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**Incorporating The Talking Martlesham Monthly**

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### **MARTLESHAM BIRDS** **Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelas*)**

You can often hear the song thrushes loud song from a high up branch or the tapping snail shell against a stone while it is feeding.

It builds a nest of grasses, lined with mud, in which 3-5 eggs could be laid. The song thrush can live to 5 years but is very vulnerable to being killed by cats.

### **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; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office: 01473 334980

E-mail:  
richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

### **COMMUNITY RESPONDERS**

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 5 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

We now have our own website, which is updated regularly. Why not have a look at the site **www.martleshamcfr.co.uk**

For further details contact, Paul and Claire Stockdale 01473 621225. (e.mail: paulstockdale@btinternet.com) or see our web pages on **www.martlesham.org**.

## **MARTLESHAM VILLAGE** **HELP DESK**

### **Your Problem is Our Problem**

If you wish to discuss a problem or any other topic

Please come to The Pavillion and there will be somebody there who can help you

### **IT IS ALL FREE**

**10.00am – 12.00pm.**

**SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 2012**

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH** **PAVILION**

No matter what your problem is The Village Help Desk can help you.

There will be a representative from

The Parish Council,  
Martlesham Heath

Householders Ltd,  
The Suffolk Constabulary,

District Councillors,  
County Councillor,

FREE ADVICE FROM A SOLICITOR  
Barker Gotelee,  
FREE ADVICE FOR DIGITAL TV .

### **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES: MARCH**

Tuesday 13, 27:

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

Douglas Bader: 2:55-4:30pm

Thursday 8, 22:

Douglas Bader: 10:20-11:45am

Wednesday 7, 21:

Angela Close: 1:40-1:50pm

Redwold Close: 1:55-2:05pm

Mobile library consultation update

Following the review of library services, the current mobile library service pattern is expected to continue until July. Then, visits will reduce to fortnightly at the Douglas Bader, and at best monthly at the other stops (if they continue). Full details are yet to be confirmed

## MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Parish Work Days**

Over the past few years the Parish Council have organised 'work days' where they invite parishioners to join them for a few hours on a Saturday morning to clear vegetation or other tidying activities to improve our parish. There is also a periodic litter clearing session carried out on the same basis. We would like to get more people involved so, if there is something you are keen to do and want our help to do it, please let the clerk know and we will see if we can make it happen!

### **Disconnection of Martlesham Heath Cable TV: Redundant Street Furniture**

Virgin Media have confirmed that they will deal with damaged items as a matter of priority and undertake a full survey of the street furniture to clarify their responsibilities.

### **Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) Local Development Framework Consultation on the "Pre-Submission Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document December 2011"**

The deadline for this consultation is 7 March 2012 and the Council will have submitted a response which had to be based on the soundness and legality of the document. Our response will be available on our website. This is an ongoing consultation on the future of the Suffolk Coastal region but of particular relevance to Martlesham is the section on housing which proposes 2,000 new homes south of BT Adastral Park. This Council, in line with the majority

feedback from its parishioners, has opposed this. Full details are on the District Council's website: [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

### **Deben Estuary Plan**

The Deben Estuary Partnership (DEP), Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB, and the Environment Agency invite you to a pre-consultation meeting on 12th March 2012 at Waldringfield Village hall between 7pm and 9pm about the Deben Estuary Plan, to discuss the future management of flood defences. Any interested parishioners are welcome.

### **Waldringfield Quarry – creation of bunds**

Many have been concerned about the creation of bunds to the south of Adastral Park. Brett Aggregates advise us that the activities are being undertaken prior to the start of extraction of mineral. This is to enable inspection of the uncovered surface by archaeologists as required by planning permission recently granted to the quarry. Soil has been moved to positions on the site boundaries in order to avoid an accumulation where stripping is taking place.

### **East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm**

East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited (EAOW) intends to develop and construct a new offshore wind farm within an area of sea off the coast of East Anglia, known as the East Anglia Zone. EAOW is required to submit an application for a development consent order (DCO) to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). It is now at the stage where it

wishes to consult before finalising its application to the IPC for a DCO to authorise the Project. Preliminary environmental information which includes details of the nature and route of the proposed development may be inspected at local venues until 30 March 2012, the deadline for responses. Full details are on EAOW's website [www.eastangliawind.com](http://www.eastangliawind.com). This affects our parish because the proposed on-shore cable route appears to run to the east of Martlesham.

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 07 March 2012

Recreation & Amenities committee meeting – Wednesday 14 March 2012

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 04 April 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](mailto: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

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### **CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT MARCH 2012**

This extremely cold and unpleasant weather has prompted me to remind our readers that February 10th 2012 was National Fuel Poverty Awareness Day. Suffolk Coastal is reminding all its residents living in their own home or one rented from a private landlord that they could be eligible for help to make their home warmer. Suffolk Coastal helped lead a successful countywide bid for a £265,000 grant from the Government's Warm Homes, Healthy People fund and which is offering support until the end of March 2012. The initiative is aimed at over 60's, families on low income, families with children and young people with learning disabilities. A special countywide telephone line has been set up – 08456 037 686 – to deal with all enquiries. On offer are free independent energy surveys in the home to help households struggling to pay their energy bills by offering advice and providing help to install measures to save costs.

One of the calls received on the hotline was from a man in his late 60's whose poor health keeps him in a wheelchair in his living room all day every day. His social worker called the helpline to report that the man had no heating as he had run out of oil. A visit from the team meant that he not only got an emergency heater but also an immediate delivery of oil and an engineer to get his boiler working again. Also, within a week, he had free loft insulation installed.

If you would like to discuss this or any other matter with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to [chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk). Also you can join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St. Michael's Church hall on Monday 5th March 2012 between 10.00am and 12.00noon.

**JOHN KELSO**  
**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**  
**What is going on in the field next to**  
**Adastral Park?**

I can confirm that the excavation work taking place is to allow for the extraction of minerals .Once this work has been completed the field will return to agricultural use unless BT's planning application is granted.

**Bloor Homes Main Road and Mill Farm**

At the time of writing this report I have received no more information as to when this application will go before the Suffolk Coastal Development Control Sub-committee. I believe this is still likely to occur sometime in the spring.

**Local Development Framework (LDF) Pre-submission Core Strategy soundness consultation**

Please be aware that the closing time and date for this latest consultation is 5.15 pm 7 March 2012.All replies must reach the Council prior to this deadline otherwise they will not be dealt with . Further details are available at [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or [www.noadastralnewtown.com](http://www.noadastralnewtown.com) and via the Suffolk Coastal online consultation system <http://suffolkcoastal.jdi-consult.net/ldf>

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues or any other District Council matters please email me at [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01473 631682

John Kelso District Councillor  
Martlesham Ward.

**MARTLESHAM MONTHLY LEAFLETS**

Your business, or club's forthcoming event, etc. can be advertised as a leaflet inserted in an issue of the Martlesham Monthly.

For the cost of only £20 you can reach 2850 households and businesses in Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, and Brightwell.

As a general rule only 3 different leaflets can be accepted per issue. Insertion slots are in great demand and should be booked at least two months in advance to prevent disappointment.

James Barter, 01473 625384.  
E-mail:- [barterjw@btinternet.com](mailto:barterjw@btinternet.com)

**MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD**

Hopefully, by the time this edition comes out, you will have attended the MHH AGM.

(February 16th). We have 3 new directors but we also have some stepping down (including myself) as I have been on the Board since February 2005. Many of the directors stay on for more years than they meant to because it is so difficult to get new people in place. Please consider putting yourself forward as it helps spread the load.

The Woods: Please remember that snow brings down branches, even healthy ones, due to weight so keep to the more open walk ways if possible whilst the snow is about.

The Western Corridor: If you walk on the Corridor you will have noticed the removal of a lot of gorse and trees in one area. This is part of the work necessary to comply with the 5-year plan for the Heath, put forward to Natural England and funded by that body. The group overseeing the work is made up of volunteers from householders, the Conservation Group and a Director of MHH. If you have any questions about the work use the usual numbers (below) and you will be put in touch with one of them.

The megabash: (free conservation work) will take place on 25th February. Anyone can join in and all work goes to improve the general environment and towards retaining our Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Diamond Jubilee: The Scouts and Guides have contributed funds to buy and plant a small leafed lime tree for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This will be planted at the end of the village green and will have a plaque to commemorate the event. This has been organised by Martlesham in Bloom who are also planting trees in other parts of the parish.

Village: We have been given permission by Suffolk County Council to plant trees on grassed areas which they own. We have lost quite a few trees in the village in the last few years and we want to retain the rural feel of the village as well as complying with the Government's request to plant trees. We are trying to source trees at a reduced price so we do not know when the planting will take place at the moment.

Our next meeting, which anyone can attend, is Monday 19th March at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Centre. Write to MHH at PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Telephone number 01473 612207. Email [mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk)

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**MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

The next working party for Martlesham Conservation group will take place on Sunday 11 March at 10 am. Please meet on the western corridor SSSI - northern end - where we intend to follow up the work undertaken on the Megabash on Saturday 25th February. Our apologies to all who may have missed the work party in February, unfortunately we had to cancel because of the snow and very cold conditions.

As we progress through March, please keep a look out for spring migrant birds. The Chiff Chaff is one of the first to arrive and may begin to occupy our local woodlands usually in the second half of the month. The cheerful repetitive song of the Chiff Chaff is a welcome addition as it points the way to warmer times to come and to other migrants with more varied song such as the Willow Warbler and Nightingale that should arrive in April.

Many of you will have noticed the work undertaken by contractors on the Martlesham Heath SSSI during January and February. This work has been scheduled with the twin objectives of restoring heathland habitat, with more heather content, and creating firebreaks to reduce the risk and impact of fire, by removing invasive scrub and trees. This work will continue in future years over a ten year period based on a plan agreed with Natural England with the aims of restoring heathland habitat and the corresponding heathland wildlife.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **SUFFOLK AT HOME LIBRARY SERVICE**

Do you find it difficult to visit a library because of age, disability, illness or special circumstances? If so, we can deliver books and spoken word cassettes and CDs free to you through the Suffolk At Home Library Service. A volunteer will visit you regularly with a selection for you to choose from. You can also request specific titles or subjects via your volunteer or the internet. We will deliver them on a follow up visit to your home.

The At Home Library Service visits people in their own individual homes, sheltered accommodation complexes, residential homes and nursing homes. If you would like to receive this service please contact any Suffolk Library or: Sue Francis

At Home Library Service Manager  
01502 405345  
07841939998  
Email: susan.francis@suffolk.gov.uk

Wilma Firman  
WRVS Project Manager  
01473 744619  
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Email: wrvstowntravels@wrvs.org.uk

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY – PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP**

The aim of the Patient Representative Group (PRG) is to represent the patient's opinions, needs, wants etc and create a better two way connection between the patients and the practice members.

At our second meeting in January, we were given an interesting talk by Hayley Manning, Senior Receptionist. Hayley and her colleagues not only manage the apportioning of appointments, but also checking and issuing repeat prescriptions. Hayley is also the surgery's qualified Dispenser and manages the small pharmacy which dispensing to patients who live in the remote parts of the practice catchment. The meeting finished with a questions and answer session, after which it was decided to conduct a patient survey written by the PRG. This is underway and has proved popular, the results will be analysed and a report published on the surgery's web site [www.mhdoctors.co.uk](http://www.mhdoctors.co.uk) by the end of March.

## **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY DEBEN ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP**

A new way of planning for the future of an estuary is being pioneered in the Deben Estuary by the Deben Estuary Partnership (DEP). The DEP are a community group made up of local people who want to safeguard the estuary for future generations. They are committed, with the support of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Unit and the Environment Agency, to formulating a plan which gives landowners, the local community, parish councils and local businesses more involvement in the future of their estuary. Christine Block, Chair of the DEP said "One of the first steps will be to visit the parishes. We want people to have the opportunity to look at the information we already have and let us know whether we've captured what's important. The meeting will take place at Waldringfield Village Hall on 12 March from 7pm until 9pm. The DEP will be there along with Suffolk Coast and Heaths and the Environment Agency. We hope that the community in and around Waldringfield will come and join us".

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## **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

As we are all very aware, everyone is trying to save money these days. This includes Suffolk Constabulary, which has to make savings over the next four years of more than £16 million. As part of this review, the Constabulary is also looking at its staff's individual talents, to make sure that officers are in a position where their experience and skills can be utilised to both the Constabulary's and communities benefit. As a result Sergeant Peter Street has been posted into the role of Local Policing Command Support Sergeant, assisting Inspector Steve Gallant. We are now able to tap into Peter's vast experience and knowledge both within our patch and his previous patch (Felixstowe), ensuring that the levels of service remain as high as possible right across our whole area of responsibility.

This has opened up a vacancy at Kesgrave & District SNT, which I am delighted to have been posted into. My name is Sergeant Gordon Campbell-Barr. I have twenty years of experience, in Leiston, Ipswich, Headquarters, Lowestoft and Woodbridge. My previous role was managing the very busy South East Ipswich SNT, which has given me a great deal of experience within the SNT role, which I am hoping will come to good use in my new area.

It will be good to get back to some old style proactive policing. Being able to meet with the community, and solving the problems together, is why I joined the Constabulary all those years ago. Now some relevant updates from the area. There has recently been an increase in theft from motor vehicles. These crimes are committed during

darkness and are usually where cars are left insecure with personal items left on show. It is important that we do not give these offenders the opportunity, because they will continue to prey on our area. When I was in Ipswich we were also targeted with this type of crime and what the offenders were doing was, depositing the stolen items in nearby wheelie bins, only to return when police had left the area. We will be placing a large sign at both ends of Ropes Drive, to warn residents and visitors to the area, and officers will be carrying out checks on vehicles to make sure that they are locked.

Hopefully I will get to meet many of you over the next few weeks, but if you have anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us or pop into the Kesgrave office where we can discuss this in person.

If you need to contact the police for a non-urgent reason. No matter where you are in the UK the number is 101 This can be used to report crime, get in touch with your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or for non-emergency enquiries.

If your call is an emergency - if you think a crime is in progress or a life is in danger - the number is still 999.

Sergeant 347 Gordon Campbell-Barr  
Kesgrave and District Safer  
Neighbourhood Team  
Tel: (01473) 613500  
[Kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

## **THE BIRCHES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

If you're interested in being part of the Patient Group or would like to find out more we'd love to hear from you, please contact Carol Malpass (Practice Manager)

## **EASTER AT BRIGHT STARS**

Through the spring term we have been finding out about Jesus as we head towards Easter, and during our last session in March we will be making an Easter garden as we discover the Easter story. 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 (during term time) 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. 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 remaining session dates for our spring term 2012 are: March 12 March 26

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon Tel.01473-622160 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

## **THE SAPLINGS** Martlesham Heath

Come and celebrate Easter with us at our EASTER CRAFT FAIR on Saturday 24th March, 10am til 12. Children of all ages welcome, we will have lots of fun Easter crafts, face painting, cakes and refreshments available. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are also holding a fundraising evening on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm, with a chance for some retail therapy, perfect for Mothers Day, together with coffee and cakes.

The Saplings friendly, fun-filled PRE-SCHOOL welcomes children from 2 years. We have highly qualified, experienced staff who ensure each child is treated as an individual and is given opportunities through play to progress their development. Our new full-time Manager, Irene Greenfield, holds 'Leading Practitioner Status' and therefore ensures 'The Saplings' provides high quality childcare with the highest standards of best practice and care. We have a variety of activities throughout each day which stimulate the children in all areas of learning and we aim to develop independence appropriate to each child.

We offer childcare from 7.30am to 6.00pm for all children from 2 years 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.

We also run the 'SAPLINGS HOLIDAY CLUB' during every half term and school holiday, for children aged from 2 years old up to age 11. Term time flies by and its never too early to make a booking for your child's place at the holiday club.

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

## **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

Our fundraisers have been busy organizing events for this term and next. Our last day of this term will combine a sponsored woodland Easter egg hunt with an end of term party. This should be great fun for our children as they, and parents, will be walking through the woods looking for Easter eggs. Thanks to their parents and friends generosity we hope to raise funds to update and replace items in our role play area. After their woodland walk the children will then enjoy some party games and of course some food to finish off with !

This year our annual fun day will take place on Saturday June 16th. We shall be having all our usual stalls and activities. More details in due course. We shall be organizing one or two other events as the weather improves, more details to follow. 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](http://www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk) or contact me on 01473 621315. We urge you to do this as soon as possible as we are now full and have a long waiting list and shall not have any spaces at all 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)

**CALLING ALL MUMS .....** The March meeting of Martlesham Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath between 12.45 and 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th March. After lunch a member of the Ambulance Trust will give us a talk and demonstration of Baby and Toddler First Aid. All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome to join us.

Our April meeting will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday, 17th April.

The Mums' Club is a group of Mums who meet together once a month to share lunch, friendship and a social time together. Our meetings start with a sandwich and cake lunch which is provided for you and your children for a donation of £1.50. We then have speakers or activities for mums and children together. There is no need to book - just come along and join us.

**THE DRINKS AND DRIBBLES BABY CAFE** - A drop-in for Mums, babies and toddlers will be open in St. Michael's Annexe on Thursdays 1st and 15th March. You are invited to join us for refreshments, friendship and toys.

For more information please contact Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group continue to meet every Wednesday and Friday, 9.30-11.30 am in Martlesham Pavilion during term time. Sessions cost £2 per toddler and include drinks and (ssh) biscuits for all, singing-time and free play with all our great toys.

This term we are aiming for more crafty activities and seasonally themed snacks! Activities planned for the coming year include Mothers' Day crafts to take home, Easter Egg Hunt, awesome fancy dress Diamond Jubilee party in June, plus our popular photographer session in the Autumn. We are a friendly local group, so if you are a parent or carer at a loose end on a Wednesday or Friday morning why not pop in and join us?

mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk

## **1st Martlesham Scouts, Cubs & Beavers**

Please come to a

### **Spring Fair**

**Saturday 24th March  
10am-12noon**

In The Scout Hut

Cakes. Books. Games

Easter activities for pre-school  
children  
Raffle

### **SUPPORT FOR SINGLE PARENTS IN IPSWICH**

A charity is aiming to provide support and advice for single parents in Ipswich with a regular support group meeting. Organised by the South Suffolk branch of the charity Gingerbread, the next meeting will be held between 2-4pm on Saturday 10 March 2012 at Ipswich library in the children's lending section.. For further information, please email [southsuffolkgingerbread@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southsuffolkgingerbread@yahoo.co.uk)

### **1st Martlesham Scouts Quiz Night**

helps sponsor London to Paris  
bike ride, for Cystic Fibrosis June 2012.

CF is one of the most commonly  
inherited life threatening diseases and  
The Cystic Fibrosis Trust require  
£6,000.000 for The Gene Therapy  
Appeal. With this in mind, please join us  
for a fun evening

**Sat 24th March,**

**7 for 7.30 pm**

**Scout HQ.**

Enjoy light refreshments, in association  
with High Tea Parties, providing cream  
teas, vintage crockery and accessories.  
Tickets in advance at £4.50 per person.  
Single players or teams of five welcome.

Contact Brenda 0770 8783136

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Friday February 3rd and an illustrated  
talk by Alan Smith about a Martlesham  
Heath boffin of the pre war era and the  
Squadron Leader commanding the Air  
Sea Rescue wing of 277 Squadron  
during WW2.

Alan Smith is our archivist and  
responsible for collating as much  
information as possible from various  
sources, including airmen's log books  
and personal accounts of survivors of  
that war. Obviously this is a most  
important undertaking, particularly as so  
many veterans are no longer with us.  
Families of these men frequently visit  
the Control Tower museum and Alan  
methodically records so many stories  
that would otherwise be forgotten.

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

Our next meeting will be on Friday 2nd  
March at the Community Hall, Felixtowe  
Road as usual and will feature what  
promises to be a fascinating  
presentation by Joyce Kimber, entitled  
"Codes, Cyphers and Enigma". The story  
of how we were able to break the  
German "Enigma" ciphers during WW2.  
A fantastic achievement which was  
undoubtedly responsible for shortening  
the war.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a coffee  
break half way through. Non-members  
are welcome for a payment of just  
£2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell 622458

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS.**

Owing to the bad weather we have had to postpone our annual dinner at the Alnesbourne Priory due to difficulty of access, and we feel sure our members will be happy in not having their evening spoiled by considerations of the weather. We are now hoping to re-arrange this event in late February, early March.

We will be holding our club pairs competition during the afternoon of Sunday 12th February and we wish all participants every success during the afternoon.  
Maureen Banthorpe

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

On Thursday 15th March we have a talk by Alec Suttonwood of Ipswich Wildlife Rescue in the Woodbridge Community Centre at 7-30pm. All are welcome, admission is £2 as usual.

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.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS**

A recent work morning saw the Nature Explorers getting the nesting boxes ready for the spring with the adult volunteers clearing along the back of Deben Avenue to make easy access for the fire brigade if needed. Ladybirds have been spotted huddled together hibernating in the tree guards in the woods. If you would enjoy working in the woods please come along to one of our work sessions, there are plenty of jobs for everyone whatever their ability. Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 5th March, 7:30pm at the Martlesham Parish Room. We will be voting in the committee for the next year. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, then please send an email to [pwcg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:pwcg@martlesham.org.uk)

#### **Dates for the diary:**

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 17th  
March 10:00am-Noon

Meet at the Education Area (at the  
Control Tower end of the woods)

Nature Explorers Saturday 17th March  
9.00am-11.00am

Nature Watch Club Saturday 21st April  
more details next month

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](mailto:pwcg@martlesham.org.uk) or phone  
Martlesham Parish Council on  
01473 612632

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Sadly we have to report that Vera Pawsey, one of our members passed away very suddenly at the end of January. Vera joined our club seventeen years ago and at one time did a valuable stint as Chairman. She was a very friendly person and had wonderful sense of humour, very often she would regale us with stories or read some funny material that she had come across always raising a good laugh. Vera will be missed very much by all those who knew her. We send our sincere condolences to her husband Bob and his family. Our meetings continue to be first class, with two very good speakers in January; on the 12th. we had Patrick Thompson,

who was a Deputy master of the Royal Household, and on the 26th. Andy Malcolm, fund-raiser for the Fishermen's Mission, both imparted much interesting knowledge with humour giving us many laughs and so making serious subjects interesting and enjoyable to listen to. March meetings are as follows:  
8th 'Bring and Buy'. With proceeds to our Charity (slight date change)  
22nd. 'Age UK Suffolk' with Helen Taylor.  
Followed by our Easter Supper with a Quiz on the 5th. April  
Further details about our fortnightly meeting in The Richard's Rooms can be had from our Chairman on 01473 622768.

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

Martlesham Heath WI enjoyed a good start to their 2012 programme with an extremely interesting and informative talk by Paul Beard (with a beard) on the work and history of Barnardos, entitled "yesterday, today and tomorrow" When Dr. Thomas Barnardo, who was not actually a doctor, was born in Dublin in 1845, no one could have foreseen that he would become one of the most famous men in Victorian Britain. His life was devoted to helping destitute children and grew from the setting up of a ragged school in the east end of London in 1867, to childrens homes and fostering schemes. Today, simply known as Barnardos this great organisation supports in the region of 110,000 children every year. To enjoy interesting talks such as this and take the opportunity to make new friends, the W.I. meets on the second Monday of each month at 7-30 in The Pavillion, Martlesham Heath. We are open to new members and visitors are welcome. Events scheduled include:-March 12th "A celebration of the W.I." Bernadette Smith. President 01473 728216

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### **MOTHERS UNION**

During this cold weather, what could be nicer than a bowl of hot homemade soup? And that is just what was on offer on Wednesday February 1st at St Michael's Church Centre. Over 40 people gathered to enjoy the occasion and at the same time raise funds for the Mothers' Union work overseas. Members of MU help to finance education for women, buy goats and chickens for family co-operatives, run parenting courses and many other projects mainly in parts of Africa. We are also able to send money to any area of the world where there are MU members at a time of need, during famine or flood or other natural disasters. Every penny raised is used for the intended purpose!. More than £300. was raised at this last event. A big thank you to all who contributed in any way. Your efforts are really appreciated. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 7th when Gillian Berry will talk about a visit to Iona. You would be most welcome to come along and join us. For more details telephone Mrs Florence Fisher on 01473 631347

### **MARTLESHAM WI**

The Co-op Juniors have been performing since the beginning of the Second World War and most of us have seen their shows at least once. It was therefore a pleasure to welcome Pauline Walker to our meeting to talk to us about her life with the Co-op Juniors. She said the group was initially started in order to take the children's minds away from the traumas of the war and the boys and girls were encouraged to learn to act and dance. Pauline joined the group 62 years ago and has been with them ever since. She had many tales to tell concerning floods, black-outs, lights going out during performances and numerous other mishaps. She also told us about the different venues used over the years, sound equipment, lighting, volunteers, the children and her difficulties in finding a new venue when the group had to leave the Regent Theatre. Thankfully their performances at Snape Maltings have been wonderfully successful with 109 children performing the recent Christmas Show. It was obvious that Pauline's dedication, enthusiasm and presence has been the anchor for the group and we hope she will steer them on for many more years to come.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road at 7.30 p.m. on 16th March when Gerry Douglas-Sherwood will give a talk on Working in Lighthouses. 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.

### **GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM DISTRICT**

For more details about Guiding in Martlesham, please contact the following:-  
Jo Dixon Martlesham District Commissioner 01473 622160  
Chris Cooper Martlesham District Wait List Co-ordinator 01473 626024

### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE.**

prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia.

At St Michael's and All Angels Church Martlesham Heath

on March 2nd at 10.30am.

speaker Mrs Di Barker.

Theme for service-"Let justice prevail"

Everyone welcome -men women and young people.

Local services details as follows at  
The Methodist Church Woodbridge at 2.00pm  
St Andrews Church Melton at 7.30pm

## **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

Our next event:-

Book Fair and Art Exhibition  
Saturday 31st March 2012  
10.00 am to 4.00 pm  
in the Village Hall, Top Street,  
Martlesham (jointly with Martlesham  
Community Council) The books and art  
will be for sale. Admission free.

Looking forward to later in the spring,  
on Tuesday 1st May 2012 we are  
hoping to have a talk of local interest;  
this evening event will also include our  
AGM and will be held in St Michael's  
Church Centre, Martlesham Heath at  
7.30 pm. There will be more details  
nearer the time.

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.

## **YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET**

During the month of March we will be  
celebrating Mothers Day on the 18th.  
Country Market cooks will be preparing  
various gift ideas, and speciality cakes  
to enjoy over this weekend. On  
Saturday 17th at the Scout H/Q Twelve  
Acre Approach, along with the  
Community Market we will be ready to  
serve you between 9am and 12.30pm.  
If it is still a little cool come in, chat,  
and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and a  
bite to eat.

We shall also be catering for this  
special day when we open the doors at  
Martlesham Heath Pavilion at 9am until  
10.15am on the Tuesday March 13th.  
In mentioning these dates, please do  
not forget that we are open every  
Saturday at Kesgrave, and Tuesdays at  
Martlesham Heath Pavilion.  
Any enquiries or suggestions please  
contact Margaret Gayfer  
01473 623849.

### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

#### **Book fair and Art exhibition**

Saturday 31st March 2012  
Old Village Hall" Top street,  
Martlesham, IP12 4RD  
10.00am to 4.00pm Admission is free  
There will be New Books at greatly  
reduced prices as well as second hand  
books. Jackie Bear 01473-623007

## **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

Our January Meeting included our AGM  
when the president, secretary and  
treasurer were all re-elected. Our  
chairman Margaret Forbes stepped  
down and Florence Fisher agreed to take  
up the position. Dorothy Willett  
accepted the position of programme  
secretary and three new members were  
voted onto the committee.

We then enjoyed a short demonstration  
by Lyn Eatwell entitled "A Breath of Fresh  
Air" All six beautiful arrangements had  
a touch of Spring about them which gave  
us all a lift on such a cold damp day.  
The yearly competition Cups were won by  
Ann Chisem (senior) with Florence Fisher  
(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 21st March 2012  
when Mrs Lyn Barrow will give a  
demonstration entitled "A little Bit of  
Something Lovely". The competition is  
"Five Flowers". All very welcome.  
Margaret Doveston 01473 624422

## **TALL TALES AT SPEAK EASY**

Speak Easy at Martlesham member, Bob Booker, gives his account of the club  
round of the Tall Tales Competition held at Speak Easy on the 19th January 2012.  
It was eighteen months ago that I first joined this speaking club and here I was on  
the evening of the Tall Tales Competition trying to decide if I would, for the first  
time, enter in a club contest. There were four others, all experienced. I'd never  
know if I didn't have a go so I put my name down, but I wasn't feeling very  
confident. The Tall Tales competition requires the participants to deliver a short  
entertaining talk of around 5 minutes that intrigues the audience and stretches  
credibility. There was an expectant hush in the audience as the five of us drew lots  
to decide the running order, I was up last, so had a nervous wait whilst the others  
aired their tales. We were enthralled by stories of drama and intrigue with some  
nicely judged humour and some beautifully descriptive language. Finally my go. I  
felt ok once I started and soon got into the spirit of my tale. The audience seemed  
to be warming to my message and even laughed when I hoped they would! I sat  
down when finished feeling exhausted and elated. To my amazement I had  
actually won! My prize, to deliver the speech again to another audience in the next  
round of the competition! More nerves!

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community  
Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and  
finish at 9.30pm. Guests are always welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings 2012:

March 1st 15th 29th April 12th 26th

Further details can be found at [www.speak-easy.org.uk](http://www.speak-easy.org.uk) (new address)

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

## **WOODBIDGE BADMINTON CLUB Ladies Back To Badminton Sessions**

Woodbridge Badminton Club (formerly  
Adastral Park Badminton Club) will be  
running a series of badminton sessions  
to encourage Ladies back into the sport.  
The sessions will run for seven weeks  
commencing Monday 12 March from  
7pm to 10pm at Farlingaye High School  
Sports Centre, Woodbridge. Due to  
generous sponsorship from Woodbridge  
Town Council, Sport England and  
Badminton England these sessions are  
FREE OF CHARGE and Ladies of all ages  
and abilities are welcome to attend.

Whether you are keen to pick up a  
badminton racquet for the first time; or  
are thinking about going back to the  
sport after a break, why not dust off  
your trainers and join us for casual,  
informal and FREE sessions. The  
sessions will be recreational with a  
friendly, social atmosphere where  
winning is not important. There will not  
be any formal coaching, but advice on  
playing, scoring etc. will be available as  
required. Racquets (if required),  
shuttlecocks, and drinks will be provided  
free of charge.

For more information, please contact  
Glenn Tooke on 07951-443933, email  
ladiesb2b@btinternet.com, or Facebook  
group: Woodbridge Badminton Club.



### **Martlesham Church Fundraiser Quiz Nite**

Saturday 31st March at St Michael and All Angels

7pm – will include a finger buffet

Tickets £4.00

from Ann Berg 01394 387049 and

Martin Cottrell 01394 384126

**All are very welcome**

### **LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT**

We've received many very moving letters and cards of thanks from recipients of our Christmas parcels; it is always rewarding to know just how much a simple package of groceries can mean to someone who is feeling lonely.

We took the chance to enjoy a few social events before things hot up again for Spring. Woodbridge & District won the South Suffolk trivia quiz by a handsome margin and go on to the East Anglian Final where the competition gets really serious.

Planning is well underway for the Elmhurst Extravaganza, Sunday May 6th will see Elmhurst Park come alive with attractions from Punch and Judy and coconut shies to bouncy castles and new rides for the younger children. 2pm Looking further ahead, the date for the annual Martlesham Heath 10k and Fun Run has now been set for Sunday 14th October; more details to follow.

We have been delighted to see a number of new members joining us recently. get in touch via our website [www.woodbridgelions.org.uk](http://www.woodbridgelions.org.uk) or call 0845 8332820

### **VISITS TO SUFFOLK CRAFTS PEOPLE**

in their studios. March – May 2012.

Friends of the Suffolk Craft Society have organised 3 studios visits to see Suffolk based professional crafts people at work in their studios.

The first visit on 11th March will be to Phil Barnes who makes enamelled jewellery in Yoxford. The second visit on 15th April will be to ceramicist Ursula Rubens in Ipswich. The third visit of the year will be to print maker and illustrator Clare Curtis in Felixstowe on 13th May. Each studio visit is only £3 per person and runs from 2-4pm. To book your place contact Gallery 2 on 01473 432865 or [development@suffolkcraftsociety.com](mailto:development@suffolkcraftsociety.com)

### **MARTLESHAM CHURCHES CHOCOLAT**

A while ago I re-read Joanne Harris' novel Chocolat, the story of an itinerant woman with a passion for chocolate who arrives, with her young daughter, in a small town in France. It is a story of the battle between Vianne Rocher, who opens a chocolate shop in the High Street and Francis Reynaud, the parish priest. The action takes place during Lent one year. Whether by accident or design I do not know but the shop is decorated and prepared on Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent. Two days later it opens for business and the battle lines are drawn. Reynaud is furious that the temptation of this new chocolate shop is put in the way of his parishioners during the season of penitence and fasting. He tries his hardest to dissuade people from going there and Vianne tries her hardest to tempt them in and to undermine the priest and his authority. The story comes to a climax in Holy Week amidst cries of, "Church not chocolate" and, ultimately, the joys of Easter.

It is easy when reading the book to warm to Vianne and to see the priest in a wholly negative light but I do not

believe that either has got it entirely right. To Vianne the concept of fasting is totally alien, the rigours of religious observance stifle and suppress her inherent joy yet to Reynaud the mere presence of chocolate is tantamount to having the tempter himself resident. I think they have both gone too far. The church has for many centuries encouraged self denial as a spiritual discipline in the season of Lent. We are all familiar with the idea of de-tox diets and programmes to purge the body of the effects of excessive eating and drinking – Lent is an ancient and effective model for this. To deny ourselves for a time of something that is pleasant but that can be bad for us in excess – rich food, sweets things, alcohol – can have great benefits for us physically. The historic teaching of the church though is that there can be spiritual as well as physical benefits to self denial during Lent. As we deny our bodies physically we identify with Jesus' forty days of fasting in the desert before the start of his public ministry and as Jesus prepared himself spiritually for all that was to follow we too prepare spiritually for what is to come - the joy of Easter at the end of Lent.

Tricia Shuler

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Black Tiles Lane

"No Perfect People Allowed!"

A Book on my shelf has the above title, and could be a sign at the entrance of any Church!

The idea that church (Or Christianity), is only for good people, who continually live upright lives is a misconception. The Bible itself is full of characters who blotted their copy book in many ways, and yet were blessed by God. The early patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and particularly Jacob were examples, - Often going astray and needing forgiveness.

Jesus said " I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"

Peter, the Apostle, is another example, failing his Lord by denying Him at a time when He was most vulnerable.

So if you have messed up your life, been a failure and feel guilty because of your

mistakes. - You are just the kind of person God is waiting to forgive and restore. As the Lord put it so clearly. "It's those who are sick who need the doctor, not those who are well!"

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee.  
O Lamb of God I come!

### **ACTIVITIES IN MARCH SUNDAYS**

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m

TUESDAY CIRCLE - March 13th

Andy Rogers - Charity Cycle Ride

WEDNESDAYS

House Group - 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers- 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

For further information contact John or Ruth Mellen on 01473 624401

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## THE CHURCH IN MARTELSHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd Tricia Shuler 17 Lark Rise Martlesham Heath IP5 3SA  
01473 622424 (From 19 March)

CLERGY: The Revd. Heather Cooke 9 Swan Close Martlesham Heath. hcookema@aol.com

READER: Carolyn Smith 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath.

ELDERS: Margaret Rollins 9 Angela Close, Martlesham. 01473 623868

Liz Welham 23 Deben Avenue Martlesham Heath. 01473 622709

Lynn Wilder Kenton Nr Debenham. 01728 860627

Services for the Month	Brightwell St John's	Martlesham St Mary's	Martlesham Heath St Michael's
<b>Sunday 4th March 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am Worship and Junior Church
	<b>6.30pm Combined Lent Service at Newbourne</b>		
<b>Sunday 11th March 3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	No Service	11am Family Worship	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
	<b>6.30pm Combined Lent Service at Waldringfield</b>		
<b>Sunday 18th March Mothering Sunday</b>	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9.45am All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday
	<b>6.30pm Combined Lent Service at St Mary's</b>		
<b>Monday 19th March</b>	<b>7.30pm Licensing of the Revd Patricia Shuler at St Michael's</b>		
<b>Sunday 25th March Passion Sunday</b>	8am Lent Evensong	11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
	<b>6.30pm Combined Lent Service at Brightwell</b>		
<b>Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday</b>	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship
	<b>6.30pm Combined Lent Service at St Michaels</b>		
<b>MIDWEEK SERVICES</b>	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. Bright Stars meet on Monday, 12 and 26 March <b>A warm welcome awaits you at all our services</b>		

### MARCH PRAYER DIARY

Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers

5 For peace and justice in the troubled areas of our world  
6 For Lent Groups: that we may grow in faith  
7 For the residents of Peel Yard  
8 For all facing uncertainty at work  
9 That we may be good neighbours  
10 For our District and Parish Councillors  
11 For integrity in financial dealings  
12 For Bright Stars  
13 For the Local Country Market  
14 For the residents of Pine Bank  
15 For the Queen as she prepares for the Diamond Jubilee  
16 For those who are housebound because of ill-health  
17 For the people of Ireland on St. Patrick's Day  
18 Give thanks for our mothers  
19 For Tricia Shuler, licensed today as Priest-in-charge  
20 For new beginnings in our parishes and community  
21 For the residents of Portal Avenue  
22 For young people seeking employment

23 For refugees and asylum seekers living locally  
24 For our local Conservation Groups  
25 Passion Sunday: give thanks that Jesus identifies with our suffering  
26 Give thanks that Mary obeyed the call to be Jesus' mother  
27 For the work of the Scout and Guide Movements in Martlesham  
28 For the residents of Post Office Lane  
29 For Martlesham Christian Fellowship  
30 For teachers and pupils as school holidays begin  
31 Give thanks for all signs of spring

### APRIL

1 Palm Sunday: that we may follow Jesus faithfully  
2 For those who are persecuted for their faith  
3 For all who feel far from God  
4 For the residents of Private Road