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### OVERWHELMING LAST DELIVERY

Thank you so much for my lovely party held at The Douglas Bader on July 5th. It would have been nice to have seen a few more people there, but understand that families have a lot of other commitments at weekends.

The food was something else and it was nice to sit down and have a chat with my old customers.

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Tyler and Mr and Mrs Firman for all their hard work in making my day so special.

An extra special thank you to everyone who donated to a surprise collection held on my behalf, especially Martlesham Monthly. I found the whole event and presentation overwhelming to say the least and I will never forget you all.

My family would also like to pass on their special thanks. It was a toss up who cried more – my Mum or me!! It was also great to have a special guest there – Brian the Milkman!!

God bless you all.

Darren Fitch

Martlesham Postman for many years

*Note from Martlesham Monthly –* Many thanks to Tony, Karen and all their staff at The Douglas Bader for the fantastic buffet. Many thanks also to all the residents who contributed to Darren's collection and to those who attended the party.

### TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Now that the continued production of the Talking Monthly is assured, please contact the Editors if you, or someone you know, would benefit by receiving one of the monthly audio tapes. These are available free of charge and are delivered by Royal Mail, normally on the second Saturday of the month. When the recipients have finished with the tape it can be returned to Graham Downing post-free merely by reversing the address label and dropping the package in a letter box.

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### COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

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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](http://www.martlesham.org.uk).

### VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

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

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

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### MUSIC ON THE GREEN 2008

#### **A Really Big Thank You**

The organisers would like to give a really big thank you to everyone involved in this year's Music On The Green. Another fantastic day – yet again. Music On The Green is now firmly established in the East Anglian music calendar and, with the support of BBC Radio Suffolk, can only go from strength to strength.

Not unexpectedly an event like this cannot happen without the efforts of a large group of worthy individuals. As such, the committee would like to heartily thank all of the following:

**\*Our Sponsors** – the equipment provided and their financial support allows us to stage this splendid event and in doing so ensure that the maximum amount goes to the charities.

**\*The Bands** - every single band played for free – 22 of them turned up exactly when we asked them, some traveling from Lowestoft, Cambridge and London.

**\*The Helpers** – a very big thank you to all the people who came and helped setup on Friday and clean up on Sunday. **WE STILL NEED MORE HELP ON THE COMMITTEE. CAN YOU HELP? WE ONLY MEET A FEW TIMES A YEAR.**

**LIKE TO JOIN IN?** Please call Paul Firman 01473 622874 or e-mail paulfirman@talktalk.net

**\*The Stand Holders** - both the commercial as well as the village stand holders. We know that many hundreds of pounds were raised for their chosen organisations from a record number of stands this year. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for much needed causes.

**\*The Car Booters** - again their support contributes greatly to the day as a whole.

**\*The Committee and its Band of Helpers** - a whole year's planning goes into organising a day like this, and it would be impossible without the help and support received from the many individuals and organisations.

**\*"The Visitors"** – all the lovely people who turned out to watch the bands, get a bargain from the Car Boot Sale, have a go at the stalls and generally enjoy the glorious day.

**\*The Raffle** – organizing the raffle, selling tickets and donating prizes, is the main way that the crowd can give something back to the charities during our free event. Again another record year in contributions. An extra big thank you to Rotaract for all their help in selling raffle tickets and stickers.

**\*The Weather** – we were very lucky yet again, we enjoyed an ideal day.

On a more serious note the committee really appreciates the understanding of the residents of Martlesham Heath. We do realise that a lot of extra parking occurs during the day and are delighted that the locals consider this as a one-day-a-year event which gives loads of enjoyment to a large number of people whilst raising lots of money for charity. Thank you for your continued consideration.

We heavily promoted the BBC Radio Suffolk "Don't Be A Tossler" litter campaign and we thank you for leaving the Green so clean and taking your litter home.

We will be holding our AGM and Presentation Evening with music provided by Cool Remedy in The Douglas Bader at 7:30 pm on Friday 3rd October.

Make a note in your diary for next year's Music on the Green

**SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2009**

## **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Projects and Grants**

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact the Parish Council for an application form (details below), to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by Monday 17th November 2008. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2009/10 and the funds will be issued in May 2009. Also any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should submit their project details and business plan by 17th November 2008 at the latest.

### **Local Government Review**

The Boundary Committee has issued proposals for Unitary local government for Suffolk. Martlesham is included in an authority with responsibility for Ipswich, Felixstowe and surrounding areas. Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal DC will cease to exist. Full details are available on the Electoral Commission

website at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/boundary-reviews/all-reviews/eastern/suffolk/suffolk-structural-review](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/boundary-reviews/all-reviews/eastern/suffolk/suffolk-structural-review). Councillors will be holding an exhibition of this and any other information we receive on the subject on Saturday 30th August between 10 am and 12 noon in the Parish Room. There will be an opportunity to comment on the day but if you can't attend any comments you may have, in writing or by e-mail please, will help us in preparing our response. You can also respond directly to the Boundary Committee on the website by 25th September but please do note the criteria which will be applied when they consider comments.

### **Suffolk Coastal District Council Recycling Roadshows**

Suffolk Coastal DC will be extending the wheeled bin refuse and recycling service to more parts of Martlesham. As part of their publicity they are holding two Roadshows on Tuesday 9th September as follows: 10 am - 12 noon in the car park off The Drift, next to The Square, and 1 pm - 3 pm in the car park at the Recreation Ground, The Street, Martlesham.

### **Notice Boards**

The Council would welcome the assistance of those who use the notice boards to keep them tidy. Could you please remove any out of date notices. If you find there is not sufficient space for your own notice, you must not remove or cover up Parish Council notices which are posted as part of statutory requirements. The Council also requests that notices are posted no more than a fortnight ahead of an event. Thank you for your assistance.

### **"Stepping out in Suffolk"**

Suffolk Coastal District Council is promoting a new initiative aimed at improving health in the region. They are running a series of walks where everyone can walk at their own pace. If you would like more information please contact the Walks Team on 01394 444501 or e-mail [walks@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:walks@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or look at the website: [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/steppingout/default.htm](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/steppingout/default.htm)

### **Overhanging branches**

We are receiving complaints about plants and branches overhanging footways and footpaths. Please take the trouble to check your land and make sure that you are not obstructing these areas.

### **Forthcoming meetings**

At present there are **no meetings in August**, however please check newsletters and notice boards for any change.

\*Parish Council – Wednesday 3rd September

\*Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 10th September

\*Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 17th September

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: 01473 612632

e-mail: [clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD (Formerly Martlesham Consultants Ltd)**

Are you interested in the open spaces we enjoy around the Heath? Do you want to have an input into maintaining the special

character of the village? If so, have you thought about becoming a volunteer director for MHHL? No special qualifications are needed, we only meet monthly (in the evening) and we are a friendly bunch. We only put in what time we can manage and it is all towards maintaining and improving the open spaces and environment for everyone who lives here. Please think about it and if you want to talk to an existing director you can get in touch with us via e-mail or telephone and we will be pleased to talk to you.

MHHL are responsible for the care and maintenance of the Control Tower. This has just been re-roofed and painted at a cost well in excess of £10,000.

Residents are reminded that many trees in the village and in the woods are becoming mature. Consequently there is an increasing likelihood that during stormy weather branches may fall. Walkers should be aware of this.

There have been several reports of rats in the vicinity of the Western Corridor. It is not clear whether they have originated from the Foxhall Road tip. Any pet food left in a position accessible to rodents will, of course, encourage them. Any householders who leave food to encourage foxes will obviously be taken by rodents.

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

e-mail – [mcl@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mcl@martlesham.org.uk)

By letter – C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

#### **Anglia in Bloom**

The Anglia in Bloom judges visited the Parish at the beginning of July but although the weather was not good (rained all day!!!) the judges' tour went well.

The Anglia in Bloom judges and the Martlesham in Bloom committee would like to thank everybody who met us during the afternoon making the visit very worth while.

The results of the Anglia in Bloom competition will be known early in September.

Further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom

activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

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

David Wright's demonstration entitled 'Summer Wedding' began with 'The Engagement'. Representing a gemstone he used oasis in the centre of a ring combining green, cream and white flowers, pink peonies and cerise orchids. Beaumaris Castle was 'The Venue'. Moss covered chicken wire gave a 'castle' feel and he added greenery, hypericum, pieris, orange lilies and roses. Fatsia leaves formed an outline for a Bridesmaid's Posy with aspidistra leaves, pink lilies, roses and bright pink dianthus. 'The Cake' was his next creation with folded aspidistra leaves round a 9" posy pad. Arranging white chrysanthemum heads as 'icing' he made a small arrangement off-centre with orchids, white carnations, purple hebe and pink beads. 'A Whitby Honeymoon' was depicted by a hanging net entwined with artificial cork rings and white wooden fish forming a background to which he added light and dark blue flowers (sky and sea) and yellow roses (sunshine). His finale was 'The Bride' when he produced an arrangement draped with white laced netting, black painted steel grass interspersed with pearl beads, mini white gerbera, and lisianthus topped with black and white artificial butterflies.

Jean Smith won the competition with Barbara Bown winning the Novice class.

The club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. The next meeting will be our Indoor 'Garden' Party on 20th August. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

### **M.A.L.G.A. Allotments**

#### **Don't forget:-**

August 11th – 17th there is the National Allotments Week organised and celebrated by National Allotment Gardens Trust.

1908-2008 Allotment LAW Centenaries.

<http://www.nagtrust.org/>

I would like to thank all the people who came to visit our virtual allotment at MOTG.

It was a great day and we loved every minute of it. The people made it well worth all our effort as they not only congratulated our efforts for the day, but wished us all the best in our quest for allotments and offered their continued support for the year ahead.

We had 'Name the Scarecrow', a massive raffle and one of our committee members dressed as a BIG tomato which drew in the crowds helping us collect over £250 for our MALGA fund.

1st prize (signed Ipswich Town Football) on the raffle went to Mr Davey of Deben Avenue, 2nd prize was a meal for two at the Red Lion, 3rd was a compost bin and the 'Name the Scarecrow' (garden scarecrows set) went to a lucky lady in Farriers Close.

For the show we had MALGA badges, balloons and leaflets to give out to promote us and keep the focus about allotments well on the map for Martlesham.

We are really buzzing looking at nearly a year of hard work and publicity for MALGA and would like to thank all those who donated prizes - RED LION, NOTTCUTS, BEACON RALLY KARTS, ELMERS, SUFFOLK COASTAL SERVICES LTD and committee members. It is with the kind donations that we were so successful.

You can also join MALGA and/or contact me:-

[malga@btinternet.com](mailto:malga@btinternet.com)

Thanks,

Paul Day, Chairman of MALGA

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

Susan Cunliffe was our delegate at the recent NFWI AGM in Liverpool and she gave us a very informative report on her two day visit where she had really enjoyed making new acquaintances and listening to the various debates.

We then turned our hands to making our own sun catchers. Mrs Gilly Bursnall had prepared various black moulded patterns for us in-

cluding a dragonfly, a mushroom, a sunflower in a pot and an iris. We then chose different coloured liquid 'paint' and with her guidance (and a very steady hand!) we filled in our chosen design. It was fascinating to see how the sun catcher developed as we filled in the outline with colour. Gilly told us that once these were dry we could hang them in our window to reflect the sunlight so hopefully we shall have plenty of sunshine this summer to enable us to enjoy our handiwork.

Although small we are very friendly and new faces are always welcome. We meet in the Richards Room at 7:30 pm on the third Friday of each month. There is no meeting in August but we will be holding a Garden Party at 2:30 pm on 14th August at 13 Briarwood Road (off Sandy Lane). There will be cakes, books, plants, a raffle, etc., and of course cream teas. Do come and join us. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

In last month's edition I did say that there would not be a report in August but I would just like to say that we had a most successful Coffee Morning on 5th July in our Chairlady's garden in aid of EACH (East Anglian Childrens' Hospice). Despite the weather we had an extremely good attendance and raised the sum of £471.50.

I would like to thank all those that did come along to support such a worthy cause and also to the people that kindly donated a prize for the raffle.

Many thanks.

Margaret Green

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

I'm sure you have all heard of the Lambeth Conference which takes place every ten years and is attended by Bishops from all over the world. Several Bishops were staying in Suffolk and many had their wives with them, the Mothers' Union hosted a Garden Party for them in the grounds of Woodbridge School

and it was a great opportunity to talk to Bishops from other countries and hear of their challenges in this changing world. But a world in which Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Why not come to our meetings and find out more about what we do? Phone Marion on 01394 460833.

### **MARTLESHAM CHILDMINING GROUP**

A major benefit for parents using a Registered Childminder is the fact that we are able to support children and their families through transitional periods - offering playgroup and nursery pick-ups - eventually leading into before and after school care for the child. Thus offering consistency and stability of good quality childcare to all children, supporting and encouraging them as they cope with changes to their routines. However, some of our group members will be saying tearful 'goodbyes' to children as they start full-time school in the new school year and we would like to wish them all well!

This month sees a busy time as school holidays are here - many of us will enjoy the experience of crabbing, picnics, cycle rides, visits to the beach and park, meeting with friends, etc., - it's sure to be lots of fun! We quite often respond to enquiries for childcare at very short notice, during school holidays. This also proves to be a busy time of the year for many parents/guardians who are thinking about their childcare for the start of the next school year. If you are one of these people then please don't hesitate to give us a call!

For further details about our group, including childminding vacancies, please phone Julie-Ann on 01473 611630.

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

We offer a friendly and stimulating environment for children from the age of 2 and a half. If you would like more information about the playschool or are interested in sending your child to our setting, please contact Nikki Smith (Bookings Secretary) on 07857

309365 or visit

[www.controltower.org.uk](http://www.controltower.org.uk)

If you would like to purchase anything from our website the address is [www.buy.at/mplayschool](http://www.buy.at/mplayschool). Commission will go to playschool funds from all purchases made.

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

**Martlesham Heath**

[www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk)

Our end of term coach trip to Easton Farm Park was enjoyed by many of our children and their parents. The ride-on tractors and 'hug a bunny' were especially popular. We enjoyed a picnic lunch whilst watching the 'Thomas' train going by. It was lovely to enjoy a day out together and we hope all our children have a wonderful summer break ready to re-join us on Monday 8th September, or to go onto primary school.

Our Graduation Ceremony was also very well attended by parents and a photographer from the local press. The children looked wonderful in their home made mortarboards. It was great to wish our school leavers the very best for their futures at 'big' school.

Our children leave us to go on to all the local schools including Birchwood, Gorseland, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings and Rendlesham.

Please visit our webshop at <http://www.buy.at/stmichaelspreschool> to help us raise funds. All purchases made via the webshop result in commission payments to pre-school.

We have places available and take children from two-and-a-half, so if you are interested in sending your child to St Michael's Pre-School and would like a prospectus or to arrange a visit please call Sarah Tait on 01473 614174 or e-mail

[admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk)

### **MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have been busy rehearsing for the KS2 production of "The Keymaster", a historic Dr Who type musical telling a series of stories depicting famous historical events and characters from Guy Fawkes through to

modern times. It has been a wonderful success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed being part of it.

At the beginning of July we were paid a visit courtesy of Alan Cadzow, the new Director of Education for the Southern Area of Suffolk County Council. He left feeling very pleased with what he saw and we felt very proud of the comments he made.

On July 4th our KS2 Athletics team took part in the Pyramid Schools Athletics Tournament at Kesgrave High School. We finished in 4th position. Sports day followed this and we were once again fortunate with the weather. The KS2 sports were won by Orwell House and the best boy athlete went to Theo Marsh while the top girl athlete was Claire Jordan. The parents and children were all served with strawberries and cream and drinks by the ever-busy Parents Association.

The school choir opened up proceedings at the annual Martlesham Music on the Green Day on July 12th and were a resounding success, being received enthusiastically by a large audience.

We said a last farewell in style to the pupils in Year 6 who will be moving on to their new High Schools, as they laid on their Leavers' Fair. We would like to wish them the best of luck for the future.

We now look forward to the new academic year starting in September as we play hosts for the day to a party of children from Chernobyl, in Russia. We are looking forward to that. Also, we are busy planning our fun day on Saturday September 13th from 12 noon onwards. Any raffle/tombola prizes will be much appreciated as always, as well as any offers of help on the day for an hour or two.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

A good attendance for our monthly meeting held on Friday 4th July. Richard Gregory is one of our members and lives in Woodbridge. Richard is now 85 and gave us an illustrated talk about his career in the RAF flying early jets.

Richard Gregory gained his wings and was posted to RAF Chivenor in Devon in December, 1948. He was introduced to the Spitfire 16. Richard's training had followed the conventional route of the time - Tiger Moth's followed by the Harvard advanced trainer. There were no dual control Spitfires so it must have been a rather nervous young sergeant pilot who first took to the air in the legendary Spit.

A three years and six months tour of duty flying the De Havilland Vampire was followed in 1953 by a posting to Tarrant Rushden in Wiltshire, this time flying the Meteor Mk3. Richard Gregory was eventually to become an instructor.

A vote of thanks was given by our Chairman, Martyn Cook.

There is no conventional meeting in August. A party of members will be visiting Audley End near Saffron Walden to visit Vintage Fabrics, a company involved in aircraft restoration.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

### **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

**Making Music Fun in East Anglia**

The band has a rest from playing in August, so this month we would like to take this opportunity to say some big 'thank yous!' We were very grateful for a revenue grant from Suffolk Coastal District Council to help with our running costs. Suffolk County Council generously helped towards the purchase of shower-proof fleeces to keep us dry and warm when we play outside, and also some ties for our concert performances. Finally, we would especially like to say thank you to all the Martlesham residents and other visitors who kindly supported our Summer Fayre, and all the businesses who provided the brilliant raffle prizes - ITFC, The New Wolsey, The Black Tiles, Beacon Rally Karts, Colchester Zoo, Ipswich Regent, Kingpin, The Riverside, Solar Bowl, Kidz Kingdom, Tesco, Deben Inns, The Douglas Bader and Duncan's Butchers and Bakery.

Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they

would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

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Visit our website -  
[www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk)

**'Musical Afternoon'**  
on  
**Sunday 5th October, 3 pm**  
at  
**St Mary's Church, Martlesham**  
**Featuring:-**  
**the Martlesham Cantilena Choir**  
**& friends**  
**and**  
**Melton Folk**  
**who will entertain you with a**  
**varied programme of song,**  
**music and poems.**

Further details in the September Martlesham Monthly and from Burrows on 01473 625196.

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

There is nothing much to report this month, the club carries on making good progress in the Summer League and friendly matches have been arranged. More news next month.

Maureen Banthorp

### **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP**

Happy Birthday to 1st Martlesham Scout Group! 2008 marks the 30th birthday of Scouting in Martlesham and on the last weekend in June the group celebrated its birthday at a weekend camp at Hallowtree Campsite. 75 Cubs, Scouts and leaders camped from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, with the Beavers and other guests joining the celebrations for a barbeque on Saturday evening. The weather was good to us and a great time was had by all, with activities ranging

from rifle shooting to pioneering, from building and racing chariots to climbing trees. The groups have all broken up for the summer holidays now, and we look forward to starting up again in September.

### **2ND MARTLESHAM HEATH GUIDES**

A big thank you to everyone who supported our stall at Music on the Green, we raised £80.20, which the Guides have chosen to donate to CLIC.

We have spent a busy year, including flower arranging, abseiling, archery, fire lighting, a 6km hike and sleeping out in cardboard boxes. My thanks go to all those who have helped us during the year, including Martlesham in Bloom who helped us celebrate Diana's 60th birthday in style; Tony, Phil, Sarah, James and Malcolm who helped out with some Pioneering (building challenging items out of large poles and ropes) at Hallowtrees and some local ex-Guiders who shared some of their past experiences and wisdom with us.

I look forward to a fun and rewarding joint camp with 9 of our Guides, 11 from Colchester and 5 Rangers, up at Hautbois at the end of July and hope you all have an enjoyable Summer holiday.

Jo Dixon - 01473 622160

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

**invite you all to their**  
**INDOOR 'GARDEN'**  
**PARTY**

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE**

**2:30 PM, 20TH AUGUST**  
**In aid of St Elizabeth Hospice**

**Cream teas, cakes, plants,**  
**bric-a-brac, raffle, etc., etc.**

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Many thanks to all those who supported us at our stall on Village Day - Music on the Green either by buying some plants, joining us, making a donation or talking to us about your own wildlife observations. It was great to hear them.

At our work party on Sunday 13th July we counted the Silver Studded Blue butterflies present on the heath SSSI. The total counted seemed lower than last year and it was particularly difficult to find any of these butterflies on the northern part of the SSSI. I think the weather of the previous week was not conducive to these butterflies being wet and cool with some periods of very heavy rain! On our survey we also saw a number of other species of butterfly, however this number was also lower than previous years with some previously common butterflies such as the Small Tortoiseshell missing. So perhaps not a great year for butterflies. Because of the cooler weather and the cool start to the day we also saw some reptiles including adders, common lizards, and a slow worm, which is good news.

Whilst walking around the SSSI we noted that a lot of work needs to be done to bring the heath back to a good condition. The bracken and gorse have taken over in some areas. Our next working party will be on Sunday 10th August. We aim to try to recover some heathland habitat or at least check its decline. Please join us to help. No particular skill or previous knowledge is required, all tools will be provided on the day. We will meet outside the Douglas Bader pub at 10 am before moving on to the heath.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST** **Woodbridge Group**

On Friday 15th August we have barbeque, farm tour and wildlife evening with moths and bats, at Foxburrow Farm, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton, starting at 7 pm. Admission £10 per family or £4 per person if booked in advance, or £12 per family or \$5 per person on

the night. It should be a great evening.

We have session on Waders and Dragonflies on Saturday 23rd August from 2:30 pm to 5 pm approximately at Hazelwood Marshes (OS grid reference TM445579). Contact Mervyn on 01394 411237. No admission charge.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

### **SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM**

#### **“Strictly Come Speaking”**

On 25th June the BT Suffolk Women’s Network invited Distinguished Toastmaster Teresa Dukes, a member of Speak Easy @ Martlesham Speakers Club, to explore, at a workshop, key aspects of speaking and the development of techniques to improve speaking skills that benefit both speakers and audiences.

Many of the employees that attended had never spoken outside of their comfort zone while others had given numerous presentations to meet business requirements. The beauty of this type of workshop is that people of all abilities can learn from its simplicity. They walk away feeling confident enough to say YES the next time they are asked to talk about something they love or know. The difference being that they are now armed with a few key tools that will help them add impact to their delivery and message.

Speaking is also about listening. In order to improve our speaking skills it is important that we learn from what went well and also what we could do differently to improve or add impact to our delivery. Seven of the attendees were given the opportunity to stand up and deliver speeches and the audience were shown how to present feedback to them in a way that made the speakers felt encouraged and positive to move forward.

If you would like to learn more about building your confidence and speaking to audiences please contact Teresa Dukes at [teresa.dukes@bt.com](mailto:teresa.dukes@bt.com) or on 07803 599816. You may also like to visit Speak Easy @ Martlesham ([www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk](http://www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk)) (President - Dave Nightingale tel.

07969 598633), a local Toastmasters affiliated speakers club that meets 7 pm for a 7:15 pm start at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco) alternate Thursdays. Future meetings are on August 7th and August 21st and guests are always welcome.

### **HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION**

I would like to thank, most sincerely, the Villagers of Martlesham who donated to the recent House to House collection in aid of the Arthritis Research Campaign.

The amount collected was £105.20, and the Grand Total raised was £1,066.21

Thank you for your support  
Ian Craig, Treasurer: Woodbridge Branch of ARC

### **LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE**

A new daytime class to learn the popular game of Bridge will be starting in September, at the Martlesham Community Centre (Richards Room). The objective of the course is to enjoy friendly social Bridge, and no previous experience of card games is needed. The classes will be on Thursday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:30, and commence on 18th September. The Autumn term lasts 13 weeks, and the cost is £55. To enquire about the course or book a place please call Mike Fisher on 01394 388237, or e-mail to [MikeFisher@BTInternet.com](mailto:MikeFisher@BTInternet.com). I also do classes for players who want to improve their game; please call or e-mail for details.

Mike Fisher

### **ARE YOU HARD OF HEARING?**

A number of people who are hard of hearing are meeting monthly at Martlesham Community Hall and would welcome others who would wish to join the group. If you are free on the first Thursday of the month between 10:30 and 12:30 and would like to meet others socially please come along to our first meeting on 4th September. There will be refreshments available.

Either just drop to see us on the day or for further information

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please contact Janet Hearn on 01394 385037 or e-mail [mjhearn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjhearn@hotmail.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you!

Janet Hearn

## **WATCH OUT**

for something special

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**10 am – 4 pm**

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
CENTRE  
MARTLESHAM HEATH**

### **VILLAGE VIEWS**

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

#### **BT TO ROLL-OUT OPTICAL FIBRE TO MARTLESHAM HEATH?**

Whilst we live just across the road from BT's Research and Development establishment, the residents of Martlesham Heath have long suffered poor broadband connectivity and an outdated TV cable system.

Now BT has announced that it is to roll-out high-speed Optical Fibre to 10 million homes across the UK, not just in major cities but in rural areas too. This would provide the answer to both broadband and digital TV distribution for our community (as far as I am aware Virgin have no intention of updating the ageing cable TV system which will become redundant when we switch to Digital TV in 2 years time).

Many people will know that BT have been (and indeed still are) trial running this new technology on Martlesham Heath to a select group of homes. It is only right and proper that the residents of Martlesham Heath should be the first to benefit from this initiative.

I would like to ascertain the level of interest from people on the Heath so that I can provide BT with a convincing case for offering us this

technology as early as possible. I would therefore invite people to respond either to me personally at [peter.loosemore@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.loosemore@btinternet.com) or to the Community Portal. Perhaps more weight can be added with support from Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd.

Peter Loosemore

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

### **on the Local Development Framework and the Boundary Committee Proposals for Suffolk**

I would like to thank all those who responded to Suffolk Coastal District Council's request for views on the site options for the proposed 1000 new homes. The number and quality of the responses was excellent. The Local Development Framework Task Group (LDFTG) will hold their next meeting at 9:30 am on Monday 28th July in the Woodbridge Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting and the second meeting at 9:30 am on Monday 4th August in the Queen Elizabeth Orwell Hotel in Felixstowe is to give organizations as well as individuals a further chance to express their views on the latest site option proposals. The current recommended area is Option 4 that is land to the east of Martlesham, namely that adjacent to BT. I hope that as many as possible will be able to attend the meeting in Woodbridge.

On 7th July the Boundary Committee published its first draft proposals for a Unitary Authority for Suffolk. Two options were proposed and both exclude Lowestoft.

The first preferred option is that the county be split into two unitary authorities. One of these to be created is based on a boundary that runs along the Suffolk/Essex border from Felixstowe in the east to Stratford St Mary in the west, then north on the western side of the A12 and A14 to Great Blakenham, then eastward to Martlesham (excluding Westerfield) and finally southwards along the river Deben back to Felixstowe. This area will be known as the Ipswich and Felixstowe Unitary Authority.

The rest of Suffolk, excluding Lowestoft, will form the area to be

known as the Suffolk Unitary Authority

The second option is that there should be just one Unitary Authority for the whole of Suffolk with the exclusion of Lowestoft. This would become the Suffolk Unitary Authority.

The Boundary Committee has invited members of the public and organizations to express their views and submit evidence on the draft proposals by using the online form at [www.boundarycommittee.org.uk](http://www.boundarycommittee.org.uk) or by writing direct to:

Review Manager, (Norfolk and Suffolk Reviews), The Boundary Committee for England, Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, LONDON, SW1P 2HW

All representations should be sent to arrive on or before 26th September.

If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to [chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

Alternatively you can join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St Michael's Church hall on the first Monday of the Month between 10 am and 12 noon.

Chris Blundell, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor for the Martlesham Ward

## **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE**

**"Who Wears Those Shoes?" - from the album 'Breaking Hearts' - Elton John - Rocket Records - 1984**

I sometimes wonder if what people watch on TV - especially around policing dramas such as 'Waking The Dead' with Trevor Eve as Supt Boyd - leads anyone to think that we can do what you see on the screen? I have my fingers crossed at this point that you don't!

We simply cannot treat people the way Boyd does and we cannot conjure up answers from fuzzy images or long gone footprints.

So why am I telling you this? Well, for one, I just want to make sure that reality rules OK - and I also want to elicit your help at a

time when you want ours.

Sometimes - quite often in fact - we get called to a house or car or some other place that has been broken into and we find that everything has been tidied up nicely. Well, to put it simply, that's of no help to us in trying to find out who committed the crime. If you tidy up and clear away, you are putting your own DNA, fingerprints, fibres and footprints over the top of anything left behind by the offender. The less 'cross contamination' at any scene of crime, the better. As police officers, we are forensically aware and make great efforts to avoid cross contamination - carrying fibres from one place to another where we have more than one suspect or multiple crime scenes. Our own DNA and fingerprints are already held on the relevant databases so we can be instantly eliminated from any crime scene.

If a shoe print is outdoor in the mud, how about putting a dustbin lid over the top to preserve it - to stop it being washed away by rain or being trodden on by the cat?

We will always do our best to gather as much from a crime scene as we can - but we could sure do with your help to maximise the potential.

Mick Richardson Ps 535, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Kesgrave & District

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- Switchboard (24/7) 01473 613500

## **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane  
[www.m-c-f.org](http://www.m-c-f.org)**

"I am the Lord - I do not change!"

The Hughes family are having to leave our Fellowship (we shall miss them, and wish them 'God speed'). Dafydd's job has been relocated nearer to London. This is one example of the mobility of our society. People need to move because of jobs, housing, family needs, illness or retirement. Not many people



nowadays stay in one place for their whole lives.

It is good in times of change and uncertainty to have something solid to hold on to. The illustration of a rock or a strong tower is often used to emphasise the stability of God. James writes-"Whatever is good and perfect comes from God, who never changes or casts shifting shadows." God's character never alters. His love, in particular, does not wax and wane. The generous love which He showed when He delivered His only Son up for us on the cross, is still available for us today.

#### **ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST**

##### **Sunday Services**

Family Service - 10 am

Communion - 11:45 am

##### **Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Housegroups

##### **Friends on Friday**

10 am - 12 noon

Other activities recommence in September.

For further information see the website, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482), or John Mellen (01473 624401).

#### **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

The Church at Brightwell should be a blaze of colour during the Flower Festival planned for the August Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday to Monday August 23rd to 25th. The Church will be open from 10 am each day until 6 pm (except Sunday 5 pm) and at the Church Hall you will be able to obtain light lunches and tea and cakes, etc., - Hall open 10 am to 5 pm each day. Please find time during this busy family holiday to give us a look. On Sunday there will be a Service of Songs of Praise featuring our favourite hymns which is the theme for the floral displays.

On the 5th Sunday in August, the 29th, we will be holding our Annual Pet Service at 3 pm. All are welcome with their pets or even cuddly toys.

Thanks to all who helped with or supported the Barbeque and the Picnic during July.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

brightwellpcc@tesco.net

[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

#### **THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BRIGHTWELL FLOWER FESTIVAL AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

#### **OUR FAVOURITE HYMNS**

##### **CHURCH OPEN**

**SATURDAY 23rd 10 am to 6 pm**

**SUNDAY 24th 10 am to 5 pm**

**MONDAY 25th 10 am to 5 pm**

**SUNDAY SONGS OF PRAISE  
6:30 pm**

**LIGHT LUNCHESES, REFRESHMENTS  
AT THE CHURCH HALL DAILY  
10 am TO 5 pm**

#### **HOLY FAMILY & SAINT MICHAEL**

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave. It is part of the parish of Saint Mary in Ipswich.

It seems like July has been a month of pilgrimages with a national grandparents', a Syro-Malabar, and a cross carrying pilgrimage to Walsingham. Meanwhile young people, including some from our parish, are attending the world youth pilgrimage in Australia. For September we look forward to receiving a student for the priesthood and the start of the next set of teaching sessions on the faith.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities please visit the website at [www.st-mary.org.uk](http://www.st-mary.org.uk) or ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115.

Regular 'Sunday' Masses at the Holy Family are celebrated at 6 pm on Saturdays and 9:15 am on Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

#### **B R I G H T S T A R S**

#### **FUN AND WORSHIP**

**For babies, toddlers and pre-school children in St Michaels Church Centre Martlesham Heath**

**Services for September  
Monday 8th September  
Monday 22nd September  
Starting at 10:30 am**

**Service lasts for about half an hour with a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat afterwards**

**For more details contact  
Pauline Jordan on  
01473 625061  
or  
Jo Dixon on 01473 622160**

**Look forward to seeing you there!!**

#### **GREETINGS FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH**

August is a month when many organisations do not meet, it's holiday time. The children are on holiday from school, the older ones home from University - everything takes a break.

Why not give yourself a break, do something different, why not go to Church? Have you ever been to our St Mary's Church in Martlesham? It is a lovely building in a beautiful setting, why not go in and experience the peace? It is open each day from 10 am - 4 pm. St Michael's Church Centre on Martlesham Heath is in the heart of the community and is open 10 am - 12 noon Monday to Friday for refreshments and fellowship.

If you have not been before why not come to one of our services and have a real break from your usual routine?

You can be sure of a warm welcome and a real break.

Details of our services are in this Martlesham Monthly.

Come and see.



## THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,  
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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 3rd August Trinity 11	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 10th August Trinity 12	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship Favourite Hymns	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 17th August Trinity 13	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 24th August Trinity 14	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 31st August Trinity 15 5th Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	10:30am Benefice Service Visit from Christian Solidarity Worldwide
Sunday 7th September	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars resumes at 10:30am on Monday 8th September in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR AUGUST

Please use the following suggestions as a basis for your thanksgiving and intercessions:

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| <p>5 for business people in tough economic times<br/>6 for the weekly prayer meeting at SMAA<br/>7 for all Christians in this community<br/>8 for The Lord's mercy on Great Britain<br/>9 for all those living in The Chase<br/><b>10</b> for the work of Mission in this Benefice<br/>11 for us to be more like Jesus<br/>12 for all people of good will<br/>13 for the weekly prayer meeting at SMAA<br/>14 for many on holiday<br/>15 for those who cannot afford a holiday<br/>16 for all those living in The Drove<br/><b>17</b> for Missionary partners in South Africa and India<br/>18 for the poor and needy in our world<br/>19 for us to love our neighbour<br/>20 for the weekly prayer meeting at SMAA<br/>21 for all on holiday in this area<br/>22 for all those living in The Oaks<br/>23 for Brightwell Village<br/><b>24</b> for Brightwell Flower Festival</p> | <p>25 for Brightwell Church (St John the Baptist)<br/>26 for family members<br/>27 for the weekly prayer meeting at SMAA<br/>28 for all who are housebound<br/>29 for all those in The Grove<br/>30 for Monthly Prayer Breakfast<br/><b>31</b> for Christian Solidarity Worldwide<br/><b>SEPT 1</b> for young people going on to further study<br/>2 for children moving to Senior School<br/>3 for children starting school today<br/>4 for all living in The Street and Top Street</p> |
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