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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

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Parish Meeting –
Wednesday 28th April**

Your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham; not a meeting of the Parish Council. This will take place at 7:30

pm in the Parish Room (address below). It will include a presentation on "The Role of Suffolk County Council (SCC) Highways in Planning for New Developments" by Dave Watson, SCC Transport Strategy Manager. All welcome.

Martlesham Recreation Ground

The Parish Council has been asked by the members of the Recreation Ground Management Committee to take over the trusteeship of the charity. To this end a Scheme has to be put in place by the Charity Commission and parishioners have one month from 1st April to make representations to the Commission on the proposals. Please refer to the notice in this newsletter for details.

BT Planning Application C09/0555

The Parish Council has now responded to the revisions on the original application. It continues to strongly oppose the development and challenge the granting of outline planning permission on substantive grounds and particularly in the absence of an agreed and adopted Local Development Framework.

Suffolk Coastal District Council Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy

At the time of writing, the District Council is due to make its decision on the Core Strategy at a meeting on 18th March. The Cabinet endorsed the Strategy on 24th February and recommended to full Council that it now be submitted for examination by an independent inspector but in the meantime adopts the policies for the purposes of determining planning applications and enforcement. It is therefore likely that the District Council will now be able to proceed with the determination of the BT planning application because the Core Strategy states "it is proposed to make a specific allocation up to 2,000 homes to create a community that is linked with employment provision at Adastral Park, Martlesham..."

The Parish Council will continue to put forward the parish view on this matter and seek to keep you informed of progress.

Full details on the LDF are to be found on the District Council's website: www.suffolkcoastal.gov

uk.

BMX track for Martlesham

The Parish Council is supporting a project designed to provide additional activities for our younger parishioners. The project will result in provision of a BMX track designed and administered by them at little or no cost to the parish. They will be supported by the police and other local agencies and the Parish council is pleased to collaborate with them to help provide, for our young people, a supportive environment and safe place to be. Initial work is focused on finding a suitable location and engaging with both those who will be involved in the design/administration and those in the locality.

The police are thanked for their help and support for this project and other youth activities in the Parish in which they are taking an active role and advising on.

April Working Party

Please join our working party at the Centenary Playspace, next to Gorseland School, on **Saturday 10th April, 10 am – 1 pm** (or for however long you can stay), to clear vegetation and tidy up the area. This is part of the preparation for the redesign of the play area. Contact the Clerk for further details.

Forthcoming meetings

Please note that from 1st April the Council is making changes to the frequency of its committee meetings.

*Parish Council - Wednesday 7th April

*Recreation & Amenities - Wednesday 10th March

*Development Plans - Wednesday 21st April

*Annual Parish Council - Wednesday 5th May

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

NOTICE

**CHARITY: MARTLESHAM
RECREATION GROUND: 304793
REFERENCE : C-265625**

A Scheme is a legal document made by the Charity Commission. It is proposed to make a Scheme for this charity which will alter or affect the existing trust of the charity whereby Martlesham Parish Council will be the trustee of the charity.

A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at:

Martlesham Parish Council Office,
Felixstowe Road, Martlesham,
Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 4PB.
Tel. 01473 612632

or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

Charity Commission Direct, PO Box
1227, Liverpool, L69 3UG

quoting the above reference number or by visiting our website at:

www.charitycommission.gov.uk

Comments or representations on these proposals can be made to the Charity Commission within one month from the date of this notice, either by letter or by completing the form on our website.

Date: 1st April 2010

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

To enquire about booking Martlesham Community Hall or the Richards Room please telephone the Booking secretary on 01473 623203 who will be available to help you with your enquiry or will telephone you back if not available.

Alternatively, e-mail the new e-mail address

martcomhall@btinternet.com or write to The Booking Secretary, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich, IP12 4PB.

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Local Development Framework

By the time that this report is read it is most likely that the Core Strategy

document for Suffolk Coastal District will have been approved by both the cabinet and the full council. It will then be presented to the relevant Government Inspector. This may be followed by a public enquiry but that is not certain. There are however a number of uncertainties that lie ahead, not least of which will be the effect if there is a change of Government.

Local Government Review

In view of the decision that was announced by the Government minister for Communities and Local Government, that all the councils in Suffolk should have a convention to decide among themselves what form of unitary councils would be most suitable, the net effect of that decision resulted in SCDC agreeing not to spend any more time or money pursuing such a change until after the general election has taken place.

The BT Planning Application

I have received a number of reports that this planning application is due to be heard by the Development Control South area Planning committee during March. There are still a number of issues that I understand have yet to be resolved and because of this it is not now likely that the application will be heard before May. Interested parties will need to be alert as to the publication date of the deliberations.

On a personal note, due to unfortunate circumstances beyond my control, I will not be able to hold any surgeries during the months of April and May. I expect to be back in action by the beginning of June with renewed determination to work for and on behalf of the whole community that is Martlesham. However if there are any items that you would like to discuss with me I can still be reached at my home on 01473 622716.

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

2,000 HOMES FOR MARTLESHAM NOW MORE LIKELY

Having just returned from the Suffolk Coastal Full Council meeting to agree that the LDF Core Strategy document be submitted for examination in public by an independent

inspector (likely to happen in Autumn 2010) and to agree that the policies contained in the document will now be the interim policy for determining planning applications and enforcement issues, it is with great regret to me that the resolutions were passed. The vote was as follows - 30 for, 10 against plus 2 abstentions.

I did try to pass an amendment that the policies should only apply to small scale planning applications and enforcement and that any large scale applications in relation to the proposed strategic sites should be refused as premature or deferred pending the inspector's decision on whether or not the LDF is sound. This amendment was refused as officers felt that the Council could not pre-judge decisions that would need to be made by the Planning Committee.

I then placed a second amendment asking that the item referring to adopting the policies should be removed. This again was not allowed as the officers felt it negated the original recommendation. I strongly objected to this argument. In the end I had to agree that a vote be taken on the following: - adopt the policies as interim planning policy for the determining of small scale planning applications and enforcement.

This would have meant that in the case of large scale developments the policies would not have applied. Sadly the amendment was lost - 15 for with 28 against.

Sadly the decision made this evening could make it more difficult for the Council to refuse BT's plans for Adastral Park .

I am expecting the Council to deal with the BT application sometime in May. If they reject the application BT can appeal and if they support the application the Minister responsible may decide to call it in for a public enquiry, either way objectors and supporters should be allowed to have their say.

For the latest information please visit the NANT website.

My apologies that this report is very wordy but I'm afraid

that's how planning works.

Please excuse any errors as I am writing this at 11:30 pm in order to try and meet the magazine print deadlines.

Once again may I thank the people who took the trouble to attend the meeting tonight. It was good to see so many of you there. It's a pity we didn't get the result we needed.

One last but important point - I would like to wish my colleague Chris Blundell best wishes for his impending operation and for a speedy recovery.

John Kelso, District Councillor
Martlesham Ward

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

Thank you to all those householders who braved the cold to attend the AGM on 11th February. There was an attendance of approximately 50-60 people which was a little disappointing when we represent approximately 1400 households. A resident asked about the handover of the North Green from Grainger to MHHL and unfortunately the response is that Grainger are still holding on to the Green although we continue to press for its handover. Another resident asked for more trees to be planted around the Heath and hopefully this is something we will be looking at for next autumn. The main topic of the evening was the BT New Town. MHHL were asked to confirm that they were not connected to NANT (No Adastral New Town) in any way. This confirmation was given and MHHL will only make representations on behalf of householders when the plans directly affect our land or assets. We have submitted objections to the plans with respect to how it will affect everyone living on the Heath in terms of increased traffic, a possible bridge and cycle route going through the woodland and environmental problems. The usual request was made for new Directors as many of our Directors have served for a number of years and may not wish to carry on much longer. Please consider volunteering as any help would be gratefully received - you have to be a resident of Martlesham Heath

Village, be over 18 and there is no upper age limit. No special skills are required, just a desire to keep the Village a wonderful place to live.

We have received word from Natural England that the classification of the SSSI (Western Corridor) is 'unfavourable, no change'. We are still waiting for funding to enable work to start on bringing the site to 'satisfactory' classification.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday 15th March at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre. MHHL, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Tel: 01473 612207 e-mail: mhh@martlesham.org.uk website: <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Martlesham Community Council are holding the following events for the coming year:

"JUMBLE, PLANT AND BOOK SALE" on 19th June in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, from 10 am - 12 noon, admission 30p. If anyone has any jumble, bric-a-brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

BOOK SALE at "JAYDENE", Main Road, Martlesham, on 25th July - details to be provided later.

"JUMBLE, PLANT AND BOOK SALE" on Saturday 16th October in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, from 10 am - 12, admission 30p. If anyone has any jumble or bric-a-brac, please contact Jackie Bear on the above telephone number.

CRAFT FAIR to be held on Saturday 20th November in St Michael's Church Centre, details later. However, if anyone would like to book a stall please contact Jackie Bear on the above number.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM & MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**"A Moment in Time in
Martlesham"**

23rd to 25th July

**Paint, draw or photograph on
the above theme during those
days in the parish of
Martlesham.**

Open to everyone, whatever

your age or ability, amateur or professional.

This is not a competition, the aim is to make a record for future generations.

There will be an exhibition later in the year to highlight the weekend's work.

For further details of how to take part and the Exhibition please contact the Burrows family on 01473 625196 or Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Mrs Brenda Evers commenced her demonstration entitled 'Spring Fever' with a large piece of driftwood shaped into a trunk containing oasis recessed into one side. She created a long/low design containing pistachio green single carnations and green orchids which she called 'spring greens'. A giant red wine glass featured in her second design with grouped foliage and a cascade of red tulips. She had a pale blue pottery jar with aspidistra leaves, mauve liatris, pink hypericum, yellow orchids and yellow roses tinged with red creating a colourful and exotic third design. Threaded pink pearls were then wound around a long rack of conifer and pressing a sheet of copper wire into a bowl Brenda weaved the rack of conifer through the wire adding bright green feathers and pale pink hyacinths. A pewter Victorian lamp stand containing cerise roses interspersed with pink orchids formed a fifth creation which she called 'safari sunset'. The final design contained purple statice, pink hypericum, carnations and alstroemeria with two-tone white/red roses. A smaller version arranged on top of a long tube-like pink glass was added afterwards.

The competition was won by Ann Berg.

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.

The next meeting will be on 21st April when David Wright will be 'Forever Chasing Dreams'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event:-

QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday 13th April

7:30 pm

**St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath**

The evening also includes our AGM, launch of our Summer Garden Competitions and our entry into the Anglia in Bloom Competition 2010.

There will be light refreshments, raffle and plants for sale.

Everyone welcome.

Teams can be made up on the evening.

Admission is free.

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 HEATH W.I.

Members sat engrossed by our speaker at the March meeting. Angela Pratt, a retired science teacher, gave us an intriguing account of D.N.A. or Deoxyribonucleic Acid to give it its full name! She explained how it can be used in several different ways such as forensic science, genetic engineering, hereditary diseases and relationships. The talk provoked many questions from members and we hope that Angela will return in the near future to explain more to us.

Members were told of a visit to the theatre at Southwold in July and about our group meeting in May which is being hosted by Martlesham W.I. The speaker at this meeting will be Lynne Mortimer, a journalist from the East Anglian Daily Times.

We also continue with our monthly scrabble nights at Kesgrave W.I. and our monthly walks are due to recommence in May.

The speaker at our April meeting will be Dan Wheals talking about herbal medicine.

Any lady is welcome to join us on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Pavilion.

Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Mr Jerry Baxter is a Pearly King and he came to talk to us about the origins and traditions of the Pearly Kings and Queens of London. The custom originated in 1875 when Henry Croft left an orphanage at the age of 13 and started work in a street market. He began wearing a suit of pearl buttons to raise money for his local hospital and orphanage and the tradition has carried on ever since. Being unable to undertake this fundraising alone Henry Croft approached the 28 Boroughs and the 2 City areas in London and the Pearly Kings and Queens of London were formed. The titles given to each King and Queen are handed down through family members and the suits are worn for the sole purpose of raising money for charities. We were able to lift the jackets and hats and were astonished at how much they weighed. The buttons are individually sewn and designed and a suit takes Mr Baxter nine months to make. When he told us that there are 1000 buttons on a hat and over 20,000 on a suit we could see why!

Mr Baxter concluded by reminding us that he would be at the Street Fayre in Debenham on 20th June and urged us all to attend.

We meet in the Richards Room on the third Friday in the month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be on 16th April with Mr Ryder Davies giving a talk on 'The Work of a Zoo Vet'. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Rory Burrow made a return visit to

the Club on 25th February to give another most interesting talk, this time on Timbuktu.

Meetings for April and May are:

*8th April: Heraldry - Speaker; Peter Durrell

*22nd April: Satire in Song - Speaker; Joyce Kimber

*6th May: Armchair Walk - Speaker; Ann Day

*20th May: A Dog Handler - Speaker; Chris Place

Our meetings are held in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre on alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are a friendly Club and new members are always welcome. Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our sponsored Egg and Spoon Races during the last week before the Easter holidays went really well. The children had such a great time taking part. Thank you to their parents and friends for raising so much money – we shall have a total soon! This will enable us to buy some more toys and equipment.

At the end of last term we said a sad goodbye to 11 of our children as they moved on to nursery. We wish them and their families all the very best. The summer term is going to be very busy for us, all our sessions will be full, and we welcome all our new children and their families when they start after the Easter holidays. We hope they will enjoy their time with us.

This year our 25th Anniversary Fun Day takes place on Saturday May 22nd. The theme is "medieval" and we're hoping that our children will dress for the occasion and make some medieval-style hats. Make a note of the time – 12:30 to 4 pm. Come along for the BBQ and then join in the fun and games. The Fun Day will have all the usual attractions – refreshments, bouncy castle, fun and games, pony rides, entertainer, coconut shy and crockery smash! If your children (or you) attended the playschool at the Old Control Tower come along and visit us!

We shall be organising a trip

Old Control Tower 01473 624510

to Rendlesham Forest during May.

Visit our website for more details:- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or you can contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We currently take children from 2 ½ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area. As mentioned, the summer term is full, but we would urge parents to get their children registered for future terms as soon as possible. Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Spring fever is still very much in the air at St Michaels, although summer is approaching fast, which means the last term at St Michael's for our Rising 5's who will soon be adventuring into the big wide world of 'Reception class'. To help the children with the change from Pre-School to 'big' school our Rising 5's sessions run in conjunction with Birchwood, and in the summer term the children will be spending Friday afternoons at the school, familiarising themselves with the teachers and surroundings. Hopefully this makes the first day at school less daunting and more enjoyable for children and parents alike.

We are now booking for September and have limited spaces available, so please contact our bookings secretary to register now to avoid disappointment.

We are a registered charity and therefore rely on the support and help given by parents/carers and families. We are currently looking for new committee members, so if you would like a say in how your children's pre-school is run, come and join us at our monthly meetings.

We welcome children into our pre-school from Martlesham, and all surrounding areas as well as Kesgrave and they then leave us to go onto all the local schools including Gorseland, Birchwood, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings, and

Rendlesham. If you are interested in sending your child to St Michaels Pre-School and would like a prospectus or to arrange a visit please call Julie Benford on 01473 4 3 6 1 2 5 or e-mail admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk, or visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk.

Louise Peck

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

All the sections have been busy and keeping warm – despite the snow!

The Beavers are doing their imagination badge this term.

The Orwell Cubs have been looking at animal tracks in the snow. They have started looking at calories and diet with a view to looking at the fitness challenge. They also had a Haggis and highland games night as well as a focus on optical illusions.

The Deben Cubs have finished their fitness challenge by doing lots of sports such as volleyball, table tennis and table football. They plan to move onto the navigation badge next.

The Scouts have had a games night, a map reading session and have looked at computer software and hardware. Coming up they will be doing 'not a problem', pancake evening, sledging, swimming and remote controlled cars. The group still has a few vacancies so if you are interested please contact the Membership Secretary Paul at marsh.pr@gmail.com

Heather Hann

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION **10TH – 24TH APRIL**

After three years of violence from his stepfather, John, 14, decided that sleeping rough was preferable to the beatings he was getting at home. But he soon discovered how lonely, cold and frightening life as a runaway could be. A project worker from The Children's Society met John and managed to talk to him and gain his trust. John now lives with his auntie and sees his mum quite a bit.

Through this year's house-to-

house collection we can continue to help young runaways such as John. If an envelope comes through your door, or someone calls with a collecting box, please give generously. Jeremy and Cynthia Walsh
Simon Smith

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 5th March and the Community Hall was full to listen to an illustrated talk by Gerry Honey, Wing Commander, (retd) OBE, FRAeS, entitled "Harrier Operations and Vintage Display Flying".

Gerry, who hails from Devon, joined the RAF as an apprentice at the age of 16. He applied for training as a pilot and was sent to Canada, where he flew Harvards and T33's. On his return to England he flew various early jets, including Vampires, Meteors and later the beautiful Hawker Hunter.

The first half of the evening was taken up with Gerry's experiences flying the Harrier vertical take-off fighter/bomber. He had been posted to West Wittering where the Harrier GR3 was based. Gerry explained that the ability to take off vertically is something that only a lightly loaded Harrier can do. It is reserved for air shows where it never fails to impress. However the variable angle jet thrust is very useful for landing in well-hidden locations where there is no runway. Gerry Honey was in the RAF for 36 years and he obviously cannot stay away from aeroplanes because he now flies a Boeing Stearman WW2 biplane trainer at Old Buckenham in Norfolk. After the break he talked about the Stearman and also took many questions.

A vote of thanks for a most enjoyable evening was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be held on April 9th at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road as usual. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door. The speaker will be Group Captain, (retd), Tony Alcock and his talk is entitled "The Alcock and Brown Story". Tony is a nephew of Sir John Alcock who accompanied Arthur Witten-Brown on

the first solo crossing of the Atlantic in 1919.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Please note that the Society has no meeting in March or April. The next is on Monday 17th May, usual venue, with a special speaker from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. He will show a film on their work, narrated by Michael Palin.

Dora Kneebone, 01473 623380

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The weather is looking more hopeful now, with definite signs of warmth. The clocks have gone forward and we now have that extra time in the evenings to start enjoying a little stroll. Why not work off that extra layer that we accumulate over the colder months? Take your stroll around the Portal Woodlands, enjoy the sight of the newly greened trees and watch for some of the wildlife the wood has to offer.

The February Work Morning was very damp, but it did not seem to dampen anyone's spirits and we had 17 people turn out. We continued clearing trees and bushes damaged by the snow to keep the pathways safe and clear. We also progressed with the clearing of scrub to make way for our 'oak avenue' and hazel plantation.

Nature Watch Club - it's all very exciting as this month sees the year's first meeting of the club. This will be held on 24th April and will be about amphibians. For more details please go to our website and to book a place send an e-mail to naturewatch.pwccg@martlesham.org.uk

The AGM went well, thank you to those that attended. Sorry if you missed it, maybe see you another time? Always feel free to pop along and chat to us on one of the work days, or e-mail us to find out more information. We'd love to have you come along. Families are welcome, we can always find small jobs for the children, they love the

opportunity to be in the woods, and 'help'. My 10 year old loves it!!

Also, thanks to those who kept an eye open for the missing spade. It has now been found...it was next to the hole that had contained the treasure!

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - Saturday 24th April - Amphibians, 10 am—noon. Please book.

Woodlands Work Morning - Sunday 18th April, 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

For more information about PWCG and its activities please access our website at:

www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup, or if you have any questions please e-mail us at pwccg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We have now completed the Pairs and Triples competitions, the winners being Maggie Waugh and Peter Mullet in the Pairs and June Levett, Iris Pyle and Martyn Shakespeare in the Triples.

The Fours competition will be held on Sunday 21st March and this will then complete the club competitions in good time for the AGM on 11th May.

We have recently had two friendly games where several members enjoyed being included in the team for the first time; only one of these games were won.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Brian Davey - 01473 624789

Linda Brown - 01394 384698

George Gould - 01473 636155

It is once again almost time for the outdoor bowling season to begin. The club will open on Saturday 17th April with our annual Opening Spoon Drive. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will be able to get the season off to a good start.

We have a full programme of bowling ahead. We have Social Club bowling twice a week and

have various club competitions running throughout the season. We enter into three Leagues, various Cup competitions and play a number of friendly matches.

Our Wednesday Pairs Open Tournaments which are played once a month are very popular with both members and non-members of the club.

We hold two Open Weekend Pairs Tournaments per season:

*The Sheila McIntyre Rose Bowl - Saturday 19th June - starting time 10 am.

*The Cyril Marsh Memorial Shield - Sunday 12th September - starting time 10 am.

These tournaments are always well supported and are a very good day out but we could always do with there being more bowlers playing in these tournaments.

If you would like to join us on the above days please contact Linda Brown on 01394 384698, we would be very happy to welcome you to the club.

If you have never played the game of bowls before and would like to give it a go please do not hesitate to contact us on one of the above telephone numbers and we would be only too pleased to show you around the club and to let you have a go at playing the game.

Linda Brown, Secretary

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Film and TV Themes' concert in February, we had almost a full house and raised over £600 for the Haiti earthquake appeal - a fantastic result! On 25th April we shall be marching along Felixstowe 'Prom' to a service at The Spa Pavilion for the annual St. George's Day Parade organised by Orwell District Scouts. Also on the 25th, our Main Band Conductor Adam Cable will be running in the London Marathon in aid of Cancer Research UK - we all wish him the very best of luck!!

We have recently been very fortunate to receive a BT Champions Award of £100 towards holding a workshop day for our members. The

on Saturday September 20th

workshop, to be later this year, will give training on all aspects of playing in a Brass Band, from music theory to care of instruments and deportment when on stage, etc.

Two very advance dates to put in your diaries - our Spring Concert on Saturday 1st May at Kesgrave Community Centre and our Band Summer Fair on Saturday 12th June at St Michael's Church Centre on Martlesham Heath.

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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A TASTE OF SPRING

Presenting 'Folk Songs and Other Ditties' in aid of The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. With Stephen Miles - tenor, Kathleen Wyatt - piano, also featuring The Orwell Singers with Musical Director Gloria Wilson. St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath on 10th April, 5 pm.

Light refreshments. Tickets £6 from Brenda 0770 8783136 and Debbie 01473 635955.

THE THREE CHOIRS CONCERT

IN AID OF

THE EAST ANGLIAN AIR

AMBULANCE

2010 is the 10th Anniversary of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir are pleased to present the Three Choirs Concert in aid of this very worthwhile cause.

The Choir will be joined by their friends from the Essex Police Choir and the Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir to perform an

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evening of enjoyable music.

The concert, to be compered by BBC Radio Suffolk's Stephen Foster, is taking place at St John the Baptist Church, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich on Saturday 22nd May 2010 commencing at 7:30pm. Tickets are priced at £6 each.

For tickets or more information contact the Secretary of the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir on 01449 672600 or e-mail scmvc@scwade.eclipse.co.uk

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

On Friday May 7th former Martlesham Heath resident Simon Goldsmith will endeavour to break a Guinness World Record by performing Elvis songs for at least 43 hours continuously. Simon's Elvis tribute act, Harry Isaac Presley, will begin the daunting task at 8 am in the grounds of the Ufford White Lion near Melton. The event has been organised to raise money for the Saint Elizabeth Hospice where Simon's father, David Goldsmith, passed away last April.

The event has a website with all the information available at www.harryisaacpresley.co.uk

HPE Music presents:-

A FAMILY CONCERT FOR HAITI

**Saturday 8th May
7:30 pm**

**at
St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath**

**Featuring
Music, Song and Verse
by
Martlesham Cantilena Choir
and
Melton Folk**

**There will be light refreshments
and a raffle.**

**Admission on the door £5
(adults), £3 (children under 16)
Profit to the DEC Haiti Appeal.
Further details from Burrows
tel. 01473 625196**

**Ooh! Sore Feet?
Choose from a male or
female practitioner
Tel: 01473 720655**

R.S.P.C.A. UPDATE

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch
House to House Collections 2009
The Martleshams - £878.61
(supporting Martlesham Animal Centre & Ipswich Clinic)

A marvellous rise, £144 on 2008! This is due to three new collectors, longstanding loyal volunteers and generous residents they visited. BUT large areas of the Martleshams are not covered and the two Centres receiving no regular grants depend on constant fundraising. With full coverage, house collections are proven their greatest financial asset. Four volunteers are urgently needed for the two Martleshams. New collectors have eight weeks of the own choice between April and September to make a collection. YOUR HELP is needed NOW to assure there will always be treatment and refuge for distressed animals within this Branch. Please ring 01394 284605 for information.

My sincere gratitude for the efforts of the collectors and the generosity of the residents they visited.

Martlesham: Jaqui Coates, Sue and Hugh Whitbread.

Martlesham Village: Peter Durrant, June Hancock, Caroline Hawkes, Sandra Martin, Georgina Thomas.

Overall Branch Total £14,967.13

Patricia N.M. Monk
House to House collections organiser

WOULD YOU LIKE TO OPEN YOUR GARDEN IN AID OF THE HOSPICE?

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for people in the Martlesham area to open their garden to the public with all proceeds benefiting the charity.

Every spring and summer residents across east Suffolk open their gardens for an afternoon for visitors to admire – in return for a

donation.

Gardens of all shapes and sizes, formal or informal, cosy or large are wanted.

Last year around 20 gardens opened raising a total of £11,000.

St Elizabeth Hospice would love to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden in either May, June, July, August or September.

For more information, please contact Rachael Mittell, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 707034 or e-mail fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

FRAMFIELD HOUSE SURGERY Changes to Out of Hours service

As from 1st April a new care provider, Harmoni, will provide GP out of hours care from 6:30 pm until 8 am, Monday to Friday and all day at weekends/Bank Holidays.

The patient telephone number will be 0300 130 3066 – please make a note of this!

WARM UP YOUR HOME AND SAVE MONEY

Free cavity wall and loft insulation for those aged 70 and over, or for those in receipt of qualifying benefits, **discounted** cavity wall and loft insulation from **only £149** for all other householders - call **0800 232 1677** or visit **www.easterncri.org**.

To find out more about what is on offer to improve your home's energy efficiency or for help to install solar power visit **www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/energy/**

AWARDS AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

Speak Easy at Martlesham recently held its Annual Dinner at Rushmere Golf Club. After enjoying the meal and a humorous 'During Dinner Speech' between courses (as opposed to an 'After Dinner Speech!'), on how you should start a speech, by Dave Nightingale, it was time for the announcement of the club's annual awards by President Sonya Burrows. During the year all members have the opportunity to work

towards various Toastmasters' International Awards through giving speeches and taking part in meetings and activities. Speak Easy's club awards however are given to recognise members who have put in a particular effort for the club and its members. Special guest Gary Sanders, a past Governor of District 71 (which covers all Toastmasters' affiliated clubs throughout Great Britain), presented the Toastmasters' Promise Award to Ian Read. The Member's Member Award went to Anu Sreekumar and Sue Coppens-Browne received the President's Award. The latter two winners were unable to attend the evening so had a surprise presentation at the next Speak Easy meeting – only possible through everyone at the Annual Dinner agreeing to say nothing and keep the secret for two weeks! Congratulations to all three winners.

Speak Easy at Martlesham meet on alternate Thursdays at The Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB (behind Tesco) 7 pm for a 7:15 pm start. Guests are always welcome to come along to meetings.

Our next meetings are on:
*1st April, *15th April, *29th April,
*13th May, *27th May

If you would like to learn more about the club please contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462. Further information can be found on the Speak Easy website - **www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk**

VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

If you are having difficulty finding a satisfactory contact telephone number through which to direct your enquiries to Virgin Media, then please call Paul Keane on 01206 507473.

Paul is a manager with Virgin Media and is based at Colchester. Please contact him if you have any problems and hopefully he can assist you.

Martlesham Monthly

QUIET DAYS IN A GARDEN

Jeremy and Cynthia Walsh are of-

fering informal Quiet Days in their garden and home again this year on the following **Thursdays: 13th May, 24th June, 5th August and 9th September** (10 am - 4 pm).

All are welcome. There is a maximum of six places on each day, so booking in advance is essential. A simple lunch will be provided. Cost £5, payable on the day. Ring 01473 620797; or write to 6 Warren Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3SH; or e-mail: jandcwalsh@warrenlane6.freereserve.co.uk

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

Some of our congregation have been active in attending the Lent House groups organised by the Benefice and have been following a course, excellently prepared by Revd Ian Naylor, looking at how the concept of Fresh Expressions may make our church more relevant to today's "audience". There is always a difficulty in balancing Service or music styles to appeal to both our lifelong congregational members with what people might expect of a Church Service in the 21st Century. This is particularly at the forefront of our thinking at Brightwell and if you have any ideas as to what we might do to appeal to a wider group please feel free to write to me at the e-mail address below or ring for a chat on 01473 624130.

Our Church will again be open to artists, photographers, readers or anyone who would like to spend a quiet time in the Church or Churchyard - all are welcome at our **QUITE QUIET DAY on Friday 30th April from 10 am to 4 pm**. Refreshment available all day. On May 7th (Friday) we will be holding a coffee morning at a secret venue?! See next month!

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
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MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Giving or Getting"

In the dark days preceding the crucifixion of Jesus, two contrasting characters showed their true colours. Mary, the sister of Lazarus, used the

opportunity of a visit by Jesus to their home, to show her love and gratitude. She took the most precious thing she had, a box of expensive spikenard perfume, poured it over the feet of Jesus, washed them with her tears and then wiped them with the long tresses of her hair. In this lovely act of giving she expressed her thanks.

Judas, who was present on this occasion, had a very different mindset. He was a creature of greed, in the business of 'getting' rather than 'giving'! He stole from the common purse the disciples had, of which he was treasurer. He then went to the high priest and negotiated the betrayal of Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. This was despite the fact that the Saviour had given him opportunities to change his attitude.

The teaching of Christ is that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". This is not the way our society thinks!

Try to analyse your own thoughts! Which gives you greater joy? Giving or getting? Which would bring you greater happiness - winning the lottery or giving £10,000 to a poor African community?

ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

Sundays: 10 am - Worship, Teaching and Communion

Mondays: After School Club (Years 5, 6 and 7)

Tuesday Circle: 9th April (East Anglian Air Ambulance)

Wednesdays: House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays: Mums and Toddlers - 10 am, Youth Club - 7 pm

Fridays: Friends on Friday - 10 am
'Café Church' - Sunday 4th April

For further information, see the website www.m-c-f.org, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

EASTER AT BRIGHT STARS

Bright Stars is a fun children's worship and activity session for pre-schoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (during term time), 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre,

Martlesham Heath. Our first session of the summer term is on April 26th. Activities towards the end of the spring term included making flags and creating an Easter Garden to bring alive the story of Easter.

The summer term promises to be full of stories and songs as well as fun crafts and activities, why not come and visit us at our next session? The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. We look forward to seeing you at our summer sessions.

The dates for our summer 2010 sessions are:

April 26th, May 10th, May 24th,
June 14th, June 28th, July 12th

If you would like any further information please contact: Jo Dixon 01473 622160, Sonya Burrows 01473 625196 or Rev. Ian Naylor 01473 622424.

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

I hope by the time you read this Spring will have sprung and we will be feeling warmer. It is lovely to see the Spring flowers appearing and St Mary's Churchyard is a picture with a carpet of crocuses.

April 4th is the highlight of the year for Christians - Easter Sunday!

But first we travel from Palm Sunday when Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. People waved palm branches and shouted Hosanna - it was wonderful. But crowds can be fickle and soon they were shouting 'Crucify him' - and Jesus was crucified, a cruel and shameful death on a cross. On Good Friday we remember this. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, he had overcome death and opened the gate of glory. He did this so we should all have eternal life because God loves us.

Come and find out more about God's love, come and join us on Palm Sunday when we distribute palm crosses and follow the greatest story ever told - a true story.

A very Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday		7pm Holy Communion	
Friday 2nd April Good Friday	7pm Service	10:30am Service	2pm Hour at the Cross
Saturday 3rd April Easter Eve			8pm Service of Light
Sunday 4th April Easter Day	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 11th April Easter 2	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 18th April Easter 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship Service 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 25th April Easter 4	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Service	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd May Easter 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Monday 26th April in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.