronomy evening, origami, and stir-fry cookery.

You can find more information on the Martlesham Community website under 'Youth Groups' at <http://www.martlesham.org.uk/>.

EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE

Friday 13th May

with well-known international
Medium

FIONA NICHOLS

Martlesham Community Centre

7:30 pm start

Raffle/Refreshments

Tickets £5 in advance

(£6 on door - if availability)

Contact Lisa 01473 631087

Tania 01394 384098

Sue 01394 386940 (even.)

All Proceeds to Martlesham

Beacon Hill Pool.

**In association with Deben
Swimming Club - Pre-School and
Disability Groups**

PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP

The AGM took place at the end of February and despite the snow, 13 brave souls attended. Thank you. Amongst other things the annual work programme was discussed and the only change from the previous year is, if we obtain planning permission, the construction of a

wildlife pond to improve habitat diversity in the woodland (watch this space). Unfortunately one of our young Committee members who has been with us since the Group started and been a great asset, Luke Horsfield, has decided to take a break from the Committee, although he will still turn out on workdays. Our thanks to Luke and also thanks to Stephen Corley who has volunteered to take Luke's place.

The woodland paths have taken quite a battering from our weather recently and on our March workday we will be improving surfaces using sand from the revetment and chippings from our last session with the shredder, before it hibernates while the wildlife reproduces. With the promised milder weather we also hope to plant oaks, sweet chestnuts and firs to replace vandalised trees planted by Gorseland pupils.

On our next month's workday we will hopefully be working on the pond and it is Sunday 17th April, meeting at 10 o'clock at the Force HQ Sports field gate and all are welcome.

Contacts: Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 622859, Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

It's April and spring is truly here. Birds are in full voice. The migrant Chiffchaff, Willow warbler, Blackcap, Whitethroat and Nightingale join the residents to serenade us with their courtship song. The former has been singing from high bare branches since mid-March but the others are only just arriving. Listen out for the powerful, rich tones of the Nightingale bursting out from the more shady, dense patches. Although seldom seen, the voice of this songster can also be heard at night when the strong far-carrying song is unmistakable.

Several species of butterfly are on the wing this month. In addition to those mentioned in the last Martlesham Monthly, look out for the ubiquitous Small White and Large White. Also, Green-veined

White, the dapple-shade loving Speckled Wood and the earliest of our blue butterflies, the Holly Blue.

Thanks to all who have worked on clearing the heath over this last winter. Hopefully the area we have cleared will re-establish as one of our best areas of heather.

Our next work party will be on Sunday 10th April. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am as usual.

Steve Goddard and Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 14th April at 7:30 pm we will have an illustrated talk on "The Woodland Trust" by Jennifer Tyson in Wickham Market village hall. NOTE the change of location from usual.

Please come along and join us for this terrific talk, entrance is only £1.50 - non-members very welcome.

If you feel able to help at any of our events please get in touch with me. We are planning several for the late spring and summer.

Our Plant Sale will be on Sunday 22nd May from 11 am - 3:30 pm at Foxburrow Farm.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MONTHLY ADVICE SESSIONS IN MARTLESHAM START ON 5TH MAY 9:30 – 12:30

The Felixstowe & District Citizens Advice Bureau will hold an advice session in the Martlesham Parish Room on the first Thursday in every month starting on 5th May.

Advice can be given on debt, family and personal issues, benefits, tax, education, consumer issues, employment, health, housing, immigration, legal matters, etc.

Our adviser can assist with the completion of benefit forms and other complex paperwork. No appointment is necessary and if the sessions prove popular, additional monthly sessions will be considered.

Further information from Barbara Rose, Bureau Manager 01394 275958.

HOPE HOUSE, KESGRAVE SWING DANCE 7TH MAY

Hope House is a purpose built home in Kesgrave designed around the complex care needs of four profoundly disabled young people. It is a home-from-home for the lifetime of these youngsters, with sensitive and professional care provided 24 hours a day. Friends of Hope House is a registered charity which is committed to raising funds for Hope House to provide holidays, specialist equipment and other items for the residents. Over the last 2 years we have raised over £40,000 towards a specially designed minibus so that the residents can access the wider community more easily. The minibus is currently being adapted and should be delivered in the spring. Our next fund-raising projects include a bicycle with wheelchair attached and a garden swing which can take a wheelchair. On Saturday 7th May (8-11 pm) we are holding a 1940's Swing dance at Kesgrave Community Centre to raise money for these projects. Music will be provided by 'Colonel' Bob Honor - there will be a bar, buffet and Grand Draw. Please come along and enjoy the 1940's atmosphere. 1940's dress is optional (no stilettos please!). Tickets for the dance are £7.50 each and available from Janine Davey, 19 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath, tel. 01473 611683 along with draw tickets.

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

It is not long now before bowlers will be united with the green. Let's hope for good playing weather.

For the benefit of non-members who think they might like to become members, the following has been extracted from the club's Spring Newsletter:

"The informal social bowling will take place on Thursdays this year, NOT Wednesdays as previously. There will also be social bowling on Saturdays. Both start at 2:00 pm."

On Saturday 16th April, 2:30 to 4:00 pm, it will be the usual 'Get Together' for members old and new

The following Saturday the green will be open for the Spoon Drive, and weather permitting the annual group photograph.

Brian has been working to produce a website for the club within Martlesham web - www.martlesham.org.uk. Scroll down and go to Sports Clubs and then to Martlesham Bowls.

The next Committee meeting is on Monday 4th April at the Pavilion at 7 pm.

Any questions can be answered by Lynda the club secretary, 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Following our away match defeats in February and March against Belstead and Bramford, it was very satisfying to have home wins against Claydon and Stutton.

Our last match of the season against Tithe Barn will be at home on 29th March. Then we will be waiting to learn if we stay up in the 1st Division - or not, as the case may be!

Congratulations to Vic Harrop, Arthur Hayward, Gordon Levett and Keith Thornley on winning the Club Fours Competition on Sunday 6th March.

On Sunday 13th March 65 teams entered the Suffolk Fours Championship competition. Two teams from our club entered, one of which progressed to the next round before being knocked out. The finals will take place on 3rd April.

Both Colin Jones and Oscar Banthorpe are due to go into hospital shortly and we send them our best wishes.

Our very grateful thanks to Paul Firman who, on behalf of 'The Martlesham Monthly', generously donated money towards our club's much needed equipment, i.e. a carpet roller, which will make a great difference for our willing members.

Next committee meeting is on Monday 18th April at 7:30 pm.

Chris Chamberlain

VILLAGE VIEWS

The chance for you to write in and have your say...

THANK YOU, MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

On behalf of our committee and members I should like to thank Martlesham Monthly for your generous donation to our club.

This will help considerably with the purchase of a much needed carpet rolling machine which will mean that the task of moving, laying and taking up of the carpets will be made a lot easier.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr D G Chamberlain
Chairman,
Martlesham Carpet Bowls Club

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

Our next event will be on Thursday April 28th at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion from 2 pm to 4 pm.

OSTEOPOROSIS AND DIET

Mary MacDermott, the Group's Nutritional Adviser, will be updating us with the latest information with particular reference to eating disorders and other medical conditions such as Diabetes and Coeliac Disease and, of course, Osteoporosis.

If you suffer from any long term medical condition there may well be something here of interest so do come and join us.

AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK

Can you benefit from your age?

Steep increases in water rates, council tax bills and energy prices in recent years have proved a major strain for senior citizens across Suffolk. A meagre basic state pension and the escalating cost of living have left many local residents struggling to make ends meet.

"It's shameful that so many senior citizens are struggling to manage on a low income when the government is sitting on a mountain of unclaimed benefits cash" said Jayne Day, Advice Manager with Age Concern Suffolk. "But help is at hand and our Advice Service is

keen to help senior citizens in Suffolk claim all the benefits to which they are entitled."

"During our annual *Your Rights Week* in April we will be holding benefits surgeries around the county to offer free, impartial advice. We invite anyone over 60 to come along and allow us to carry out a simple, confidential benefit check for them" continued Mrs Day, "this may reveal additional benefits which can be claimed, and we can then offer help with completing the application forms too."

An Advice surgery is being held in Age Concern's office at 8 Northgate Street, Ipswich on Wednesday 13th April, from 10 am to 1 pm. Age Concern's advice is free and confidential and no appointment is required at the surgery, you can just turn up and meet friendly Age Concern advisers.

As part of the week, the 33rd edition of the practical and informative handbook "*Your Rights 2005-06: a guide to money benefits for older people*" will be published. Priced at £5.99 the book is available, from the beginning of April, from Age Concern Suffolk's offices. A FREE 12 page booklet outlining how to claim key money benefits is also available from Age Concern Suffolk's offices.

For more information about Age Concern Suffolk's Advice Service please telephone 01449 674222.

AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK... LAUNCHES A NEW INDEPENDENCE ADVISORS SERVICE

Age Concern Suffolk's latest project to help older people living at home provides trained, friendly Independence Advisors across Suffolk who will visit anyone over the age of 65 in their home.

Are you concerned about your ability to remain independent at home?

Would you like an Independence Advisor to have a chat with you at home and give you advice and information about the range of help that may be available in your area?

If we can help you or any

older person that you know, please call or write to:

Marsha Janssens (Service Manager)
Tel: (01473) 288048
Age Concern Suffolk, 8 Northgate Street, Ipswich, IP1 3BZ
E - mail : m_a_r_s_h_a_.janssens@ageconcernsuffolk.org.uk

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

At the March monthly meeting of the club members enjoyed an excellent talk and slide show given by Mr Colin French, Director of the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. Members were highly appreciative of the work that SARS do within our community.

The club meets at the Martlesham Leisure Centre on the first Monday of each month, and is open to retired or semi-retired men. New members are most welcome. Please contact Jeff Franklin on 01473 620377 for more information.

FELIXSTOWE SPEAKERS CLUB

If you would like to make a start at being more confident at any level of speaking, be it a wedding speech, chairing a meeting or an interview situation then please come along or phone Mike on 01473 623918 or Elaine on 01473 729867 or go to <http://www.felixstowespeakers.org.uk/>

HOLY FAMILY & ST MICHAEL

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave.

In the Easter season the national cycle of prayer continues and we are asked especially to pray for new members of the church, vocations, right use of the media, the church and human work. Sunday April 7th is world day of prayer for vocations

"Sunday" Masses are at the usual times of Saturday evening at 6 pm and 9:15 am on Sunday morning. Weekday masses are normally celebrated at 10 am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities, ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

Saturday 12th March saw our production of "The Committee Meetings of 1935-1945" survive its opening (and closing) night and all present seemed to enjoy the evening. The sketch was preceded by Peg Hunter officially opening our extension with toilet facilities for the disabled. We are grateful to her for performing this duty for us. Thank you to all who supported us on the evening.

The plaque to commemorate Jock and Nancy Causton as benefactors of the Parish has now arrived and will soon be put into place and plans are being laid for a Service of Dedication on Rogation Sunday, May 1st in the afternoon to be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

We hope to be organising a Parish walk in the summer so please look out for further details on this. The Flower Festival is to take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Meanwhile we are getting on with the necessary consents in connection with a path and toilet building in the Churchyard.

Evensong Services have now moved to 6:30 pm for the summer months.

Further ahead we are in the early stages of plans for the 70th Anniversary of the opening of the Church Hall.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"GOD IN A BOX!"

In his book "Your God Is Too Small", J B Phillips describes some of our inadequate ideas about God. One illustration he uses is "God in a Box", i.e. we can think of God as the "Party Leader" of a our special denomination. With an election around the corner, political party leaders will play a big part, with their followers lining up behind them in support. (our man is the one!).

Christians need to avoid the attitude - "Actually God belongs to us you know! He's our kind of God, to be worshipped in our way!"

Solomon recognised, even when he had built probably the

most beautiful temple ever seen, that God is greater than all our thoughts.

"But will God dwell on the earth? The highest heaven cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built?" (1 Kings)

Nansen the Explorer was trying to find the depth in a particular part of the ocean. It was too deep for his line. He kept recording the depth as "Deeper than that!". Eventually he ran out of line and the record remained as "Deeper than that!"

So it is with God. When we have exhausted our imagination and wonder, the record remains the same "He's bigger than that! He's bigger than that!"

SERVICES IN APRIL

SUNDAYS

Family Service and Sunspot - 10:30 am

MONDAYS

Art Group (fortnightly)

Contact Ian Pearson on 274604 for details

TUESDAY CIRCLE APRIL 12TH

(Street Children of Bolivia)

WEDNESDAYS

Fun-Fit - 9:30 am

Ladies Bible Study - 11 am

House Groups - 7:45 pm

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10 am

Youth Club - 7 pm

See website for further details - www.m.c.f.org

BRIGHT STARS

We only have one service in April, which will be on Monday 25th at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and their carers to our services which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. There is a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat after the service, which lasts about half an hour.

For more details please call Pauline (01473 625061) or Liz (01473 625617).

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Easter is here with chocolate eggs and bunnies, fresh flowers and the hope of spring. But what is Easter?

Easter is at the end of the Lenten season, which covers a forty-six-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter. Holy Week, the last week of Lent, begins with the observance of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday takes its name from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the crowds laid palms at his feet.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which was held the evening before the Crucifixion. Friday in Holy Week is the anniversary of the crucifixion, the day that Christ was crucified and died on the cross. Holy week and the Lenten season end with Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What do Christians believe this means?

C S Lewis says this; '*The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead at Easter, was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits', the pioneer of life'. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first person. He has met, fought and beaten the King of death. Everything is different because he has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened.*'

We celebrate Christ risen from the dead, our Christian hope is that we are linked to him with his unbreakable bonds of love.

Revd Ian Naylor

**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?**

THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

**BUILDING
GOD'S
FAMILY
TOGETHER**

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd. Ian Naylor, 17 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SA,
Tel: 01473 622424 and e-mail address: inaylor17@aol.com

CLERGY: The Revd. Elizabeth Corker, 12 Fairfield Avenue, Felixstowe, Tel: 01394 210793
The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770

READERS: Carolyn Smith, 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625630
Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320

ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,
Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 3rd April Easter 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 10th April Easter 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 17th April Easter 4	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship and Sunday School 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 24th April Easter 5	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 1st May Easter 6	8am Holy Communion 3pm Special Service of Dedication	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship & Baptism 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 25th April at St Michaels at 10:30am. A warm welcome awaits you all at the services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL

Please pray daily for world peace, the church, our benefice and:

7 that we may worship in spirit and truth

8 give thanks for the discipleship of Mary

9 for teachers and children in our local schools

10 for the people of South America

11 for a halt to the destruction of the rainforest

12 for the restitution of peace and good in South Africa

13 for the residents of Carlford Close

14 for all new Christians

15 for all under threat of losing their jobs

16 give thanks for all who care for us

17 for mental, social and spiritual relief for all HIV/AIDS victims

18 for our parish councillors

19 for the Mothers' Union

20 for the residents of Carol Avenue

21 for the Queen on her birthday

22 for our scouts and guides leaders

23 on St George's day for all who bear his name

24 for all unjustly held in prisons

25 give thanks for St Marks' gospel

26 for those who are lonely

27 for the residents of Chandos Court

28 for those whose faith is challenged

29 for those making difficult decisions

30 give thanks for the wonders of creation

MAY 1 for the work of Friends of the Earth

2 for all who work at the police HQ

3 for those who cannot forgive

4 for the residents of Chandos Drive

5 give thanks that Jesus is always with us

6 for all who travel today

7 for the churchwardens and their work