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### **MARTLESHAM BIRDS**

#### **May:-Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*)**

This bird is a very common garden visitor, especially to a bird feeder with peanuts. The Blue tit likes to nest in bird boxes and can lay 6-18 eggs most can hatch. This can keep the parents busy with 1000s of visits to the hatchling with food. Their life span is only 2-3 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 Safter Neighbourhood Team  
kesgrave.snt@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.**

### **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES FOR MAY**

The mobile library is expected to visit on the following days/times in May:

Tuesday 8th & 22nd:

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

Douglas Bader: 2:55-4:30pm

Thursday 3rd, 17th & 31st:

Douglas Bader: 10:20-11:45am

Wednesday 2nd, 16th & 30th

Angela Close: 1:40-1:50pm

Redwold Close: 1:55-2:05pm

Suffolk libraries now have a new website at <http://suffolkreads.onesuffolk.net/>.

The catalogue can be browsed, and books ordered for collection from the mobile library if required (our route is Orwell Mobile 2). There are also an increasing number of e-books available for download to your computer or e-book reader.

### **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](mailto:martcomhall@btinternet.com)

### **GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM DISTRICT**

We are a thriving District with 1 Rainbow Unit, 4 Brownie Packs, 1 Guide Company & 1 Ranger Unit.

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

### **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 PARISH COUNCIL

### **Litter pick on Saturday morning 05 May 2012**

Please join in – meet 10am in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road. Sacks and gloves will be provided, along with a mid-morning break for refreshments!

### **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - Your Village Needs You**

It is with regret that the Council accepted the resignation of Tony Green in March. The Council thanks him for his time & energy spent on behalf of the parish, particularly through his work on the Recreation & Amenities Committee and taking forward the BMX Project. This leaves a vacancy on the Council which can now be filled by co-option.

Current parish councillors represent many walks of life whose work experience and knowledge of the Parish is invaluable in advising others and ensuring that the interests of the Parish are taken into account. We need input from both young and old, irrespective of gender, employment status or race. So, can you give one or two evenings a month to support your fellow parishioners? The full Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month. You are most welcome to attend and get some idea of how the Council is run.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Clerk.

### **Allotments**

The Council's Allotment Project Team has been working closely with MALGA (Martlesham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association) on a proposed site owned by Suffolk County Council

(SCC). In April, following an Ecology Survey, SCC informed us that this is not a viable option and therefore it is back to the drawing board for alternative sites.

### **Update on BMX Project**

During the Easter holiday intensive work was carried out over 3 days to build the tracks. Local young people, parents, councillors and the Police all took part assisted by the Council's land maintenance contractor. The owner of the neighbouring land allowed us to move a mound of soil from his land to help with the build. The track now needs to settle which will take until nearly the end of May. During this period the track will be monitored by the BMX Project team. A full Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) inspection will take place before the track is officially opened. Arrangements for weekly inspections, signage, and training for the inspection team are currently in hand and we are pleased to report that local residents are participating in taking this important project forward.

If you wish to participate in the future management of the track or have any questions please contact the Clerk.

### **Update on Centenary Playspace, next to Gorseland School**

At time of going to press we are still waiting for the Spinning Net to be fixed correctly by the manufacturer & their contractor. Unfortunately, due to a delay in delivery of parts, work has been delayed until the end of April.

### **Planning Applications**

On 11 April 2012 our Development Plans Committee considered 3 planning applications of particular local interest. The meeting was well attended by parishioners whose contributions were taken into account in the Parish Council's responses to the District Council. We have submitted objections to: C10/1906 revised Bloor Homes application; C12/0547 Brethren Gospel Hall; C12/0607 1 Park Close, Martlesham Heath.

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

Annual Parish Council meeting  
Wednesday 02 May 2012

Recreation & Amenities committee meeting – Wednesday 09 May 2012

Finance & General Purposes committee meeting – Wednesday 23 May 2012

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 06 June 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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## **MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS**

On 21 May at 7.30 in the St Michael's Church Centre Extension MHH will hold its first Open meeting of the year. This is open to all members of MHH and the subject for discussion is the Western Corridor and the SSSI. The directors and volunteers of MHH would welcome any member to come and listen and discuss the current management plan for the area which is being managed by wholly owned charitable company MH SSSI Limited. To aid the discussion a short presentation will be made MH SSSI on the long term development and restoration of the natural lowland heathland habitat. This will highlight just how fortunate we are to live in an area which has such a habitat and how this has been lost over the last one hundred years and why Natural England are keen for the habitat to be restored.

To contact MHH please leave a voicemail on 01473 612207, send an email to [mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk) or write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 9PB. Volunteers always welcome to help MHH maintain the village.

## CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT MAY 2012

**LDF-Core Strategy.** The last consultation has thrown up some issues that have resulted in the document being subject to a number of minor changes. These will be presented to full Council when it meets on Thursday 26th April 2012.

**The Bloor Homes Development.** The signs are that this application is now being considered for determination in the near future although as I write this article I have not been made aware of a set date for the presentation of this application to the Development Control Committee.

**Employment.** I am returning again to the employment theme as currently this is a very important issue. Over the next ten years there will be a large demand for skilled workers in Suffolk over a wide variety of technical trades that will include; construction and civil engineering, manufacturing and the electrical supply industries. Early training through the government backed apprenticeship schemes is now well worth considering particularly by those about to leave school. To have a trade at one's finger tips is a very comfortable feeling since once having learned a trade it stays with you for life and later it can often be used as a springboard into other related industries. The larger employers are prepared to sponsor suitable training courses in the local Technical College to enable the training courses. Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership has launched a new free offer of help to anyone aged over 16 not currently working and looking for employment. For more information either ring 0845 519 9083 or visit [www.ready4work.org](http://www.ready4work.org) 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](mailto:chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

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### GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE NOW

Up to £5000 is available from the Transforming Suffolk Community Fund and the Suffolk Foundation is keen to receive applications to the summer grant giving round. Grants are available to community groups, community interest companies and social enterprises who would like to organise a project and need the funding to do so.

Typically grants may be given to groups who undertake youth activities, older persons clubs, groups supporting mental health, minority groups, and could be for funding to support activities such as educational visits, sporting activities, training, lunch club new activities etc. Some set up costs may also qualify.

There are many projects that can be applied for, these are just a few.

We ask that your project meets one of the following four themes however:

Active, healthy and inclusive communities  
A greener Suffolk  
A vibrant economy  
Work and life skills

The closing date for applications is 21 May 2012.

If you wish to discuss your ideas or how to complete the simple application process, then please do not hesitate to contact Sue Wright on 01473 734127 who is happy to help you. If you want to talk about your draft application also, then please do call Sue to discuss.

All application forms, guidelines etc are available from the Suffolk Foundation website on [www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk)

### JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

#### The Local Development Framework (LDF)

The LDF process is still on going. A full Council meeting will have been held at the council chamber Melton Hill on April 26th to discuss any outcomes from the recent consultation exercise and to recommend that the Core Strategy progresses to its next stage. This will be the examination in public which I understand is likely to take place sometime during the summer.

#### The BT planning application

I have nothing further to report as to when this application is likely to be dealt with by the Suffolk Coastal Development Control subcommittee. My understanding is that this may take place during the summer months.

However Waldringfield Parish Council and N.A.N.T have requested a judicial review, which will take place, if Suffolk Coastal, or BT decides to deal with the application before the outcome of the LDF examination in public is published.

#### The Bloor Homes planning application

An amended planning application has recently been received changing the distribution of affordable housing within the development. However, no major alterations have been made to the overall layout and design of the scheme. I am advised that this may go to the Councils Development Control committee in June or July.

#### Tesco litter and fly posting Issues

I have continued to make representations to senior area managers at Tesco requesting that they arrange for the removal of litter and fly posting from the area surrounding their Martlesham Heath store. Action seems to take place within a day or so of my email being sent but soon reverts to its previous state within a very short period. I shall continue to press Tesco and Suffolk Coastal into solving this on-going problem. If your business or organisation erects posters or banners near Tesco or at other locations within the village could I please ask you to refrain from doing so, as I have been receiving complaints from other residents.

#### Part time night lighting

Some residents will have noticed that the street lights owned by Suffolk County Council are now going off after midnight other lights remain unaffected. If the part time night lighting is causing you particular problems or concerns please contact your County Councillor Patricia Obrien 01394 448085 or via email [patricia.obrien@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.obrien@suffolk.gov.uk)

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 after 6 p.m.

John Kelso District Councillor  
Martlesham Ward

## **MUSIC ON THE GREEN**, the annual free music day, will go ahead in 2012

having been saved by a new influx of volunteers. The 2011 event raised an amazing £5,000 for East Anglia's Children's Hospices but had looked in doubt for the first time in over a decade due to falling numbers of organisers. However, an announcement at last year's event secured the future as a number of new committee members came forward to help.

The 2012 festival will be held on Saturday 21st July 2012. It will feature 12 hours of non-stop music, fun and frolics aimed at making this year's the most successful yet. All proceeds will again go to help raise funds for EACH which provides much needed support throughout the region.

Music on the Green will follow its tried and tested format with a well organised car boot sale starting at 7:30 am with spaces available from £6 per pitch. There are many stalls that offer a vast array of activities to keep everyone entertained throughout the day. Refreshments are available from some fantastic food stalls as well as hospitality from the Douglas Bader Pub which is situated on the Green within view of all the action. Saturday 21st July is the first Saturday of the school summer holidays so please plan ahead!

It is true that every musical taste is catered for, from soft acoustic, to choirs, to classic covers, to rock. All acts perform free of charge and numbers are expected to exceed 10,000 so the tag of "our own little Glastonbury" is clearly accurate. The music begins at 10:30 and continues for 12 hours with Benjamin Bloom, East Town Pirates, Funky Voices, Rogues Cradle, The Downsetters, The Inflatables, Harry Isaac Presley and Matt White to name but a few of the performers already confirmed.

Music on the Green is a wonderful day for everyone with a musical interest but more than this; it is a fantastic occasion to share with friends, family and the local community whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause. In years gone by the weather has been kind, and it has often been said that there is little that compares with sitting under Suffolk's big open skies as the sun sets surrounded by some talented musicians soothing your senses. Please join us to make 2012 a record breaking MOTG year.

**For more information please visit**

**[www.motg.co.uk](http://www.motg.co.uk) or follow us on Twitter @musiconthegreen**

## **CALLING ALL MUMS .....**

The May meeting of the Mums Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 1st May from 12.45 to 2.30 pm. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch which will be served at about 1.00 pm. This will be followed by a presentation by Janine Edgar from 'Crafty Cooks Suffolk' who will show us how to cook with and for your children.

Looking ahead - our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th June, same time and place. After lunch on this day Faye Burley from 'Baby Calm' and Katie Mackenzie from 'Toddler Calm' will explain how to have contented and relaxed babies and toddlers.

The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe will be open for drinks, friendship and toys on Thursdays, 3rd and 17th May in the St. Michael's annex between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. This is a drop-in for mums, babies and toddlers. Why not join us? For more information about any of the above please feel free to ring Sue on 01473 624130

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

This month we're looking forward to May Day crafts, supporting Armed Forces Day and most of all, our Eurovision Sweepstake! Any excuse for a bit of fun with us! The Jubilee Parties are also excitingly close, and we have two parties running - one on Wednesday 30 May and the second on Friday 1 June. Both in our usual place of Martlesham Pavilion. Tickets are £3 and include crown making, biscuit decoration, flags to colour and regal fancy dress competition, alongside music, balloons and of course, bunting! We'll also be selling suitably decorated cakes for those of us who like to celebrate with more than a custard cream! More fun is planned for June, but we look forward to seeing you before then on Wednesdays or Fridays (or both!), anytime between 9.30 and 11.30 am (biscuits come out at 10.45, so don't miss that!). Sessions cost £2 per toddler, include refreshments, and the legendary singing session with Beth at 10.30! [mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk)

## **THE SAPLINGS**

We have held some really successful fundraisers recently, including our Easter Craft Fair, which raised £157 and our Mother's Day Pamper Night, which raised £146. Many thanks to everyone who came along to support these events. Special thanks go to Janet-Sarah Hair Design, Martlesham Pharmacy, The Douglas Bader and Polished Beauty who all kindly donated prizes to our raffles. All the money raised will go towards our own outdoor play space, construction of which should begin very soon (subject to planning permission).

The Saplings PRE-SCHOOL welcomes children from 2 years. We have qualified, experienced staff who ensure each child is treated as an individual and given opportunities through play to progress their development. Our 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 offer childcare from 7.30am to 6.00pm for children from 2 years to 11 years with a breakfast before school and 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 school holidays

For further information on any of the above, please call us on 01473 614753 or email [news@thesaplings.org.uk](mailto:news@thesaplings.org.uk).

## **SUMMER AT BRIGHT STARS**

During the spring term at Bright Stars we enjoyed singing, hearing stories and making crafts in the lead up to Easter, with the finale to the term being an Easter Garden full of greenery and flowers created during the last session. If you are a preschooler, toddler or baby we would like to invite you and your parents or carers to come and enjoy 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. You are welcome to come to one, several or all of our sessions, whatever suits you. Why not come and visit us this term?

The remaining session dates for our summer term 2012 are:  
May 14th, 28th, June 11th, 25th July 9th  
If you would like any further information please contact:  
Jo Dixon Tel.01473-622160 or  
Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

## MARTLESHAM BRASS

'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Everyone will be very welcome at our Spring Concert on Saturday 12th May at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath starting at 7pm. Tickets are £2.50 (children 11 and under free) from either 07802 868924 or order online at [www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk) All our bands will be performing, from the beginner group to our main band. We are delighted to be taking part in 'Brass The Baton', the only London 2012 Cultural Olympiad project designed specifically for Brass Bands. The project provides a unique opportunity for brass band musicians, and conductors of all ages and abilities, to link up and participate in a huge relay race involving 5 conductor's batons and a unique new music commission from Paul Lovatt-Cooper entitled "Going The Distance". This will be an exciting addition to our concert programme. The Band Summer Fayre is on Saturday 23rd June at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. It starts at 1.00pm, there will be a BBQ and cake stall and the Grand Draw first prize is £100! Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.  
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## 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

Thank you to all those who supported our spring fair. The proceeds came to £327.35. We're grateful to all those who helped in any way. Many thanks to those who generously gave raffle prizes Fraser-Hann, Admiral's, Duncan's and the Richens family and to the Martlesham Monthly who sponsored the printing of the raffle tickets.

## PORTAL WOODLAND CONSERVATION GROUP

We hope you have been enjoying the Spring flowers in the woods, such as primroses, celandine, forget-me-nots, daffodils, and the covering of violets has been particularly good and aromatic this year – just like those sweets of the same name. Talking of the season, if during your Spring clean you find any old garden tools such as bow saws, spades and forks you no longer need, then we could certainly put them to good use. Please be aware that we have set up CCTV cameras in some areas of the woods to monitor wildlife. We hope that you can join us at a future work party, and if you would like to become more involved we have a vacancy on the committee. Dates for the diary:  
Woodlands Work Morning  
Saturday 19th May  
10am – Noon  
Nature Explorers Saturday 19th May  
9:- 11am  
Nature Watch Club  
Saturday 12th May  
10:00 – Noon  
Meet at the Education Area at the Control Tower end of the woods. For more information on Work Mornings, Nature Watch and Nature Explorers, please see <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/> For general information about PWCG and its activities or any questions please email us at [pwcg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:pwcg@martlesham.org.uk) or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

## CAN YOU HELP US?

### 1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

Do you have any old/spare pieces of material or wool lying around at home?

If YES, then we would love to hear from you.

We are hoping to make re-usable bags & bunting with the material & knit the wool into various useful bits & bobs.

We hope to sell some of our thrifty items to help raise money either for our Unit funds or for Guiding/Scouting on the Heath.

Please contact Jo Dixon on 01473 622160 THANK YOU

## The Drop In

**Mondays 7.30-9pm**

(during term time only)

Year 8's & over

Play pool, table football & table tennis

Football on the Xbox or with your friends

Or just come along for a chat

Free Toast, Squash & hot drinks

Tuck Shop

50p Entrance Fee

St Michael's Church Centre,  
Martlesham Heath

The Drop In is run by CRB checked Adult volunteers.

If you might be interested in helping out as a volunteer as part of your Duke of Edinburgh Award, or similar please contact Jo Dixon on 01473 622160

## HORSES GALORE – COME AND FIND OUT MORE!

The Riding for the Disabled (RDA), Hollesley branch are throwing open its doors and inviting you an Open Day on Saturday 19 May from 11.am until 3.pm. Not only will there be pony rides on offer, but also carriage rides, demonstrations of the horses and clients working together, dressage and handy pony events, plant and cake stalls, and much, much more. Helping the day to go with a swing will be music from local schools and a BBQ to make sure you don't go hungry.

You can find us at the stables at Pettistree Hall Farm, which are found near Sutton off the Shottisham/Bawdsey road. Just find Wood Hall Hotel then you can follow the signs on the day. To find out more about us, go to [www.rdawoodbridge.org.uk](http://www.rdawoodbridge.org.uk)

## 1ST MARTLESHAM CF QUIZ NIGHT

I would like to thank, Sue of High Tea Parties, Roxburgh Roofing, also Wyevale, Splash and Young Browser's Bookshop of Woodbridge. Their support and those attending raised £269.38. Thank you Brenda Gleen

**MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION  
SOCIETY**

**Our  
Control Tower museum  
is now open**

Sunday afternoons  
from 2 to 5pm.

Come and see the extraordinary  
aviation history of  
**Martlesham Heath.**

**MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION  
SOCIETY**

Friday 30th March and most unusually our monthly meeting did not take place on the first Friday of the month, which normally it would be. This was due to the fact that the first Friday in April was Good Friday.

Nevertheless a large audience were present to enjoy an illustrated talk by John Griffiths entitled, "Ipswich Airport 1927 - 1997".

The first Ipswich airport was at Hadleigh but land was acquired on Nacton Heath in 1929 for a proper municipal airport. John detailed the history of Ipswich airport from the time that King Edward 8th, (the uncrowned king), opened it after arriving by air in his personal Westland Wapiti biplane, to its closure in 1997.

John Griffiths has been associated with the airport for many years and gained his own pilot's licence there in the post war years.

A vote of thanks was given by Martyn Cook.

Our next meeting will be held as usual in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road on Friday, 4th May and is the occasion of our AGM. This will be followed by our annual photographic competition for the Charles (Holly) Hall trophy.

Meetings start at 7.30pm and a break for tea and coffee at half time. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50.

Alan Powell. 622458.

**ALLOTMENTS - The Journey Continues**

Late last year an allotment site on the 'Soakway 5' site at the end of Barrack Square, became closer to reality. The site was cleared by Suffolk County Council Highways (the owners) for allotment use. Martlesham Parish Council and MALGA representatives formed a small project team to move things forward. Suddenly a few weeks ago - after some delay, the County Council was ready to lease the land to Martlesham Parish Council - for them to handover to MALGA to manage as allotments.

We very quickly prepared an updated management plan and costings for April's Parish Council meeting, where we were hoping to get a green (or at least amber!) light to go-ahead. Unfortunately - and very frustratingly - at the very last moment Suffolk County Council's ecologist reported that it was a 'biodiverse' site and she would be recommending the County Council didn't lease it to Martlesham Parish Council; that it remain uncultivated - a potential 'Country Wildlife Site'. Realistically this means the end of the Parish Council and MALGA plans for that site. A big blow undoubtedly, nevertheless by no means the end!

MALGA still attended the April PC meeting, which we felt was very positive under the circumstances. The PC spent some time discussing allotments in general and we feel that overall they acknowledge the case for allotments within the Parish - sooner rather than later.

The PC agreed to carry on the working relationship with MALGA, through the joint project team. The team will draw up new terms of reference, which when accepted by the PC, will focus it on working through a recent survey of land in the Parish, to identify other potential sites. Even so, if you know of any suitable land, then we'd very pleased to hear from you.

Ian Read (Acting Chairman) 01473 622721

**MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS**

As we have unfortunately lost several members over the past few months and most of our members are now elderly, but still full of spirit, we are looking for some 'new blood' for the club. Come on you younger people, what about coming along for an evening of healthy exercise and good entertaining company instead of stagnating indoors in front of the TV. We meet on Tuesday afternoons (2pm to approximately 4.30pm) and evenings (7.30pm to approximately 10pm) throughout the year and, additionally, on Friday afternoons in the winter. Come along to the Martlesham Community Centre for a free trial run on any of these occasions. For further information contact our Secretary, Ian Hunt, on 01473 611947.

In view of our poor performances in home games due to our perfect floor and mat conditions (other teams relish playing against us for it only takes a couple of ends before they have mastered our mats), we have decided we must take drastic action during the Summer League to improve our own games and deter the opposition. Watch out for greatly improved performances in the future!

**MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

Our next event:-

A talk by Chris Bell, Weather forecaster with Weatherquest and the BBC (Radio Suffolk and Look East)  
Tuesday 1st May 2012  
7.30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre,  
Martlesham Heath (IP5 3PL).

Chris Bell grew up in Texas near Houston and the weather has always fascinated him; he is now Director of Public Relations and Meteorologist at Weatherquest.

He will talk about his role as a forecaster with Weatherquest and the BBC, his experiences of storm chasing and show videos that he has taken.

There will also be light refreshments and a raffle

All welcome Admission £2.00 at the door

This event will be preceded by our Annual General Meeting at 7.00 pm where we will also be launching our summer competitions.

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.

## WOODTURNING

The Clubs..... Suffolk Mid Coastal Woodturners, meet the FIRST Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm. at Dallinghoo Village Hall.

West Suffolk Woodturning Club, meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. at Earl Stonham Village Hall.

Both clubs have male and female members and junior members. It is usual for a meeting to be fronted by a professional woodturner. In some cases a member, and the presenter will make an item showing the methods/techniques used to achieve the end product. All very informative. Members bring along recently made items for display and discussion. Experience varies considerably and of course new members come along. Anyone interested is most welcome to come along and have a look at what we do, no obligation to join, just take a look. It is a lovely hobby and quite addictive!!! Dates of meetings will vary a little this year due to the Royal celebrations and the Olympics.

Anyone interested or seeking information can contact

Geoff Moss on 01394 383569 or by email, gm212@talktalk.net

Don't be shy, come and give us a look.

## NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY—IPSWICH & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP

The Ipswich & District Group of the NOS will be meeting at Martlesham Heath Pavilion, (on the Green close to the Douglas Bader pub) Martlesham Heath Nr. Ipswich at 2.00p.m. on FRIDAY 4th MAY. Jackie Wright, a retired Physiotherapist will be giving a talk entitled 'Body Wisdom'. The talk is open to everyone and not just to members so if you feel you would like to join us please do so. You will be made very welcome. If you wish you can contact either Anne Barnes on 01394-382534 or Barbara Branch on 01473-631673. Alternatively just turn up on the day.

## MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Secretary Linda Brown 01394 384698

The outdoor season got under way on Saturday 14 April, with the club playing its Annual Spoon Drive. We have a full programme of events arranged for the season ahead. Our Open Wednesday Pairs Tournaments, of which there are six, are very well supported and a very enjoyable day is had by all those involved.

We are entered into three Leagues, various Cup Competitions and Friendly Matches throughout the season. We also play many Club Competitions and bowl socially twice a week.

The club now operates a policy of 'No Smoking on the Green', which is for the comfort of all our members.

We will be holding an 'Open Afternoon' on Saturday 19 May from 1.30 - 4.00 p.m. at the bowls club on the Recreation Ground, Old Martlesham. Anyone can come along and try their hand at bowling on our club Green. Equipment and coaching will be provided, plus there will be tea/coffee and a piece of cake available all free of charge. If you could wear flat shoes/trainers that would be great.

If you are interested in coming to our 'Open Afternoon' just contact our club secretary or send an e-mail to: linda.mary01@yahoo.co.uk

We welcome all ages to the club as well as those with or without bowling experience. If you are interested in joining the club or would like more information please contact the Secretary who will be very pleased to help you.

## MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

**CORRECTION:-** Entry to our Coffee Morning on the 12th May in the Pavilion will now be **FREE** with refreshments available. Our May programme is as follows:-

3rd May. Building the Tower at Bury St. Edmunds.

17th May Best Foot Forward with Jackie Smart

31st. My Interesting Life by Peggy Cole.

More details of our fortnightly meetings in the Richard's Rooms can be had from our Chairman on 01473 622768

## COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 12th. MAY

In Aid Of The

## MACMILLAN NURSES

IN

THE PAVILLION

MARTLESHAM HEATH

10am - 12noon

Cake Stall, Tombola, Raffle, and more

Admission Free Refreshments  
Available

Organised by the  
Martlesham Ladies Club

## MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity no 273769

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 14th May 2012

7.30 pm

Parish Room, Felixstowe Road,  
Martlesham

All welcome to hear what Martlesham Community Council are doing to raise funds for our projects.

### JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK SALE

Saturday 16th June 2012

10.00 am to 12 noon

The Pavilion,  
Martlesham Heath  
Admission 30p

If you have any jumble please contact the Secretary, Jackie Bear on 01473 623007

.Keep Saturday 27th October free for our annual Craft Fair

We would like to hear from anybody who would like to have a stall to sell their craft at our annual Craft Fair being held in St Michael's Church Centre on Saturday 27th October 2012. For more information or to book a stall please contact the Secretary, Jackie Bear on 01473 623007

For further details on the above or any other Martlesham Community Council activity please contact the Secretary, Jackie bear on 01473 623007.

## **MOTHERS' UNION MAY 2012**

As a worldwide organisation Mothers' Union represents a diverse membership. Members and their communities across the world face a range of issues including family breakdown, violence, poverty, water shortages, illiteracy, HIV/Aids and gender inequality. As well as addressing these issues through practical programmes, Mothers' Union lobbies for political change to tackle the root causes. Within their own countries, Mothers' Union members engage with local and national government on issues affecting their communities. Mothers' Union also holds special consultative status with the United Nations, which entitles us to make a contribution to the United Nations work in areas relating to Mothers' Union expertise. Mothers' Union exercises its consultative status at the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), held at the United Nations headquarters in New York. We attend this commission, which is dedicated to advancing the status of women across the world, because gender inequality compounds many other problems such as illiteracy and the spread of HIV/AIDS. Each year the CSW looks at a different theme and after talks and negotiations between governments and non-governmental organisations, the Commission produces a set of agreements, known as "agreed conclusions". Governments are then responsible for implementing these agreements at the national level. To read more about the CSW go to [www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/index](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/index). The MU meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at St Michael's Church Centre at 2.30pm For more details telephone Florence Fisher on 01473 631347. New comers are always welcome.

## **IMPROVE YOUR PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS**

Would you like to improve your public speaking or presentation skills? Speak Easy At Martlesham is a public speaking club, affiliated to Toastmasters International, that can provide you with the opportunity to practise and improve those skills. At meetings, members give either a short impromptu speech or a longer prepared speech. Why not come along to a meeting as a guest and try it for yourself? As a guest, there is no pressure to speak but if you wish to do so, your contribution will be welcomed and you will receive helpful feedback in return, given in a friendly, encouraging atmosphere. There is a good chance that you might also broaden your general knowledge because speech topics are wide ranging, recently including the U.S.A, customer service and numerous humorous anecdotes! We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind the Tesco 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: May 10th 24th June 7th 21st Further details can be found at [www.speak-easy.org.uk](http://www.speak-easy.org.uk) Dave Nightingale Tel. 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473 625196

## **KESGRAVE AND MARTLESHAM COUNTRY MARKET**

From the end of April into May don't forget we will have a wide and colourful range of ready bedding plants for you to choose from. Orders placed at market can be delivered locally, and prices have been held. Who loves a colourful, but useful teacozy – a collection of ideas from our craft ladies will be displayed for you to order or purchase, and to tempt those tastebuds we are promoting through our 'coffee shop' a wider range of refreshments for you to try. If you would like to know more about becoming a Producer for the market please contact Margaret on 01473 623849 or by email via the website [www.kesgravemarket.co.uk](http://www.kesgravemarket.co.uk)

## **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

Members and visitors were treated to a most entertaining meeting this month when Mrs Lyn Barrow a florist for 12 years and now a qualified area demonstrator gave us her theme entitled "A Little Bit of Something Lovely". With many amusing anecdotes and the use of some unusual plants and containers she produced six spectacular arrangements. Starting with a giant trug she filled one side with a splash of colour then with left over cut stems she placed these at the back creating of bouquet effect. Curled aspidistra leaves, cascading lilies, bouvardia and carnations in an all white design complimented a dark ruby coloured vase. A wine glass topped with white carnation heads wrapped in aspidistra leaves together with one tall pink orchid as a centre piece was very striking. Her tropical display was full of vivid colours including giant pink ginger, green chrysanthemums and orange lilies. Then a brown wicker piglet appeared on the scene and Lyn made a traditional triangle arrangement along his back with orange roses and yellow daffodils. Finally, two pretty spring posies were created and placed on the seat and at the back of a small penny farthing bike. The competition was won by Jean Smith (senior) Florence Fisher (intermediate) and Margaret Doveston (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 16th May 2012 when Mrs Terri Potter will give a demonstration entitled "Floral Pastiche". The competition is "Let's go Continental". All most welcome. Margaret Doveston 01473 624422

## **MARTLESHAM WI**

At our last meeting Mr Stone gave an illustrated talk on 'A Royal Year' with slides of the Royal Family attending various events. Mr. Stone has a huge number of informal close-up photographs of the Royals taken throughout the years and it was fascinating to hear his tales of what they get up to. Photographs of the Prince of Wales with the new Dean and Bishop Nigel Stock at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral were particularly relevant as were pictures of the Queen at Sandringham and the Princess Royal at the Suffolk show. Of course we were all interested to hear about the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William. Mr. Stone showed us a number of photographs including one of them travelling down The Mall in their wedding coach. We asked if he had managed to obtain an invitation to the official opening of EACH which Katherine will be attending. Of course he has! He will be there snapping away with his camera along with the rest of the worlds' press. Our next meeting is in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road at 7.30 p.m. on 18th May. This will be our Resolutions meeting followed by a social evening celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. If you would like to join our small friends group contact Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.



## **MUSTARD PRESENTS DANGEROUS OBSESSION**

by N J Crisp, who also wrote TV dramas Colditz and The Brothers. Barrett arrives at the Driscolls' home with the aim of pinning the blame for his wife's accident on someone.

This relatively small company tours to six village halls and community centres to provide a wide variety of good quality drama to audiences that may not have access to any other local theatre. The tour starts Friday 11th May arriving Saturday 26th May at Martlesham. All performances start at 7:45, all tickets are £8 and can be purchased online via [www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk](http://www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk) or booked via the Box Office on 01473 622723.

## **BUCKLESHAM PLAYERS**

Present a

### **DIAMOND CELEBRATION SHOW**

An evening of songs, dances and sketches & Comedy by Peter Holloway

25th & 26th May 7.30pm

Bucklesham Village Hall

£7.50, includes ploughman's supper, bring your own drink.

Proceeds in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice  
For tickets, please call 01473 659619

## **ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE DEBEN**

The club is holding an Information Evening at Ufford Park Hotel at the end of May for anyone who would like to know more about Rotary in general and the activities of the club in particular. If YOU would like an invitation to this evening, please contact Monty Guest on 01473 625838 or [westlandrm@aol.com](mailto:westlandrm@aol.com)

## **LEISTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB,**

in existence for over 50 years, is running a Foundation Radio Course over three Sundays in May. Volunteers from the club will help you through the learning ready to take the Foundation Licence exam at the end of the month.

Costs for this course, will be in the region of £40 to £50 depending on number of students.

Come along and find out what is involved Leiston Community Youth Centre, Sun 6 May at 2pm, or contact Andy Matheson at [andy.g3zyp@gmail.com](mailto:andy.g3zyp@gmail.com) for further information. or visit the website, at <http://www.larc.org.uk>

## **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

During May we are planning to welcome the Woodbridge pathway Club to a quiet Morning at the Church with a conducted tour of the Church and refreshments.

Weather permitting the members should also be able to relax in the churchyard. Meanwhile the Men in Sheds are scheduled to meet on Thursdays 12th and 26th (spelling pun intended!) although tasks objectives, if any, have yet to be allotted.

Please note the Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 27th at our usual evensong time, this to host a Holy Communion Service for the Benefice on Pentecost Sunday.

We are already looking forward to our Patronal festival of St John on the weekend of 22nd to 24th June with a concert with the Decibelles on Friday and a Flower Festival on Saturday and Sunday. Contact me or Marjorie Manning for further details. 01473 624130 or 625512.

Geoff Lambert PCC Secretary

## **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Black Tiles Lane

"Doubt transformed into Belief"

At Easter, we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. When the news of this reached the early disciples, they reacted in the rational way of ordinary people. They refused to believe that such a miracle was possible. But Luke records (Acts Ch.1), that the Lord appeared to the disciples over a period of 40 days, and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. They not only heard His voice but also touched Him and ate meals with Him. Paul also confirms that Jesus appeared to Peter, James, the twelve and to over 500 believers at one time.

So one strong proof of the reality of the Resurrection, is that these down to earth people, who did not easily believe in the miraculous, became convinced of the bodily resurrection of Christ and this became the heart of their subsequent Witness.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has cosmic significance, for now and for the future of our world.

ACTIVITIES IN MAY

SUNDAYS Worship, Teaching and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE - May 9th (Derek Moon -- Organist)

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 (01473 624401)

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13th to 19th May**

In a week or so a small red envelope will drop through your door signalling the start of Christian Aid week. Christian Aid week is Britain's largest house-to-house collection. Committed volunteers put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's most vulnerable people.

This year Christian Aid are focussing, through their partners in the country, on Sierra Leone in West Africa. It is working hard to ensure that this hungry country gets enough to eat, and that children have the chance of an education.

Food on our plates, clean water and access to a good education are three of the things we here take for granted.

Christian Aid is an international development agency working in 47 countries around the world. They are helping communities make their voices heard and to give them a brighter future.

Please give whatever you can afford and have your envelope ready when the collector calls. Thank you.

Christopher Howard. Collection Organiser 01473 625617

**Building  
God's  
Family  
Together**

## THE CHURCH IN MARPLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd Tricia Shuler 17 Lark Rise Martlesham Heath IP5 3SA

01473 612659 (Please note new number)

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

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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 6th May</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship
<b>Sunday 13th May</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	6.30 Evensong	11am Family Worship	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
<b>Thursday 17th May</b> Ascension Day		7pm Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 20th May</b> Sunday after Ascension	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9.45am Worship and Junior Church
<b>Sunday 27th May</b> Pentecost	6.30pm Holy Communion		<b>10.30am Combined Service</b>
<b>Sunday 3rd June</b> Trinity Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45 All Age Worship
<b>MIDWEEK SERVICES</b>	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. (except 16th May) Bright Stars meet on Monday, 14th and 28th May <b>A warm welcome awaits you at all our services</b>		

### MAY PRAYER DIARY

Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers and pray for:

5th The Alive Festival (Woodbridge)	21st Birchwood School
6th The congregations at St Mary's, St Michaels & Brightwell Church	22nd Prisoners, Prison Chaplains and the Prison Fellowship
7th Kesgrave High School	23rd The residents of Shaw Valley Road
8th Peace in Syria	24th "The earth is the Lord's" - pray for all aspects of being faithful stewards of Creation
9th The residents of Sandy Lane	25th Those struggling with addictions
10th Coalition for Marriage (c4m.org.uk): may God's will be done in the debate on redefining marriage	26th Protection for Christian freedom in UK legislation
11th The issues relating to the drought in parts of UK	27th Pentecost: pray for a new outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in our personal and corporate lives
12th Christians suffering for their faith	28th Beacon Hill school
13th Rogation Sunday: pray that God will bless this whole community	29th Those with mental health issues
14th Gorseland School	30th The residents of Side Centre Gate
15th Peace in Afghanistan	31st Pray for healing, forgiveness and renewal in communities and individuals scarred by the 2011 riots
16th The residents of School Lane	June 1st Pray for God's blessing on the Talitha Koum project (www.talithakoum.org.uk)
17th Ascension Day: Worship our glorified Lord	2nd The Queen on Coronation Day
18th Those living with disabilities	3rd The congregation at MCF
19th Wisdom, grace and integrity for all involved with the Adastral Park planning decision	4th Those battling with serious illness
20th New Life Community Church (meeting at Birchwood)	