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MARTLESHAM BIRDS

Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*)

The Chaffinch is seen throughout the parish, and is a common visitor to the garden bird feeder. The male pictured with the grey-blue head is usually one of the early birds to greet the onset of spring with a cheerful song. This bird nests in bushes and trees building the nest from grass, moss, cobwebs, and lichen. The female lays 4-5 eggs during April and May and lives 2-5 years.

POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright
In case of emergencies please always call 999.

In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500 or the new number 101.

You can also contact PC Wright for non-urgent matters:

Office: 01473 334980

E-mail:

richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Or the Safer Neighbourhood Team

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COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

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We now have our own website, which is updated regularly.

www.martleshamcfr.co.uk

For further details contact, Paul and Claire Stockdale 01473 621225.

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TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

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MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Tuesday 10, 24 April

Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2:15-2:45pm

Douglas Bader: 2:55-4:30pm

Wednesday 4, 18 April

Angela Close: 1:40-1:50pm

Redwold Close: 1:55-2:05pm

Thursday 5, 19 April

Douglas Bader: 10:20-11:45am

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) Update on BMX Project

Local Development Framework Consultation (LDF) on the "Pre-Submission Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document December 2011"

The Council has issued its response to this consultation: please visit our website. The LDF and consultation responses will go to an independent Planning Inspector later this year for consideration. Overall the Parish Council does not believe the document to be legally compliant or sound. It believes that a generally sound LDF document has been seriously compromised by incorporating a site specific housing allocation. It accepts the need for housing, especially linked to employment opportunities, however the location of a single housing allocation to the south and east of the A12 (specifically that part within BT ownership) questions the soundness overall. The Council's particular concern is the likely granting of planning permission to BT for 2000+ houses in a location which is too flawed in infrastructure and environmental terms and possibly irredeemable in mitigation terms. Further information about this consultation is on the District Council's website: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

The area to be developed was cleared in February and the first track has begun to take shape. It is envisaged that there will be 2 or 3 tracks. Our Recreation & Amenities Committee has discussed the signage for the site and the conduct of the riders. The area has now been fenced off and when the tracks are complete there will be an independent inspection by RoSPA and an official opening of the tracks sometime this summer.

Centenary Playspace, next to Gorseland School

Unfortunately we have had some ongoing problems with some of the equipment since the playspace opened last year, in particular the Spinning Net, despite repairs in December last year and February 2012. A new roof was recently installed on the multi-play equipment. We continue to press the manufacturer/contractor for a resolution to the faults.

Suffolk County Council (SCC): Implementation of Part-Night Lighting Project

SCC has now implemented part-night lighting in all major towns across Suffolk. They are now installing the system across the rest of Suffolk and are on target to complete the works in May.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE ON WALDRINGFIELD QUARRY

We'd like to update you on the information in the March edition about the works to create a bund (ie bank of earth) alongside the A12.

The bund's purpose is to create a visual and noise barrier for the next phase of quarrying work on the site, as required by the planning consent granted by Suffolk County Council for that work. At the time of writing the bund is nearly complete and it will be seeded with suitable grass and gorse. This quarrying phase (which is expected to last until 2016) is in an area which extends from the A12 eastwards for about 600m, although quite a large area in the northwest corner (ie an arc from the northern end of the layby to the middle of the BT Adsastral Park southern boundary) will not be quarried. The area of land extending about 200m east immediately beyond the bund will continue to be farmed this year - quarrying will start on the land beyond the farmed area.

The actual quarrying process is not continuous. It will be carried out in phases (campaigns) lasting approximately two weeks, during which time the minerals will be extracted and moved to near the processing plant. There will be six such campaigns each year. The processing plant will remain in its present location further east in the middle of the whole site.

The planning consent sets out a list of measures that Bretts have to take to keep noise and dust within agreed levels, and both Bretts and Suffolk County Council will be carrying out monitoring of noise and dust at various locations around the site.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012

Your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham; not a meeting of the Parish Council but we do give you a report of what we've been up to during the year. This will take place at 7.30pm in the Parish Room (address below).

We will start with a talk on waste disposal and recycling from Suffolk Coastal Services. All welcome.

SCC is aware of some public concern, particularly about the impact on crime. It aims to be responsive to the needs of communities and will reverse a decision on part-night lighting if necessary. An 'out-of-hours' number has been given to the emergency services so they can request lights to be turned back on if required. Full details can be found on SCC's website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/streetlighting.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 04 April 2012

Development Plans committee meeting – Wednesday 11 April 2012

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 02 May 2012

All meetings start at 7.30pm 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

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times: 9am – 12noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The next working party for Martlesham Conservation group will take place on Sunday 15th April at 10 am rather than on our usual second Sunday of the month which will be Easter Sunday. Please meet on the western corridor SSSI - southern end. We plan to help out some of the heathland invertebrate species by creating suitable banks and areas of bare ground. All are welcome. Please bring a spade if you have one.

Many thanks to all those who came along and supported our ongoing conservation work on the Martlesham Heath SSSI by participating in the Megabash that took place on Sunday 25th February. We had a wonderful turnout of enthusiastic volunteers with a lot being achieved in a short space of time. We cleared a number of scrubby trees out of an extensive area of heather. At our work party in March we followed up the work of the Megabash by clearing some stumps from the same area and removing the top layer of litter from open areas with the aim of filling the gaps with fresh young heather. We will of course continue to assess the impact of recent changes by monitoring the wildlife present

Lowland heath is a precious habitat in national, European and world terms. Britain's contribution is especially significant as it contains about 20% of the world remaining total of lowland heath. However only 8% now remains compared with at the start of the 20th century. It is important that we play our part on Martlesham Heath by preventing our heath from disappearing under a blanket of invading scrub, trees and bracken and so promote wildlife diversity. We can then look forward to enjoying some of the special wildlife that can be found on lowland heath right here on our doorstep.

We have a special appeal to dog walkers. It would be very beneficial if you would walk your dog or dogs on a lead during the period 1st March to 31st August corresponding to the bird nesting season. This simple action could encourage the return of more nesting birds, especially ground nesting birds such as skylark, woodlark and others.

Please can we also encourage dog owners to make use of the bins provided.

As we move through April temperatures should begin to rise and we should begin to see more butterflies such as Brimstone, Orange Tip and Green Hairstreak, another heathland species that relies on gorse as its food plant. Hopefully the heath and woodland will also resound again to that prolific songbird the Nightingale. Please let us know if you have any interesting wildlife observations.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT APRIL 2012

The New Mound South of Adastral Park. The new mound that has appeared alongside the A12 south of Adastral Park is I am assured by the company extracting the sand and gravel part of the ongoing quarrying process although the planting that has been done suggests that it is here to stay for a while.

The Community Charge for 2012/13. With great effort this has been kept by SCDC to the same level as last year with no significant increase. Unfortunately the same cannot be claimed by Anglia Water who has significantly increased their charges much to my disappointment.

Employment. There is quite a bit of good news on this front so I thought that I would share that with you this month. The current economic climate has become very difficult of late so it was gratifying to learn that the local tourist trade is currently developing quite strongly. Sizewell C is likely to get the go-ahead in the not too distant future and that I have learned will lead to a few thousand new jobs being created in the short term and at least a thousand permanent jobs being created long term (greater than thirty years). I have been assured that there will be a need for skilled craftsmen and engineers on a substantial scale so the construction company is looking for today's local school leavers to take up meaningful apprenticeships in the engineering and construction industries that they will to some extent sponsor.

If you would like to discuss these or any other matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Also I will be available for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St. Michael's Church hall on Monday 2nd April 2012 between 10.00am and 12.00noon.

MARCH MATCH FUND – RESULT FOR SUFFOLK CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

An unbelievable £375 000 was matched in just over 24 hours during the Localgiving.com March Match Fund. This large sum of money, provided by the Government's Office for Civil Society, provided the opportunity for each organisation on Localgiving.com to match donations £ for £, for example turning £50 into £100. It generated more than £750 000, a fantastic amount of money, which will go a long way in helping local charities and community groups.

The Suffolk Foundation launched Localgiving.com in Suffolk in early March but already a number of local charities have registered and are live on the website, allowing such groups to benefit from the March Match Fund.

Charities and community groups based in Suffolk, which are not yet registered with Localgiving.com have the opportunity to register, to create their own webpage on Localgiving.com. If any groups are interested in joining Localgiving.com then please email emma.rawlingson@suffolkfoundation.org.uk for more information.

Localgiving.com is the only website in the country that enables community organisations too small to register with the Charity Commission to benefit from online fundraising and GiftAid.

Localgiving.com provides much needed support to small, grassroots aid organisations across the country.

CALLING ALL MUMS

The Mums' Club will celebrate its 12th birthday at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 17th April from 12.45 to 2.30 p.m. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for a 'birthday lunch' followed by a party with a 'Jubilee' theme. Wear something red, white or blue and join in the fun!

Looking ahead - our May meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st May when we are looking forward to welcoming Janine Edgar from 'Crafty Cooks Suffolk' who will show us how to cook with and for your children.

The 'Drinks and Dribbles' Baby Cafe will be open between 10a.m. and 12 noon on Thursdays, 5th and 19th April. This is a drop-in for the Buggy Brigade - why not join us ?

For more information please feel free to ring Sue on 01473 624130.

SUMMER TERM AT BRIGHT STARS

If you are a preschooler, toddler or baby we would like to invite you and your parents or carers to come and enjoy singing, stories and crafts at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (term time) 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre,. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play.

Why not come and visit us? The session dates for our summer term 2012 are:

April 23rd

May 14th and 28th

June 11th and 25th

July 9th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon Tel.01473-622160 or

Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

THE SAPLINGS

The Easter holidays are just about here but there is still chance to book your child into the SAPLINGS HOLIDAY CLUB, available for children from age 2 up to age 11, with lots of age appropriate activities, crafts and fun. As well as full or half day bookings, we also offer more flexible times based on an hourly rate - please call us for full details.

After Easter, our Pre-School starts preparations for the older children going to primary school in September. We'll be inviting Reception teachers in to meet the children. We will talk about the move to school after the Summer Holidays, encouraging independence in such things as dressing, helping the children to write their name and also introducing phonics in preparation for reading. In the second half-term, Birchwood School children will spend some of Friday afternoon becoming accustomed to the classroom, teachers and outside play area to make the transition in September easier. If your child will be going to Birchwood School in September 2012 and you would like your child to join us for this Friday afternoon session, please contact Pre-School as soon as possible.

In addition to our Pre-School setting, we offer term time childcare from 7.30am to 6.00pm for all children from 2 to 11 years with a breakfast before school and a light cooked tea served after school. We offer a 'Walking Bus' for children to and from Birchwood Primary School.

For further information on any of the above, please call us on 01473 614753 or email news@thesaplings.org.uk.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Congratulations to Sadie Clark who won our Valentine's draw in February. By now we'll have had another winner for our L'Oreal inspired Mother's Day raffle and quite possibly for our Easter draw too. A big thanks to all our mums who take part each month - next time it could be you!

We're looking forward to our Jubilee party at the beginning of June, with fancy dress and hopefully face painting, plus crowns to decorate with shiny jewels (parents as well!) so we can all feel suitably regal. In between times we have more craft activities planned, Father's Day cards to make and some fun with up and coming sporting events!

As always we will be in Martlesham Pavilion every Wednesday and Friday, 9.30-11.30 am during term time. Last session before Easter is Friday 30 March and we are all back on Wednesday 18 April. Sessions cost £2 per toddler, including drinks and biscuits for all.

It might interest you to know our toys are available to hire if you are using the Pavilion for your child's party. Just drop in one Wednesday or Friday, or email us if you might be interested.

We look forward to seeing you soon - we'll put the kettle on!

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our sponsored woodland trail on the last day before the Easter holidays should be a huge success and great fun for everyone taking part. Thank you to their parents and friends for raising so much money - we shall have a total after the Easter holidays. This will enable us to buy some new equipment for our role play area.

This year our annual fun day will take place on Saturday June 16th. We shall be having all our usual stalls and

activities so come and join us. More details in due course. If you're thinking of a playschool for your child this is a great opportunity to come and see where we are and what we do !

If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please visit our website for more details :-

www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We urge you to do this as soon as possible as we have a very long waiting list. We are a popular and well thought of

playschool and as such are now full and shall not have any spaces until September. We are registered to take children from 2 years and the younger you register your child the better. We are situated next to Gorseland School and serve families in Grange Farm and Kesgrave, Martlesham Heath, old Martlesham as well as all surrounding areas and school catchments further afield.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

PORTAL WOODLAND CONSERVATION GROUP

At the successful AGM on 5th March, the committee for the next year were all re-elected with the exception of Andrew Strange who had to stand down due to his moving away to attend University. The chairman Stephen Corley thanked him and all the other committee members for their support and contributions during the year. Stephen also thanked all the volunteers who regularly work in the woods. A total of over 700 volunteer hours have been recorded during the past year, helped by our Nature Explorers. Nature Explorers are young people aged 11 and over who work together on their own projects to develop their own conservation skills but at the same time contributing the work of the Group. For example they have built a new causeway onto the southern revetment in the woods. Nature Watch Club meetings for 5 to 11 year olds start this month. If you and your children would like to join in Nature Explorers or Nature Watch Club then please contact us at the address below.

With the start of the breeding season we ask that you keep to the paths please so as not to disturb ground and low level nesting birds.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Sunday 15th April 10:00am-Noon Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Nature Watch Club Saturday 21st April 9:00-11:00am Subject small mammals Meet at the Education Area

Dates for 2012 Work Mornings, Nature Watch and Nature Explorers are now available at <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/> For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Diamond Jubilee Tree Planting

Martlesham in Bloom arranged for three native Small-leaved Lime trees to be planted in Martlesham to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. These Limes are native, long lived species that will provide pleasure to local residents and benefit wildlife for many years to come. The trees were all sponsored and planted at three separate times each with a commemorative plaque:-

The first tree was planted on Saturday 3rd March 2012 at 2.30 pm on The Green, Martlesham Heath. This tree was sponsored jointly by Girlguiding Martlesham District and 1st Martlesham Scout Group whose members paraded with the tree across The Green in a colourful procession of uniforms and flags to its planting location. They then helped plant the tree with volunteers from Martlesham in Bloom. On Sunday 4th March 2012 at 11.00 am the second tree was planted in a prominent position close to trees that were planted for the Queens Golden Jubilee by Martlesham in Bloom near the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham. This tree was sponsored by Martlesham in Bloom supporters, several local residents and families many of whom were there, despite the persistent rain, and got actively involved with planting the tree.

At 2.30 pm on Sunday 4th March 2012 the third tree was planted on Kronji's Piece, The Street, Martlesham, this tree was sponsored by a local family, representatives of which were present, along with some other residents and Martlesham in Bloom volunteers.

Our next event:-Tuesday 1st May 2012 7.30 pm St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. We are planning a talk of local interest; this evening event will also include our AGM. There will be more details nearer the time – posters will be on the parish notice boards.

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 BRASS

'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

On 22nd 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. Two very advance dates to put in your diaries - our Spring Concert on Saturday 12th May and our Band Summer Fair on Saturday 23rd June both 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.

Liz Benyon. (Publicity Officer)

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01473 623276.

Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website

www.martleshambrass.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 19th April we have a talk with the rather provocative title of "Are Garden Birdwatchers Real Birdwatchers ?" by Carl Powell the BTO Garden Birdwatch Ambassador for Suffolk, again in the Woodbridge Community Centre. Please note the earlier start time of 7-15pm. All are welcome, admission is £2 as usual.

Please also look out for our summer programme of events, which will include our usual mixture of wildlife walks and other events such as our Plant Sale due to take place at Foxburrow Farm, Melton on Sunday 13th May at 2pm.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the group, becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Sarah Cooke on 01394 387858.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

For the start of our new programme we were fortunate to have Mrs Angela Vokalek give her demonstration entitled "My Favourite Things".

For her childhood memories Angela filled a small wicker chair with two pretty pastel shade arrangements of orchids, lisianthus, carnations and gypsophila. Lots of different textures were used in a basket design with bark, catkins, willow and fir cones adding whole 'clumps' of snowdrops and daffodils giving a delightful Spring woodland scene.

Summer time appeared in the form of a trug with freesias, alstroemeria, carnations and roses all in a riot of colours.

A beautiful garden was her final arrangement. Pot plants of azaleas, chrysanthemums and geraniums were potted up together in a large square container making an unusual display and ending a very enjoyable afternoon.

The competition won by Ann Chisem (senior) with Frances Davies a new member winning the (novice).

The Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. 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.

Our next meeting is on 18th April 2012 when Mrs Pat Barton will give a demonstration entitled "In My Element". The competition is "Traditional Triangle". All very welcome.

Margaret Doveson 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

We will soon once again be enjoying the warmer days and lighter nights. So, if you would like to try your hand at the game of Bowls, why not come along and join us.

We would be only too pleased to give coaching if needed.

We have a full calendar of bowling from May until mid-September. We bowl both socially and up to County level.

Please contact the secretary, Linda Brown (01394 384698) and arrangements can be made for you to come to the Bowls Club and spend some time on the Green. So, whether you have played before, or not, please come along and join us

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch
House to House Cash Collections 2011
The Martleshams £734.25
An increase of £239.46 on 2010's total due to the added help of one new collector and all other volunteers showing increased totals. The economic situation prevents many householders from signing up for regular donations but the animal friendly will always find coins for the house to house collector's box. Several more volunteers are urgently needed to cover Martlesham Heath and Martlesham Main Road and roads off. Collections are made April to September and volunteers have 12 weeks of their choice to make a collection. Please phone 01394 284605 for more information.

Martlesham Animal Centre and Ipswich Clinic, with little or no grants, depend on constant local fundraising of which, next to legacies, well manned house to house collections prove the greatest financial asset for the annual expenditure exceeding £350,000.

With the area fully covered the Martleshams would see a four figure total for 2012. So please make that phone call today. It is impossible to have too many collectors.

Finally, my thanks for the generosity of residents visited and my gratitude for the efforts of Jane Hancock, Caroline Hawkes, Graham and Sandra Martin, Andrew Rowland, Sue and Hugh Whitbread and donator Jacqui Coates. Overall Branch Total £15,660.85
Patricia N.M. Monk
House to House Collections Organiser
01394 284605

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS.

We will be holding our club triples competition during the afternoon of Sunday 11th March and we wish all participants every success during the afternoon, which will also be a good social occasion.

Unfortunately one of our older long serving members died suddenly on 5th March. Our thoughts and condolences go to his widow and family.

We have not been doing very well in league matches this year and it is inevitable that we will be joining our old friends in the Second Division next season. However the games will still be enjoyable and played in the usual friendly and happy atmosphere.

Our postponed annual dinner was held on 8th March and everybody said that it was a good evening. Also, with the renewed date, more people were able to attend.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our meeting on the 9th. February was cancelled because of the inclement weather, but we hope to hear about the Eccentric Parsons at a later date.

On the 23rd. Janet and Julia entertained us with their music and song from the 1940's. It was an enjoyable fun evening. Our Bring and Buy on the 8th March realised £80 for our charity.

A date for your diaries please; on 12th May, we will be holding a coffee morning at the pavilion on the Heath in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, which is our charity for the year. A small entrance fee covers the cost of refreshments and it all kicks off at 10 o'clock. Please try to come and support this worthy cause.

Further meetings are as follows:

5th. April Easter Supper (Bring a plate of food for the table) and a quiz.

19th April Best Foot Forward with Jackie Smart.

3rd. May Building the Tower at Bury St. Edmunds. A talk by Harry Parsons

As always, further information about our meetings can be had by ringing our Chairman on 01473 622768

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET.

Spring has Arrived !!!! Don't forget Easter falls within this month of April. Really handy to pick up some hand-made goodies from local folk, made with care. Smashing cakes and fudge will be available. Also enjoying those sunny tastes of the new season marmalade. Lots of flavours for you to try before you buy. Local honey from our bee keepers and orders taken for your favourite baked items for collection or delivery as arranged.

Spring is always that time for New Arrivals. Make every new baby welcome with our crafted treasures. Timeless and full of memories for those you love.

Kesgrave – every Saturday Scout H/Q
Twelve Acre Approach 9.30-11.30am
Martlesham Heath – every Tuesday The Pavilion, The Square, 9 – 10.15am
BUT don't forget 3rd Sat. in every month we are joined by Kesgrave Community Market – times 9-12.30pm.
Margaret Gayfer Tel.01473 623849.

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

This year's WI programme continued in March with a speaker from the Suffolk East Federation office Gill Denny, who's talk was entitled "A celebration of the WI" This provided members with a potted history of the WI from its inception in Canada in 1897 and its expansion to Wales and the rest of the UK. With our own federation being established in 1919 and the first four institutes being Wableswick, Debenham, Westleton and East Bergholt.

Our programme continues in April with a change of venue and date because of a clash with Easter Monday. The meeting will now take place on April 2nd in the church annex next door to the pavilion at 7-30pm. This will feature Kay Souter a local florist, who will present a flower arranging demonstration and workshop. May 4th. Resolutions and a social evening

June 11th A video presentation featuring the national parks of the Western USA by David Brown

New members are always welcome, for further information please contact Bernadette Smith, President, on 01473 728216.

AWARDS ALL ROUND AT SPEAK EASY

Each year Speak Easy at Martlesham holds an Annual Dinner and Awards Evening, a chance for members to meet up and enjoy a meal together, be entertained by an after-dinner speech and have the opportunity to celebrate the club's achievements over the previous year. This year the evening was held at the Brewery Tap in Ipswich and the members to be congratulated on receiving awards are: Bob Booker who received the Members Award, Ian Read the Toastmasters' Promise Award and Dave Nightingale the Presidents Award.

Shortly after this event, following a great club round which you may have read about in March's article, Bob Booker and Brian Faulkner took part in the Area Tall Tales Contest, hosted by Ipswich Electrifiers at the Suffolk Food Hall. All who attended had a highly entertaining evening, hearing stories that might or might not have stretched the truth a little!! Brian Faulkner swept the field and was a very worthy winner with his story about following up the alleged sighting of a bear in Rendlesham Forest, reported in the papers a couple of years ago. Members from all four clubs in the area (from Martlesham, Ipswich, Colchester and Chelmsford) came along to support their entrants and it was a good chance to mingle with fellow speakers from a little further afield.

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind the Tesco

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

JUMBLE, BOOK AND CAKE STALL

On SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2012

In the
PAVILION,
MARTLESHAM HEATH
10.00a.m. – 12 noon

Admission 50p

(Including free tea or coffee)

superstore). Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm. Guests are always welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings 2012:

April 12th

April 26th

May 10th

May 24th

Further details can be found at www.speak-easy.org.uk (Please note the new website address)

Or call Dave Nightingale Tel. 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473 625196

Village Views—letters to the editor

BEFORE YOU CHAIN YOUR BIKE TO A SIGNPOST....

Last month I cycled to Church Lane, so I could take a walk to Kyson Point. Halfway along is a signpost, where the footpath takes a right-angle turn down to the end of Martlesham Creek. I chained the bike there, and was away for 40 minutes. On my return I saw it had gone. The two white-on-green plastic fingers of the signpost had been snapped off, presumably to allow the loop of the locking chain to be slipped over the top of the post.

I passed the bad news to the SCC Public Rights of Way people, using an online problem report. They have since told me a works order has been issued to repair the signpost.

Joe Startin

MOTHERS UNION

As we are in the season of Lent, I thought I would tell you about a Mothers Union project that is taking place right now. This Lent we were asked to think about families and communities in Uganda. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year 22nd February and ends on Easter Sunday 8th April. The MU had devised a "Count your Blessings" calendar for each day and we were asked to reflect on a specific area of the community or to give a little donation to support the work going on in that Country. For example on Tuesday 25th February we were asked to count the taps in our homes and then reflect on Ugandans, many of whom still can't access safe water. On the 23rd we were asked to give thanks for school dinners which cost around £1.50 each. Some families in Uganda can only dream of giving their children a hot dinner each day. We prayed for families struggling to feed their families. Then on March 26th it was suggested that we count the pairs of shoes we owned and then pray for Ugandan children who need shoes to go to school.

Each day was something different! It certainly made me count my blessings. But also to give thanks that I was in a position, along with lots of other members to give a little donation to continue our "Family Life Programme". In Martlesham the MU meets on the first Wednesday of each month at St Michael's Church at 2.30pm. More details are available through Florence Fisher on 01473 631347

We would love to see you!

MARTLESHAM WI

Paul Sawyer is a wildlife photographer and as we have seen some of his photographs before we knew we were in for a treat when we invited him to talk to us about his latest Safari trip to the Masai Mara in Kenya. As well as the 'Big Five' (Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Rhino and Buffalo) he also had many other wonderful photographs. One of these was of a one day old Lion cub sleeping within her mother's paws. This was unusual as the female Lion normally hides to have her cubs. A Leopard with two small cubs walking towards the camera gave a great opportunity for another unusual photograph and when Paul showed his photograph of a Rhino which he took from a distance of just two feet we realised how passionate he was about taking stunning photographs – despite the risks. Sadly Rhinos can now only exist in the Masai Mara by having a 24 hour armed guard for protection. There was no time to see all of Paul's photographs so we shall make sure we invite him back again next year.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road at 7.30 p.m. on 20th April when Jennifer Tyson will give an illustrated talk on 'Walking high in Switzerland with alpine flowers'. Do feel free to come along either as a visitor or with a view to joining our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

Planning and preparation is well underway for what promises to be a busy Spring & Summer, beginning with the Elmhurst Extravaganza our traditional opening event of the season. A range of sideshows and attractions old and modern will be in Elmhurst park, Woodbridge from 2pm on Sunday 6th May for an afternoon of fun for all the family.

The East Anglian Quiz final was closely contested, Woodbridge & District finishing a creditable fourth. We continue to work with other Lions Clubs in East Anglia, making the most of the contacts and opportunities each club can offer. Once again we will be supporting a family from the Woodbridge area to take a week's holiday in Hemsby in early May. Coordinated by the Lions Club of Norfolk Broads, this is an annual opportunity for families with caring responsibilities to get away together for a well deserved holiday. The chance for some time together away from daily routine is what family holidays are all about. Looking back, some of the Lions who driven participating families to and from Hemsby in the past commented on the change evident in those family members in just a week. Being able to help others is really what being a Lion is all about.

For more about what we do, see our website www.woodbridgelions.org.uk or call 08458332820. or speak to any of the Lions at the Extravaganza.

BENTWATERS COLD WAR MUSEUM

The Bentwaters Cold War Museum will be opening its doors for 2012 on the first Sunday in April and has become a popular attraction for visitors to the Suffolk coastal area and for those interested in aviation and military installations previously denied access to the public.

The museum is based in the United States Air Force (USAF) hardened command post on the former Bentwaters airbase which closed after the withdrawal of the USAF in 1993 and is believed to be the only such building open to the public in the UK and Europe.

Of particular interest to families is a detailed timeline display of the Cold War which has proven of great help to those studying this period at school.

There is plenty of car parking space and it is suitable for all ages and has the added benefit of being an ideal all weather visitor attraction.

Full details of 2012 dates are as follows:

April: Sunday 1st, 8th, Monday 9th, Sunday 29th

May: Sunday 6th, Monday 7th, Sunday 20th

June: Sunday 3rd, Monday 4th, Sunday 17th (Special Open Day)

July: Sunday 1st, 15th, 29th

August: Sunday 5th, 19th, 26th, Monday 27th

September: Sunday 2nd, 16th

October: Sunday 7th, 21st

Opening times 10.00 - 16.00

Admission Prices

Adult £5.00

Child (14 & under) Free

Concessions £4.00

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MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Black Tiles lane

"A tale of two Sovereigns"

Two important dates in April are 6 April (Good Friday) and 21 April (The Birthday of our gracious Queen).

We wish our Sovereign well as she celebrates her Jubilee year, and tours the country meeting her subjects. Jesus Christ is also a Sovereign and will one day be recognised as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. (Our Queen is also confirmed in this Faith!). Jesus, however, relinquished His royal place and became human in order to be able to endure the sufferings of Calvary, taking our place as a sin-bearer.

Praise God for Easter Sunday when we can celebrate that wonderful day when God saluted His Son in resurrection! We pray for Tricia Shuler, as she takes on the Leadership of St Michaels Church. We wish her a successful and rewarding ministry.

ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE -10th April

Easter Thoughts)

(Now open to men and Women)

WEDNESDAY

House Group - 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00a.m.

FRIDAY

Friends on friday - 10.00 a.m.

For further information - Contact John or Ruth Mellen (01473 624401)

MARTLESHAM CHURCHES CHRIST IS RISEN!

The message of Easter is really very simple – three words in fact – “Christ is Risen!” At Easter, and indeed on every Sunday in the year we proclaim that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the first Easter morning.

“Christ is Risen!” is a slogan, one of the oldest and most consistently used slogans that the world has known. By saying, singing or even shouting these three words we are saying a myriad of things about Jesus and about our attitude to life and death. When we say “Christ is Risen!” we say that Jesus, as God’s son, has power over death itself. We say that he really did die on the cross that first Good Friday and that he really did rise again. We say that he is alive today and we can know him for ourselves.

When we say “Christ is Risen!” we say that death is no longer something to fear but that it has been conquered by Christ. We say that Jesus has gone before us, as he went before the disciples that first Easter Day, to prepare a place for us in heaven. We say that when our time comes we too will be raised to life with him.

When we say “Christ is Risen!” we say that eternal life begins now, not just when we die. We say that Jesus gave his life for us and invites us to give our lives back to him in love and service. We say that we, like Jesus’ first disciples, are called to be witnesses to the power of the resurrection.

St Paul said that if Christ had not been raised then all our faith would be in vain. But the good news – the really, really good news – is that Christ was raised.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

A very happy Easter to you all.

Tricia Shuler

CHILDREN’S SOCIETY HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

14TH - 28TH APRIL 2012

100,000 children under the age of 16 run away from home each year. That’s one child every five minutes. It doesn’t take long for a child on the streets to be approached by an adult that will abuse or exploit them, adults that prey on children who are vulnerable, desperate and alone. Most alarmingly, an estimated 50 children die or are killed on our streets each year when they are missing. In modern-day Britain this is a truly shocking statistic.

Through this year’s house-to-house collection we can continue to help young runaways. If an envelope comes through your door, or someone calls with a collecting box, please give generously.

If you would like to help with the Collection, sign-up sheets are in St. Mary’s (for Martlesham Village) and St. Michael’s (for Martlesham Heath), or please contact us on 01473 620797

Jeremy & Cynthia Walsh, Simon Smith, Lynn Wilder

STEPPING OUT IN SUFFOLK – ‘READY STEP GO’

Walk a Thon 2012 Health Walks Challenge

This being the Olympic and Paralympic year we thought it would be good to have a bit of fun with organising our own celebration of human effort! Stepping out in Suffolk has trained volunteer walk leaders taking people on guided Health Walks across the county. There is a Health Walk almost every day of the week somewhere in Suffolk and from May Day we hope to see even more people coming along to our free led walks.

Starting on May 1st we are encouraging as many walkers and non-walkers as

possible to take up our walk a marathon challenge. Don’t panic you have from May 1st to October 2012 to have a go at building up your 26 marathon miles. And, if you wish to you can also use the Macmillan Cancer Care or local St. Elizabeth Hospice sponsor forms included in the pack and raise money for a good cause whilst you walk your Walk a Thon. Joining the Walk a Thon is free as are all Stepping Out in Suffolk Health Walks. There is no need to book .

All our walks along with some super 1st May ‘Ready Step Go’ walks are listed on our web site at : www.livewellsuffolk.org.uk or call Stephanie Cullen or Sharon West, Health Walk Coordinators at the number below.

Make 2012 a special year for you and join us walking a marathon together. Grab a pack now, contact Stepping Out in Suffolk Health Walks, Livewell Suffolk, Adelphi House, Turret Lane, Ipswich. IP4 1DL Tel: 01473 229292. Email: info@livewellsuffolk.org.uk

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



THE CHURCH IN MARPLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St John's	Martlesham St Mary's	Martlesham Heath St Michael's
Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship
6.30pm Combined Lent Service at St Michael's			
Thursday 5th April Maundy Thursday		7pm Holy Communion	
Friday 6 April Good Friday	7pm Good Friday Meditation	10.30am "Reflections" & Walk of Witness	2pm Hour at the Cross
Saturday 7th April Easter Eve			8pm Service of Light
Sunday 8th April Easter Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9.45am Easter Communion
Sunday 15th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Worship	9.45am Worship
Sunday 22 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	6.30 Evensong	11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 29th April 4th Sunday of Easter	3.00pm Benefice Communion Service		9am Breakfast and Prayer Walk
Sunday 6th May 5th Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship
MIDWEEK SERVICES	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. Bright Stars meet on Monday, 23rd April A warm welcome awaits you at all our services		

APRIL PRAYER DIARY Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers and pray for

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| <p>5 Maundy Thursday-that we may love Jesus as he loves us.
6 Good Friday-pray for forgiveness
7 Easter Eve- pray for all who mourn for loved ones.
8 Easter Day-rejoice the Lord has risen again
9 Pray for good weather on this holiday Monday
10 for those caught up in the debt crisis
11 for all the residents Ravens Way.
12 for Rev Tricia Shuler as she settles in the parish.
13 for the congregation at Christian Fellowship Church.
14 those involved with the Children's Society House-to-House Collection
15 for all who go to church today
16 for all members of The Mother's Union worldwide.
17 for our local schools.
18 for all the residents of Redwold Close.
19 give thanks for the love of family and friends.
20 for all how work in the local hospitals and hospice.</p> | <p>21 for The Church Annual Meeting and all involved
22 give thank we can read the Bible without fear
23 St George's Day-pray for all persecuted for their faith.
24 for those with ongoing health problems
25 for all the residents of Roma Avenue
26 for worldwide peace and justice.
27 give thanks for the beauty of Spring flowers.
28 for refugees and asylum seekers
29 for all in our Junior Church
30 that we welcome newcomers to our parish.
31 for local and national government
MAY 1 St Philip and St James -that we may be faithful servants
2 for all the residents of Saddlers Place.
3 for PCC members and the decisions and plans made
4 for all those planning marriage</p> |
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