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PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters: Office—01473 334980 E-mail—richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 7 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills.

We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk), or see our web pages on www.martlesham.org.uk.

NTL PHONE NUMBER

We are still trying to establish a telephone number that we can call for all enquiries about the NTL Cable service here at Martlesham Heath.

For the time being can you call Paul Keane on 01206 507473. Paul is a manager with NTL and is trying his best to help us. He is based at Colchester is as frustrated as we are. So please call him for all your problems and hopefully he

will sort them out.

Martlesham Monthly

CONGRATULATIONS

To Paul Firman on his appointment as MBE in the New Year's Honours. This is a most fitting acknowledgement of all he has done – and continues to do – for Martlesham Heath, and not least for *Martlesham Monthly*. We are all delighted with this award.

PAUL FIRMAN

I would like to thank all of you for the cards, e-mails and phone calls I have received over the last few weeks since the announcement of being awarded the MBE in the "Queen's New Year's Honours List".

I was delighted and honoured to accept the award "for services to the community in Martlesham Heath". This award came as a complete surprise and would not have been possible without the help and support of many other people on the many committees and organisations that I am proud to be involved with.

I would also like to thank those of you who were involved in my nomination, I am very grateful to you all.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Distribution of Parish Plan

The Parish Council wishes to express its sincere thanks to all the volunteers who distributed the booklet throughout the parish. If you would like a copy and did not receive one, please contact the Clerk as below.

The Parish Plan Working Group would welcome any feedback on the Plan and you can pass this on through the Clerk.

Saturday 24th February - 'Mega-Bash' Conservation Event on The Western Corridor, Martlesham Heath

The Council will be supporting this event, which will take place between 10am – 4pm. Tools, equipment, training, drinks and biscuits will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch if you plan to stay all day. Work will include the clearing of gorse and scrub with a

by the Greenways Project. If you wish to join in, look out for the smoke or telephone James Baker on 01473 433995 for further details. Come and support this community event!

The Parish Council usually holds its own work days on the last Saturday of each month. Volunteers welcomed! If you would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk.

Forthcoming Meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesdays 7th February and 7th March

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 14th February

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 21st February

All meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax: 01473 612632
e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

To contact Martlesham Community Hall or Richards Room for details of booking them, or any other reason, please use any of the following methods:

- phone and leave a message on the answer phone. The number is 01473 623203.

- e-mail martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com

- send post to Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

(Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Forthcoming events

We are holding two events jointly with Martlesham Community Council:-

Jumble, Plant & Book Sale

**10 am to 12 noon
Saturday 17th February
in The Pavilion,
Martlesham Heath**

If you have any jumble/bric-a-brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007

Family Barn Dance with Melton Folk

**7 pm ~ 10:30 pm
Saturday 3rd March
in St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath**

**Tickets £8 adults & £6 children 16
or under
including buffet**

Tickets from Burrows (01473 625196)
or Jackie Bear (01473 623007)

SPRING COMPETITION

For the 'Most Attractive Garden Spring Display'. Send a photograph of your spring garden. It can be of the whole or part of your garden, either the front or the back. Certificates will be awarded by Martlesham in Bloom and the competition will be displayed and judged at the Martlesham in Bloom Launch on May 8th.

If you would like to enter (closing date is Sunday 29th April), please contact the secretary.

From 1st January 2007 Martlesham in Bloom has become independent and we are no longer a committee of Martlesham Parish Council; we are grateful for their support over the years and look forward to working with them and other Martlesham organisations in the future.

RECYCLING

Would you please let us know if you collect materials or items (such as stamps, printer cartridges, silver paper or any other items or materials) to help raise funds for charity. We hope to produce a directory of

all these, not only to help these collectors but also to highlight the recycling benefit.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

IMAGINATIVE TRAVELLER HOLIDAYS

“Do you want to win a Holiday Tour for Two?”

If so why not come to our Imaginative Traveller Evening and learn about the various Holidays Tours on offer. The tours cover Morocco-Egypt-Middle East-China-SE Asia-Africa-Central and South America and selected, less usual European destinations.

The venue is St Michael's Church Centre on Thursday 22nd February, 7:15 pm for 7:30 pm start. Admission is free, with refreshments available plus a raffle.

Jackie Bear, Secretary MCC

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Having enjoyed our usual Christmas and New Year break we are all looking forward to seeing more of the flower demonstrations our Programme Secretary Ann Fraser has lined up for us. Our next meeting is on 21st February with Mrs Penny Stone from Colchester who will demonstrate 'February Fun'. The competition will be 'Springtime'.

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting. Do come along and join us. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Our first meeting of 2007 was held on January 8th when Bernadette Smith, our new President, took the chair and welcomed three visitors for the evening.

Members were informed about the Suffolk East Federation AGM which this year is being held at a new venue, namely Trinity Park at the Suffolk Showground. The main speaker of the day will be Ann Widdecombe MP, quite a formidable lady so members should be well entertained! We were also informed that places are still available for the visit to Denman College in September when members can partake of a variety of courses over a weekend period. Members were informed that the controversial 'WI Life' magazine will be posted through our doors within the next month.

Our speakers for the evening were then welcomed. Christine Thomas and Christine Bond had us all designing and making our own greetings cards. After much folding, cutting and gluing each member managed a very presentable card which was then judged by members, with Mariette Batterham's card gaining the most votes.

After tea, coffee and biscuits and a raffle organised by Sue Fountain, members were reminded of our February meeting when the speaker will be Linda Sexton talking about the 'Ipswich to Yarmouth Turnpike'.

We meet on the second Monday of the month in the Pavilion at 7:45 pm. Any ladies wishing to join us will be made most welcome.

Mary Bloomfield - 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Come and join our small friendly group at our next meeting in the Richards Room, Martlesham at 7:30 pm on 16th February when John Berg will be talking about 'Life in Japan'. Our future plans are to set up a Craft Group and possibly a Play Reading Group too. More details after our next

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We started the New Year well with an excellent talk on 4th January by Mike Stagg entitled 'Trees, Woods & Forests.'

The meetings for February and March are as follows:

*1st February - 'Marines in Tights!' speaker: Mervyn Lemon

*15th February - Quiz or games evening followed by a bring & buy

*1st March - 'Sutton Hoo', speaker: Tony Culham

*15th March - 'Another Way of Getting There', speaker: Janet Lock

*29th March - Quiz or games evening

Our Meetings are held fortnightly at 7:30 pm at the Richard Rooms, Community Hall, Martlesham. New Members are most welcome.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

If you are a regular reader of our column you will know that a great deal of work is undertaken in other countries.

On Wednesday 7th February we are having a lunch in St Michael's Church Centre starting at 12:30 pm to raise money for our work overseas. All are welcome, no need to book a table, just turn up and enjoy some lunch and fellowship with others - much better than sitting at home on your own on a dull day.

Also we are starting a parenting course. These are very much in the news and I have to say the Mothers' Union is way ahead of the government - we have been running them for some time in a very informal and friendly way. For more details phone Monica on 01473 623194.

Our meetings are always at 2:30 pm at St Michael's on the first Wednesday of the month - do come and find out more about what we do - you may be surprised. Phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793 for more details.

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MOTHERS' UNION OVERSEAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 12:30PM at ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE ALL WELCOME

**SOUP £1.50
SANDWICHES £1.50
DESSERT £1.50
PLUS TEA OR COFFEE
GRAND RAFFLE**

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 6th February from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. After lunch, Anita Gillespie, therapist, will make a return visit to us, this time to give us a talk and demonstration of Aromatherapy.

All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are pleased to report that the Christmas Party held in December raised funds of £109, which will be used to benefit the group through the purchase of new toys, extra craft materials, etc.

If you are a mum, a dad, a carer, a grandparent or anyone with babies or toddlers to entertain, then our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys and a craft activity for the children and a chance to meet other local people in similar circumstances for the adults. Refreshments are included for the children together with a much needed cup of tea or coffee for the accompanying adult! The first visit is absolutely free and you are assured of a warm welcome.

If you would like to join us, our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm during term-time. First

session is free with annual membership thereafter at a cost of £6 with each session, then costing just £2 per child. Please note that our play sessions are unsupervised and the children do remain in the full care of the accompanying adult at all times.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to call Dawn on 01473 610188.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The Control Tower

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children joining us this term and hope they settle in and enjoy their time with us at playschool.

The children all performed in the Christmas concert on 12th December and done a marvellous job with a little help from the staff! It was very much enjoyed by everyone who attended. The children will have also had their Christmas parties on the 19th December which I'm sure will have been fun for all those involved.

If you would like to purchase anything from our buysite the address is www.buy.at/mplayschool

If you are interested in sending your child to the playschool please contact Nikki Smith on 07857 309365 or visit

www.controltower.org.uk

Kate Burrell - Secretary

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Our topic 'All About Me' continues with "bits and pieces" week when children will be able to name and count body parts; compare feet sizes and measure their height; taste a range of healthy foods; print with a range of healthy fruit and vegetables and sort food into healthy and non-healthy categories. When we return after half term, our new topic will be 'Animals/New Life/Spring'.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further information about our Playgroup, please e-mail your contact details to o m e a t

threebearsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or contact me on 07842 193727 (mobile).

Elizabeth Leonard, Administrator

GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL P.F.A.

We are planning various events, including some new ideas, for the Spring and Summer Terms which we hope you will continue to enjoy and support. The first of these will be a second-hand book sale which will be held after school on Thursday 8th February, 2007. This will be followed in early March with a Race Night as well as plans for a children's art exhibition in April/May.

Elizabeth Leonard

MATLESHAM BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sponsorship Required! Our principle aim this term is to look for sponsorship for our netball team. If you think that you would be able to help us, please telephone Charlotte Moore on 01394 386164 for more details. The children have all settled back into the school routine very quickly and we would like to welcome our new children who started in January. Also, we have some dates for your diary, including a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 13th May and our Summer Fayre & Fun Day on 15th September. Look out for more details following shortly, or visit our website www.beaconhill.ik.org where you will find lots of useful information about our school. If you would like your child to join our school, please come along and see us. To make an appointment, please telephone Alan Murray, head teacher, on 01473 624409. We look forward to seeing you.

Martlesham Beacon Hill Parents Association

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

Bell Lane, Kesgrave

Now that we have all recovered from Christmas and the New Year the hard work starts again. We have got loads planned for this year already and we hope to raise more money than ever. In the last few months we have donated over

£4000 to fund different projects in the school. This wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of the local community.

This year, our main

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fundraising project is to provide a new safety surface and play equipment for the Nursery. This is going to cost in the region of £10,000, so every pound raised counts. We are in the process of contacting local companies for support in this huge project. If you are able to help in any way we would love to hear from you. Although we will be raising money for the Nursery we will not be neglecting the rest of the school and hope to donate just as much money to them as we did last year.

Watch this space for information on the events that are coming up including a Pamper and Food evening. The date for the Summer Fete has been set for Saturday 23rd June. I can't believe we are talking about summer already!

Thanks once again for all your continued support.

Nikki Snell

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:

Monday 19th February, 7:45 pm

Actor's Tales

Talk by Jimmy Reddington (local actor)

Venue: Margaret's, 35 Saddler's Place, 01473 610167

For further information phone Elaine (01473 622269) or Maureen (01473 622670).

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It has been necessary to change the date of our first meeting of 2007. It will now be held on Thursday February 15th when Mr Gwyn Thomas of the Suffolk Records Office, Bury St Edmunds will speak on "The Suffolk Regt. in the Reign of Queen Victoria".

The meeting will still take place at 8 pm in The Pavilion and all are welcome at an admission fee of £1.50.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on Friday January 5th was another sell-out! Our own museum archivist, Alan Smith, gave an illustrated talk entitled, "The Development of the Air, Sea Rescue Service during WW2."

Martlesham Heath, with its proximity to the coast, figured prominently in ASR and "A" Flight of 277 Squadron were in residence for the greater part of the war. We were ill-prepared for war in 1939 and in comparison with the German's we had very little air, sea rescue capability. This gradually developed and the antiquated Vickers Armstrong Walrus biplane amphibian was a life-saver for many RAF and USAAF airmen. It may have been an old design but was capable of low speed landings on choppy seas in a time before helicopters. The Walrus, together with other rescue aircraft, were based here. Alan traced the development of ASR from the Great War and in the second half he showed many slides of contemporary photos.

A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 2nd February and the speaker is scheduled to be Colonel Marvyn Lemon, (ret'd). The subject of his talk will be "The Blind Landing Experimental Unit at Martlesham Heath". This was based here in the early post-war years and pioneered the blind landing techniques that we are all grateful for as we land back at a foggy Stansted!

Meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The next PWCG work morning is Sunday 18th February. If you would like to come, meet us at the back entrance of the Police Head Quarters at 10 am. Work mornings last for two hours. All volunteers are very welcome and all equipment is supplied. We have recently laid

some chippings on the paths. Please be patient as these chippings will take a little while to settle.

Nature Watch Club (for children aged 5-11)

If you would like to contact the Nature Watch Club the address is naturewatch.pwcc@martlesham.org.uk The first Club meeting this year is on Saturday 28th April. You will need to book a space for this meeting which will be about small mammals.

The contact for the Group is Duncan Sweeting (01473 620856). Duncan can also be contacted via Martlesham Parish Council (01473 612632). More information about PWCG and its activities are available on our website www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup (now over 3065 hits). The group can be contacted via the e-mail address which is pwcc@martlesham.org.uk PWCG look forward to seeing you in the woodland!

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

With remarkably warmer temperatures than average for most of the New Year so far, February could still be the month that gives us a final blast of winter! However, any cold snaps will only serve to hold up briefly the early stirrings of spring. Flowers such as snowdrops and hazel catkins will be there to enjoy this month while crocuses, primroses and daffodils may also appear.

Birds also react to the lengthening days and partners can be found prospecting for suitable nest sites, which is why St Valentine's Day is designated as the start of BTO National Nest Box Week. The natural nest sites such as holes in trees and buildings, on which many of our bird species depend, are fast disappearing. Therefore, putting up your own nest box not only gives you a chance to give a brood a home but also the pleasure of watching them being raised. For more information on nest boxes see <http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice>

Our usual work party will take place on Sunday 10th

February. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am. We will be working on the heathland area continuing the work from earlier in the year.

On Saturday 24th February we will be joined by our friends from the Greenways project for a "Megabash" on the heath. The

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aim is to clear out an area of scrub over the day giving the heather chance to come through, and is part of a set of activities discussed with Natural England to try and make some improvements to the wildlife quality of the heath. Please contact Phil for further details.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and

Steve Goddard

steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

Please note for our talk on Thursday 15th February, "Seasons of a Woodland" with Barry Kauffman-Wright, we have a change of venue to Woodbridge Town Football Club, starting at 7:30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Barry is an excellent speaker and has previously given talks on his work as a Wildlife Police Officer and Jersey Zoo, so we should be in for a good evening. We have a different venue this time due to a double-booking at the Woodbridge Community Hall. We are very grateful to Woodbridge Town Football club for their support.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

TEAM, KESGRAVE

Money For Nothing - Dire Straits - 1985 - Vertigo

Song title and artist go well together this month to have a word with you about online/Internet fraud.

Money for nothing is what the person gets who takes your 'hard earned' - dire straits is the position you could find yourself in! OK - so what are the issues? Well, firstly, you may not even have to have an online experience to lose your money over the Internet. You may not even have a credit card

*** but if you do go online with a card of any description, there are things that you can do to try and make sure you stay as safe as can be expected in the electronic world we inhabit.

Make sure that you have - and use - a firewall. There is any number out there - free or otherwise - and Windows XP has one built in. You MUST use a virus checker and it MUST be up to date. Again, these can be obtained free from the WWW.

Never put your credit/debit card details onto any website unless it has the 'padlock' symbol on the page (usually at the top or bottom of the web window as opposed to the page image on the screen).

Never respond to any request from ANY organisation asking you to sign in to 'update/validate/ or do anything else' to your account - especially if it has a link to click on. If you think you need to do as asked, mail the organisation direct and ask why you need to do it - but not by using the links provided!

Use Internet/telephone banking if you can to check your statements on a regular basis. We get numbers of people coming to us with stories of lost money that occurred weeks and weeks ago because they have only just had the paper statement in the mail. As soon as you spot something 'iffy', tell your bank straight away - before you tell us. They can freeze transactions/recover monies (sometimes) or credit you for your loss.

Laws change this year to bring crime recording/investigation up to date to deal with these issues and your bank will be taking a more pro-active role as a result - so make sure you let them know if you become a victim of online crime. Mick Richardson, Ps 535, Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk - 01473 334980

SHOPPING VOUCHERS FOR SAFETY SURVEY WINNER

A lucky family were able to celebrate their Christmas in style, after completing a prize draw

survey organised by Suffolk Police and supported by Tesco supermarkets.

Mrs Jean Copping of Hardwick Close in Rushmere St Andrew won £50 of shopping vouchers provided by Tesco. Her entry was picked at random from the 1,230 responses received from the survey, which asked local residents about their opinions on crime, anti-social behaviour and safety issues in their neighbourhood.

The results of the survey will be used to help prioritise the work of the Safer Neighbourhood team, which aims to have a positive impact on crime and safety in the Martlesham, Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew areas.

Sgt Mick Richardson, who manages the Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "We hope to be able to publicise the results of the survey very soon, and more importantly, tell people how we are going to address some of the issues raised. The Safer Neighbourhood team is here for everyone, and people are welcome to contact us to discuss any concerns they have about crime and safety in their neighbourhood."

The team is based in a shop unit near the Tesco supermarket in Kesgrave. The office is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9 am - 1 pm and Wednesday and Friday afternoons 1 pm - 5 pm, staffed by community volunteers. The telephone number is 01473 334980 - there is a 24 hour answer phone, but in emergencies people should always call 999.

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Martlesham Brass benefits from BT Community Champions award

Martlesham Brass have received a BT Community Champions award of £150 to help with the costs of a workshop involving Tempus Brass, held in celebration of the band's 10th Birthday on 30th September 2006. The band is very grateful for the recognition and support that BT has given to Martlesham Brass over the last ten years.

Martlesham Brass Christmas Carolling and Charity Fundraising
Martlesham Brass Band would like to thank all those people who gave

so generously to our Christmas collections. The money raised at Christmas ensures that Martlesham Brass can continue in its aim to fund instruments, music and musical activities such as workshops for all players who join the band and to carry on 'Making music fun in East Anglia'. As well as appearing on Radio Suffolk's 'Dial a Carol' with Nick Pandolfi on 9th and 21st December, members from all sections of the

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band played Christmas Carols outside supermarkets and in local streets and collected money to raise funds. A third of all funds raised over the Christmas period are being donated to three other local charities, which were nominated by band members. As a result of the band's hard work, and the generosity of the public, the following charities - East Anglian Air Ambulance, Ipswich Hospital Special Care Baby Unit and the St Elizabeth Hospice - will each receive £368.40. The three charities will be invited to send representatives to the Band AGM to be presented with cheques. Collections took place around the East Suffolk area throughout December and the final total including proceeds from our sell-out Christmas concert is a record £3315.59.

Martlesham Brass AGM

Martlesham Brass is holding its AGM on Friday 2nd February at 7:30 pm. The meeting will include the election of committee members and officers.

If you would like more information about the band or if you would like to join Martlesham Brass please visit our website - www.martleshambrass.co.uk

Alison Eyley, Publicity Officer

MARTLESHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

On behalf of the Martlesham Bombers Under 12s football team, I would like to thank the Martlesham Monthly for sponsoring the team jackets, which are extremely smart. These jackets ensure that the boys are kept warm before and after the game and provide a very professional impression of the team

and help to develop team spirit and a sense of belonging to MYFC.

I am sure that most villagers will have seen the younger age groups playing Saturday mornings on the Green, but may not realise that MYFC provide local youngsters with the opportunity of playing football at each age group for under 7s through to under 18s in the Felixstowe and District League. The under 7s through to under 11s play 7 a-side with an "A" and "B" team and play their home matches on three pitches on The Green. These age groups are able to include both girls and boys in the teams. The Bombers under 12s, together with the Spitfires under 13s, share the 3/4 size 11 a-side pitch beside the Control Tower and the older age groups share the full-size pitch at the Recreation Ground. Although MYFC do not currently have a Ladies team for the over 12s, many of the girls continue to play football and Charlotte moved on from the Bombers this season and is now playing for one of the region's top Ladies teams.

Although the Bombers finished in the bottom half of the league last season, it was just as rewarding to have been voted the "Most Friendly and Sporting Club of the Year" by the other managers in our league. Over 200 local youngsters play for MYFC and the club are keen to promote a sporting and caring approach. If you would like to know more about MYFC, please visit our website - www.myfc.org.uk

David Ward - Bombers under 12s Manager

THE MOB

2007 has started well for the MOB (Martlesham Old Boys), two games played and two wins recorded, 3-0 away over Witnesham and then 6-1 at home against Ipswich Hospitals. The latter game was marked by two players scoring hat-tricks - Joe Southgate who has scored 6 goals in the last 3 games, and the other by Dan Barnett who replaced Neil Simpson up front. Neil is away skiing which is dangerous because he is the most accident prone person I know - we'll wait and see whether

on Saturday September 20th

he comes back swathed in plaster casts. Congratulations go to Paul Firman who received an MBE in the New Year honours list for his years of enthusiastic community work, among which is his support for The MOB. Equally we extend our congratulations to his wife Janet who undoubtedly has supported him through that and kept the secret even better. Well done to you both.

Next time I hope to be able to tell you we are in the quarter finals of the county cup, fingers crossed.

The Mobster

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

A very big welcome to all those new members who have joined us during the past few weeks - we hope you will enjoy your bowls and the friendly atmosphere at our roll-ups.

Prior to Christmas we had a good fun afternoon, organised by Judith and Brian, where our bowling skills were tested to the limit with various competitions - none of us were as good as we thought!

Again, in early January, we were invited by the Langham CBC in Essex to a friendly evening competition where we were made very welcome and with excellent refreshments, and although our bowls were nowhere 'up to scratch', we did have a very good evening.

Now to more serious matters, we have just had a very impressive win against Hoggards Green in the second round of the Chairman's Plate and are waiting to hear who we meet in the next round. Also we are pleased with our performance so far in the league matches.

Maureen Banthorp

2ND MARTLESHAM HEATH BROWNIES

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses who supported us and supplied raffle prizes for our Christmas Bazaar. We had loads of people come and support us on the night. So, thanks to everyone, with your help we raised £416 for the pack. With some of the money, the Brownies have decided to sponsor an animal at the

at 7.00pm on 20th

zoo and they would like to go out for a special day in the summer. Thanks again for helping make these things possible.

Jocelyn Cook aka Brown Owl and all the Brownies.

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WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

The Club greeted 2007 at their Annual General Meeting at Waldringfield Golf Club on Monday, 8th January. Retiring Chairman, Phil Owen, reported on a very entertaining 30th anniversary year before handing over to Jeff Franklin, who outlined a fascinating programme of talks ranging from Chernobyl to Arthur Ransome. The Secretary and Treasurer, Ron Fisher, was able to report on a year of increased membership and financial stability.

Retired or semi-retired men over fifty interested in membership should contact Dick Bason (01473 720995) or Ron Fisher (01473 631347).

DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

Woodbridge

At our final meeting of 2006, and after the usual excellent luncheon, we were pleased to welcome the return of Ron Cushing and Judy Clements. Previously, they had talked to us about their Atlantic crossing in their yacht Fram, and they now continued by describing the places visited in the Caribbean, and then in Venezuela to avoid the hurricane season. On their return northwards through the Caribbean they saw much of the devastation caused by recent hurricanes before departing from Puerto Rico. They encountered some very rough weather whilst crossing the Atlantic Ocean but after visiting Bermuda and the Azores finally returned to Falmouth in calm and foggy conditions. They were thanked for a most interesting and informative talk. New members are always

welcome and anyone interested in joining Deben Probus Club should contact either the Chairman, Mr Jeremy Quinlan on 01473 737700, or the Treasurer, Mr George Essery on 01394 448047. The club meets monthly on the third Monday in each month at Ufford Park Hotel for luncheon, which is normally followed by a speaker on a topic of interest. In addition a number of visits, mainly to local venues, are arranged during the summer months as also are a number of short walks, both of which are open to member's wives and family.

WOODBIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Well, the winning run had to end sometime and we came second in the Zone Quiz to the runaway winners, Ipswich, who now carry the banner into the East Anglian final.

Following a brief respite after Christmas, our programme gets underway again with a couple of speaker evenings scheduled. Early February sees us take on the disabled sports club at Northgate once more. Wheelchair basket ball and bowls are our chosen sports, though we increasingly suspect we might be wiser to try cribbage.

Details of the "Message in a Bottle" scheme were promised recently: the bottle in question is a distinctive green-capped plastic container, holding a form which gives details of any prescribed drugs, allergies or other medical conditions. The bottle lives in the fridge and a front door sticker alerts emergency services to its existence. For anyone living alone or in danger if unable to give medical details, this could save vital time. We have a supply of these bottles, which are available free of charge. If you know of anyone who could make use of these, please get in touch with either Lion Maurie Parish (01394 382420) or Lion Peter See (01473 625318).

**St John's in Woodbridge
is hosting a 1-day basic
Myers-Briggs personality
type workshop**

**_led by Christine Rigden
on 24th February, cost £30.**

**Places are limited, please
contact Christine at
christine@rigdenage.co.uk
or on 01473 620067**

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MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Black Tiles Lane www.m-c-f.org

Love is in the air this month - at least that is what the shops would have you believe! Valentine's Day can be great fun when life is going well, but it is very bleak when human love lets us down. God's love is always constant and dependable, and he is there for us whether we are on cloud nine or broken-hearted. We invite you to find out more by coming along to our

services or activities.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 am

An opportunity to worship God and learn more about our relationship with him (with **Sunspot/Respect** for young people, followed by refreshments).

**Communion Services - 11:45 am
(4th, 11th and 18th)**

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Sunday 25th - 10 am

All-age worship service combined with communion

Weekday activities

TUESDAY CIRCLE

February 13th at 2 pm

**"An Afternoon of Gospel Music
with Mary Lal"**

HOUSEGROUPS - Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for prayer, bible study and fellowship

TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays, 10 am

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

Drop in any time between 10 am-12 noon for coffee and chat and/or games.

**For more information about our
Church or what we believe, please
contact:**

John Mellen on 01473 624401
Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482

The HUB Cafe

at Martlesham Christian Fellowship
Centre

A social venue for
16+, 20s, 30s
Thursday Nites
8-10 pm

Good coffee, great events

**Arrive early at 7 pm for
*The Sanctuary***

Discussion, music, prayer

Further information from Hannah and Grant Abbott on 01473 620513

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 Liz on 01473 625617, Pauline on 01473 625061 or Jo on 01473 622160.

CROCUS AND CONCERT

WEEKEND

**AT
ST MARY'S CHURCH,
MARTLESHAM
ON
SATURDAY MARCH 3RD &
SUN MARCH 4TH
IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH
TOWER APPEAL**

***3/3/07** - 10 am to 3:30 pm: viewing Spring flowers in the churchyard with refreshments available.

7 pm: the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir will entertain us with a Concert. Cost of ticket £5 to include refreshments. Tickets available from Ann Berg (01394 387049) and Lewis Currie (01473 625320).

***4/3/07** - churchyard open to visitors with special evening service at 3 pm in St Mary's Church, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall.

Farm Dairy in Church Lane.

Concert seats limited - Please book early.

BRIGHT STARS

Because of the half-term holiday we only have one service this month on **Monday 26th February** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

We welcome all pre-school children and babies and their carers to our fun, child-friendly services which are held on the

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

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

Each week there are –

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

Every two weeks there are –

- Cross-Stitch classes

Every month there are -

- WI meetings
- Police surgeries

Occasionally there are -

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

During the summer there are –

- cricket matches

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**at
St Michael's and All Angels
Church**

**on
Friday 2nd March at 10:30 am**

**The Service has been prepared
By the Christian women of
Paraguay**

**Theme: "United Under God's
Tent"**

Preacher: Revd. Helen Davy

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME

**St Andrew's Church Melton at
7:30 pm**

Preacher: Revd. Ruth Hatchett

**There will be a service in
Woodbridge, details in March**

St. Michael's Church



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 4th February 3rd before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 11th February 2nd before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Service	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 18th February Next before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion & Baptism	9:45am Worship & Junior Church - Special Guest from Children's Society 6:30pm Informal Worship
Wed 21st February Ash Wednesday	7:45pm Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th February Lent 1		8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 4th March Lent 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP 3pm Service	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Special services for Ash Wednesday - see 21/02/07 above. Special services during Lent - 6:30pm Evening Prayer at Hemley Parish Church 25/02/07 and 6:30pm Evening Prayer at Newbourne Parish Church 04/03/07. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 26th February at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Pray daily for peace in our world, and:

- 5 for all those affected by the recent local killings
- 6 for the elderly and housebound
- 7 for the residents of Bader Court
- 8 for peace in Iraq
- 9 for those undergoing rehabilitation after surgery
- 10 give thanks for our families
- 11 for Christian worship worldwide
- 12 for those who find it difficult to face each new day
- 13 for the work of St Elizabeth Hospice
- 14 for the residents of Bealings Road
- 15 for those suffering from a depressive illness
- 17 give thanks for our neighbours and friends
- 18 for Christians facing persecution
- 19 for members of our emergency services
- 20 for those who suffer stress in the workplace
- 21 for the residents of Black Tiles Lane
- 22 for convicted prisoners and their families
- 23 for safe driving on our roads

- 24 give thanks for God's love given freely to all
- 25 give thanks for our freedom to worship
- 26 for those who live with ongoing health problems
- 27 for the fellowship we enjoy in our place of worship
- 28 for the residents of Birch Grove
- MAR 1** for all those recently bereaved
- 2 give thanks for our pets and the pleasure they give us
- 3 for our local councillors
- 4 for those leading acts of worship today