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## **MARTLESHAM BUTTERFLIES**

**April Orange Tip (*Anthocharis  
cardamines*)**

The male is a very distinctive butterfly  
with white upper wings and orange tips.  
Mid April onwards, this butterfly can be  
seen dancing amongst the spring  
flowers, flitting between white objects  
in their quest for females. The female  
is white with a large black spot in the  
centre of each upper forewing. It lays  
it's an egg beneath flower buds on the  
caterpillar's food plants The caterpillar  
is long pale orange with black hairs,  
eventually becoming blue green on top  
and dark green underneath. It leaves  
its plant to pupate in dense vegetation.  
Favourite food plants are Lady's Smock  
and Garlic Mustard.

## **POLICE**

Community Police Officer PC 1732

Rachel Cable

In case of emergencies please always  
call 999.

In non-emergency situations call the  
the new number 101.

E-mail: the Safer 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 APRIL TO JULY 2013**

The mobile library is expected to visit  
on the following days/times in the next  
four months, on a 4-weekly schedule.

**Tuesday 23th April, 21st May,  
18th June, 16th July**

Angela Close: 1:35-1:50pm

Redwold Close: 1:55-2:10pm

Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2:20-  
2:50pm

Douglas Bader: 3:00-4:30pm

**Thursday 11th April, 9th May,  
6th June, 4th July**

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

## **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)

## **THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION**

The Pavilion is a great location for a  
children's party at weekends.

If you want to book the Martlesham  
Heath Pavilion or need more  
information please call Becky on  
07732 199 712

Alternatively, you can book via our  
website: [http://  
www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/  
index.htm](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/index.htm) which also contains details  
of our current rates and hiring  
conditions

# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## **Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 24 April 2013, 7.30pm, Parish Room**

Your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham; not a meeting of the Parish Council but includes a report of what we've been up to during the year and your opportunity to tell us what you think. We hope to have a guest speaker – for details please look at our notice boards in April. All welcome.

## **2013/2014 Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)**

You will have received notification of your council tax bill for the financial year 2013-14. The parish council element of this is £103,000, or £47.44 per Band D property, a 3.3% increase from the £99,900 of previous years. This is the first increase the council has made in five years, despite inflation, and therefore, in times of austerity and pressures on public spending, the parish's local taxpayers are benefitting from real savings of £44,052 since the 2009-10 financial year. In round terms 74% of expenditure goes on providing and maintaining parish amenities and recreational facilities, 18% on responding to planning applications and public consultations, and 8% on the costs of financial management and administrative expenses.

We have received a Government grant through SCDC of £5,563 to offset losses of income caused by the new national Local Council Tax Support scheme (LCTS). These funds will probably not be available in future years; parish councils are also under pressure to provide more services but with no guarantees about receiving the necessary funding. Your parish council continues to monitor and plan for developments to safeguard your interests in these changing times.

## **Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Modifications Consultation**

The Core Strategy sets the planning framework for the Suffolk Coastal area for the period to 2027. An independent planning inspector held a series of public hearings into the Core Strategy last year. He has concluded that a number of modifications are required for the Strategy to be deemed sound or legally compliant. SCDC has therefore announced a further 6-week consultation on the modifications up to 4.45pm on 5 April 2013 (unfortunately news of the consultation came out too late for the March newsletter). Full details are on the SCDC website: [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

## **Update on Neighbourhood Planning**

At the time of going to press we have not yet held our Neighbourhood Planning Event but thank you to all those who attended. We will publish feedback in the May newsletters.

## **Forthcoming meetings:**

Parish Council – Wednesday 03 April 2013

Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 10 April 2013

Parish Council – Wednesday 01 May 2013

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  
É: 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 COUNCIL REPORT FOR APRIL 2013**

The good news this month is that on Thursday 28th February 2013 SCDC approved the precept for the 2013 – 2014 financial year at the same level as last year i.e. no increase. I was also pleased to note that there was a small reduction in the water and sewerage charge by Anglian Water.

An item of considerable interest to local District Councillors was the recommendation to be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) that the number of District Councillors for Suffolk Coastal District be reduced from the current level of 55 to 43. This caused some heated debate particularly from the opposition and independent parties who felt that some councillors from the rural areas may have a disproportionate work load to contend with. Martlesham is likely to retain at least two District Councillors. A plea was entered to the LGBCE that the number of District Councillors that impinge upon the boundary areas of Martlesham be reduced. It remains to be seen what the Commission finally recommend bearing in mind that there is no proposal by the LGBCE to alter any parish boundaries.

The District Council is also continuing on an efficiency drive in order to meet the reduction in rate support grant that was imposed from Central Government. Additionally the Council has now to derive some income from house building programs to make up some of the losses in income from central government. This is not particularly welcome news for Martlesham given the current proposed housing development in our area. If you would like to discuss this or any other matter with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at [www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

## MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

At the Annual General meeting on 28 February, a number of issues were discussed including the instigation of the Neighbourhood plan by the Parish Council and volunteers are required for a working group representing MHHL. If you feel you would like to become involved then please contact us via one of the methods listed below. Amongst other topics discussed were; mud on the paths outside the pavilion, muddy paths in the woods, vandalised street signs, the skip on the mound, path maintenance and the impact on the A12 of the potential Adastral Park development.

A plea again for members to clean up after their dogs, the amount of dog mess on MHHL land has increased and many of the paths in Birch Woods and on the Western Corridor are covered in excrement making walking very unpleasant. Dog waste bins are provided all over Martlesham Heath. Please use them!!

We are always seeking more volunteers to help with maintaining our village's appearance and any offers of assistance would be gratefully received. No skills or experience required just an enthusiasm for the village and a willingness to help maintain its character and appearance.

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

## MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD.

The winter work on the SSSI came to a close with the gorse clearance day behind Westland on 23 February. People from The Greenways Project's volunteer team were joined by a number of MHHL members to cut and remove a large amount of gorse and scrub, and it is now possible to see an expanse of heather that had previously been buried. The opportunity was also taken to widen the overgrown footpath onto the heath from the North end of Westland. Also at the end of February, an area in front of Sorrel Walk was cleared to uncover more heather. When the heather uncovered this winter has been re-invigorated, we hope that it will help to encourage an increase in the population of Silver-Studded Blue butterflies. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the continued effort open up the heath.

Over Summer, the Martlesham Conservation Group will continue its improvement work, and there will be another phase in the continuing battle with the bracken. Meanwhile, the Company is now concentrating its efforts on planning the next stages of the project, and is making a bid for funding to pay for interpretive information boards. We intend to put up three boards on the main entrances to the area to identify the land as SSSI, and to describe some of the characteristic animals and plants.

Members can raise questions and comments about the SSSI by sending an email to sssi@martlesham.org.uk, or through the MHHL contacts. Our website can be found at [www.sssi.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.sssi.martlesham.org.uk)

## 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 2800 households and businesses in Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, and Brightwell.

The printed leaflets should preferably be A5 size, and must be delivered for distribution by the 20th of the preceding month.

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 Community Council

(Registered Charity No 273769)

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:-

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 13th May 2013 7.30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road.

All welcome to hear what MCC have achieved and are planning for the future.

#### AN EVENING WITH.....

##### PETER PURVES

The TV Presenter will be giving a Talk on his career with a question/answer session

on Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Centre.

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November in St Michael's Church Centre.

If you would like to have a stall please contact the Secretary below.

Further information about the above and any other MCC events will be in future issues

Martlesham Community Council (MCC) are always looking for people interested in becoming a member of MCC. The aim of the Council is to try and provide recreational amenities, etc for the residents of the parish of Martlesham. We are also always looking for anyone who can help either by helping at fundraising events, or in any other way.

We meet once a month in the Parish Room on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Further information please contact the Secretary Jackie Bear on 01473-623007 or the Chairman David Ely on 01473-630362

**CALLING ALL MUMS .....** The Martlesham Mums' Club celebrates its 13th birthday at the meeting to be held in St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 16th April from 12.45 to 2.30 p.m.

Lunch (including birthday cake!) will be served around 1.00 p.m. followed by games and party activities. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited - come and join in the fun!

Looking ahead - the May meeting of the Mums' Club will be on Tuesday, 7th May and will be a toy, book and swap meeting. More details next month.

**The DRINKS AND DRIBBLES BABY CAFE** will be open for refreshments, friendship and toys at St. Michael's between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Thursdays, 4th and 18th April. This is a 'drop-in' for mums and tots - why not join us?

For more details of the above please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

Our sponsored trail on the last day before Easter should be a huge success and great fun for everyone. Thank you to parents and friends for raising so much money - we shall have a total after the holidays. We will be able to update some old, well-loved toys and equipment !

Our annual fun day takes place on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. We shall have all our usual stalls and activities so come and join us, details to follow. If you're looking for a playschool for your child, come and see where we are and what we do !

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

[www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk) or contact me on 01473 621315. We are a popular and well thought of playschool and as such are now full and shall not have any spaces until September. We take children from 2 years and the younger you register your child the better, we have a long waiting list ! We are situated next to Gorseland School but accept children from all surrounding areas and school catchments further afield.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

### **GROWING GUIDING...MARTLESHAM!**

We currently have a large waiting list for Guides (10-14yrs) in Martlesham, & in September we have more young women applying for places, than are available. We would love to be able to offer the Guiding experience to all these young people, but we need your help to do this. We have an experienced Guide Leader, who is willing to set up & lead a second Unit on the Heath, but she needs other enthusiastic volunteers to help her, both Adults, & Young People aged 14-18. If you can spare a couple of hours each week, enjoy working with young people & want to make a difference in their lives, please contact us. No previous experience of Guiding is required, full training is provided.

To find out more, please contact Jo Dixon 01473 622160,

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

At the recent AGM the well attended meeting heard the Group's annual report, and a presentation on the history of the group was given by Duncan Sweeting. The committee was re-elected for the coming year. Colin Webb was proposed to the Parish Council as the new Chairman and Stephen Corley was thanked for all his work as chairman for the last 5 years.

Plans for the Nature Explorers Award were unveiled. This is a scheme which enables the young people to record the work they do in conserving the woods and the skills that they learn. The Explorer who contributes the most to conservation in the Parish over the year will be presented with a trophy and an award. The record they keep of their work will be a valuable document to add to their personal statement for whatever career they choose to pursue.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Sunday 21st April 10:00am - Noon

Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the wood

Nature Watch Club Saturday 13th April 9:00am - 11:00am

Meet at the Control Tower

Be sure to book your place for Nature Watch Club by sending an email to [pwcg.naturewatch@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:pwcg.naturewatch@martlesham.org.uk)

Information and dates for 2013 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

### **THE SAPLINGS**

Pre-School, Breakfast Club, After-School Club & Holiday Club

We would like to wish all our children and their families a very Happy Easter and hope you are all enjoying your Easter break.

Even though the holiday has already begun, there are still places available if you would like your child to join us at our fun-packed Easter Holiday Club. Booking your child into our holiday club is easy as we offer very flexible hours at extremely competitive rates, so why not give us a call and let us keep your child happily entertained with a range of Easter themed crafts and activities.

During term-time, The Saplings offers a full range of flexible child care from 7.30am until 6pm for children from age 2 up to age 11. Located in spacious, well equipped premises in the heart of Martlesham Heath, we pride ourselves on our excellent standards of child care and our highly qualified, welcoming staff. As well as our very popular Pre-School and Holiday Club, we also run Breakfast and After School Clubs, both of which include a 'walking bus' to Birchwood Primary School.

For further information on any of our child care services, please call us on 01473 614753, email us at [news@thesaplings.org.uk](mailto:news@thesaplings.org.uk) or visit our website [www.thesaplings.org.uk](http://www.thesaplings.org.uk)

## **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Many thanks to all those volunteers who came along and helped at the Megabash event on Saturday 23rd Feb. An enormous amount of work was achieved in a short period of time, which will hopefully result in the regeneration of heather particularly on the SSSI close to Westlands and Broomfield, to the benefit of special heathland wildlife including the Silver Studded Blue and other butterflies and reptiles.

As I look out of the window on the snow covered ground in March, I wonder what weather April will bring. A Skylark was busily singing over the heath in the warmer days in early March. Hopefully the evenings in April will also resound to the very varied song of the Nightingale, and in the daytime we will hear the songs of other migrants such as the Willow Warbler, Whitethroat, lesser Whitethroat and Chiffchaff. If the weather does begin to warm up, butterflies such as the Comma will begin to be seen more often. It is to be hoped that we have a warmer and drier spring and summer this year as many species suffered badly due to the poor weather of last summer.

Our next working party will take place on Sunday 14th April at 10am. Please meet out on the Heath. All are welcome.

## **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

We welcomed back Mrs Linda Harman with her demonstration entitled "The Crafty Flower". Over the years she has made many unusual containers and figurines using papier-mâché/sheeting/glue and sprays and wanted to incorporate some of these in her arrangements. Her first two designs for Spring and Easter included daffodils, anemones, hyacinths and tulips, adding small chocolate eggs on sticks. 'Taking a walk in her garden', a verdigris painted lady with her parasol standing beneath a phormium leafed archway surrounded by yellow carnations, anemones, alstroemeria and red roses. This was a very striking arrangement. Following on, a delicate arrangement of pink gerberas and white orchids recessed through a large black hoop giving the appearance of a Japanese basket.. Next to this a similar design placed in a small gold hoop. For 'Party flowers', pink roses, yellow carnations, gerberas and white genista cascaded down from a tall black metal frame with large pink covered paper leaves and hanging pink beads. Linda also demonstrated how to make pretty 'fascinators' using headbands, wired ribbons and beads, hoping we would all have a try at making one. A very interesting and entertaining afternoon.

The competition was won by Ann Chisem (Senior), Joyce Leek (Intermediate) and Norma Jessup (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 £15 with visitors welcome at £4 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting. The next meeting will be 17th April when Mrs Brenda Tubbs will demonstrate "In the Limelight". The competition is "A Spring Basket". All most welcome. Margaret Doveston 01473 624422

## **YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET.**

Good news for those who have for some considerable time been disappointed that the market at Martlesham Heath on a Tuesday opens and closes too early. We have encouraged new Producers to offer home-baked, home-grown, and crafted items for sale from 9.30 until 11.15am commencing April 9th. Every effort will be made to make the Pavilion on the Green a comfortable and pleasant place to meet with friends for a cup of tea or coffee, and from time to time we will offer samples of new products. Please endeavour to support this community service.

Kesgrave customers old and new we have not forgotten you, and will on a Saturday provide refreshments, and samples of new products at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach Kesgrave between 09.30 and 11.30, as well as our usual range of goods.

Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

## **Fundraising**

### **General knowledge Quiz**

Saturday 27th April 7pm

**Scout HQ, The Drift, Martlesham Heath**

**Teams of up to 6 £10 per team or  
£2.50 per person**

Bring own drinks. Tea/Coffee available.  
'nibbles' provided.

Proceeds to 1st Martlesham Scouts and Ipswich & District Talking Newspaper

Tickets available from Rachel Pennick  
01473 610437

Rachel.pennick@btinternet.com

## **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

Well, as predicted last month, we had a good day at our County Annual Meeting in March. In addition to a tear-jerking presentation about the work of British Humanitarian Aid, a wonderful charity which takes vitally needed supplies to the Ukraine where the effects of Chernobyl are still being felt, we enjoyed an entertaining speaker, David Rhys, who gave us an amusing account of his role in the Olympics (as a medal bearer). But for me the highlight of the day was a talk by Dr Andy Mason who told us about his work for SARS. No, that's not a global pandemic that's going to wipe out half the world population, but Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service. You haven't heard of them? Well, on a show of hands, neither had half the audience. But what they do is truly amazing, providing specialist emergency care for trauma victims throughout the county. And all on a wafer thin budget. The doctors and paramedics, all of whom have advanced skills enabling them to carry out lifesaving emergency procedures before the casualty reaches hospital, work entirely voluntarily. So do find out more from their website, or ask them to speak to your group. They really need our support.

And here in Martlesham, our next speaker will be David Hughes on his work in Special Education - in the Richard Room at 7.30 on April 19th.

All are welcome.

For further details contact Pat Jackson  
01473611811

## **ARE YOU FEELING COLD THIS WINTER OR STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR HOME HEATING?**

The Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People scheme may be able to help you make heating and energy improvements to your home this winter. We would like to offer you a free home energy survey carried out by an independent surveyor.

The survey will assess whether you qualify for FREE insulation, draught proofing or other energy efficiency measures. The independent surveyor will tell you what energy improvements you could benefit from and what offers are available to you. During the survey you will be advised on any quick and easy measures you can take to help reduce your fuel bills. If you are struggling to pay for home heating or having problems with your existing heating system then you may qualify for financial support. The scheme could also provide you with free use of a Temperature Sensor and Telecare Alarm Unit that raises an alarm if the temperature in your home gets too low.

You could qualify for the free survey if you own or privately rent your home and: someone living in the property is over 60 or under 5 years old or someone living in the property is in receipt of a disability or means tested benefit or the property is within Council Tax band A, B and C

To book a survey, all you have to do is call 08456 037 686 (Local rate- lines open between Monday-Friday 9 - 5pm). Survey appointments are available evenings and weekends, as well as during the day. So make this winter more comfortable by acting now.

The scheme is funded by the Department of Health and administered by your local authority and aims to make people warmer and healthier in their own homes.

## **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 CARPET BOWLS**

By the time you read this we will have completed the 2012/2013 winter League fixtures. At the time of going to press we have 3 matches left to play.

We are still awaiting the final of the Club Pairs competition On Sunday 10th march in the Club triples competition 6 teams battled it out and after a tightly fought final Bob Wellington, Susan golding and Sheila Plumley triumphed.

The report of our Annual Dinner will feature in the May issue.

## **MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 15th April 2013.

Building the Millennium Tower, Bury St Edmunds Cathedral ~ Horry Parsons After a lifetime in the building industry just as he was contemplating retirement it was announced that the project to build a 150 foot Gothic Lantern Tower on St. Edmundsbury Cathedral was to be revived for the Millennium. Horry thought if there was a chance he could be involved he would defer his retirement. This was the way it worked out and Horry became Cathedral Project Manager. His talk explains how they built a medieval tower in the twenty first century!

Meetings are held Meetings are held at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 and start at 8.00pm. Admission is £2.50 and newcomers are always welcome

## **AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our 1st March meeting featured a talk by Peter Durrell, a long-time member of the Society, presented a fascinating talk entitled "Royal Air Force Heraldry".

Peter, also a very active member of The Suffolk Heraldry Society... drew on his knowledge of the topic to start the talk with a brief history of Heraldry from medieval times, its use in Family Shields and Banners, and on the battlefield... how they had evolved. He then told the story of how the Royal Air Force adopted and adapted the art form from its formation on 1st April 1918.

His profusely illustrated talk on RAF usage started by looking at the badges used by the many Squadrons that had been based at Martlesham Heath over the years.... then spread to cover Squadrons based elsewhere in the region. Next we were treated with a look at the badges for RAF Stations in the East of England and elsewhere.

The talk provoked memories and comments from members of the audience... when the various badges for the various Squadrons appeared, and the memories of those present were jogged. The talk was fascinating, the many badges often exhibiting unusual imagery... which Peter was able to unscramble and explain. This unusual talk will long be remembered.

Our next meeting will be held as usual in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road, on Friday 5th April, Clive Denny will give an illustrated talk entitled, "A year With Vintage Fabrics". Clive runs a successful company restoring and re-covering vintage aircraft and his talk is bound to be most interesting. Meetings start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break at half time. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door. Alan Powell 622458

## **GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM DISTRICT**

For general enquiries about Guiding in Martlesham, please contact Jo Dixon (Martlesham District Commissioner) 01473 622160

For enquiries about existing members on our Wait List, please contact Chris Cooper (Martlesham District Wait List Co-ordinator) 01473 626024

For all NEW enquiries to join Guiding as a young member or adult volunteer, please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) or call 0800 1 69 59 01. A new Guiding database has been set up to comply with the Data Protection Act, all applications across the country for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section & Adults are now being dealt with centrally

## **LAUNCH EVENT OF THE ROGER DAVID BURROWS MUSIC FUND**

A big thank you to all who donated to the fund before or at the Launch Event on Tuesday 26th February and also thank you to everybody who helped on the night. The evening was very much appreciated by all of us. Melton Folk and friends entertained everybody with singing, piano and light music. We then took part in a session of barn dancing including a special dance put together by Father Sam Leader (their caller) and Melton Folk called "Roger's Reel", in remembrance of Roger. After refreshments there was a last dance and then everyone finished with Auld Lang Syne.

Application forms for a grant from the Fund are available on the website [www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk](http://www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk) or from The Burrows Family, 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3UG. Tel - 01473 625196.

## **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

At the core of everything we do is a friendly and informal get together of Ladies exchanging views and ideas once a fortnight at the Richards Rooms

Come along at 7.30pm on April 4th to hear John Saul giving a talk on short story writing, or the 18th when Angela Lawrence will be spilling the beans on Rumour and Scandal in Suffolk. But that's not all... we have tea and biscuits mid evening, a quiz or two thrown in here and there, several outings planned for this year (including our popular 'mystery tour' in June), plus fund raising events for our chosen Cancer charity.

Our Chairman, Doreen Boar, will be happy to tell you more on 01473 622768.

## **MOTHERS UNION**

The Martlesham branch of Mothers' Union met on Wednesday 6th March. After sharing a time of worship, the speaker Sue Adair was introduced. Sue showed slides and spoke of her visit to the Holy Lands. We had experienced some technical problems at the start of the meeting, but with a little help from Carolyn Smith we were able to proceed as planned. Computers are great when they are working well!!! Perhaps it is time that some of the members embarked on an IT class!

In April we will see the return of the Rev. Canon Brian Lillistone, who will talk on the building of St Michael's. If any non-members would like to come along and hear Brian you would be most welcome. Visitors are always welcome. The meeting will take place on Wednesday April 3rd at 2.30pm at St Michael's Church Centre.

Any inquiries may be directed to Florence Fisher on 01473 631347

## **HOME-START SUFFOLK COASTAL** Could you be a Home-Start Volunteer?

Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is a charity which has provided support to families locally for over 11 years. We support families who have at least one child under 5 and for whom life is an uphill struggle. Over the past year we have supported over 80 families for many different reasons including families where there is illness or disability, families experiencing mental health issues or feeling isolated and families who have twins or triplets.

Support is provided by volunteers who are parents themselves or have parenting experience. Before visiting a family volunteers attend a preparation course to look at their own experiences and cover subjects such as child protection and local facilities for young families. They are then matched one to one with a family to offer whatever help is needed, a confidential listening ear, an extra pair of hands and eyes, time to spend with the children or support through a difficult time.

Once matched with a family, volunteers receive ongoing support, training and expenses. The course is OCN level 1 or 2 accredited. There are 2 preparation courses starting in the near future, a one week course (Mon-Fri) and another one day a week for 9 weeks.

If you would like to find out more please ring Louise or Sarah at Home-Start Suffolk Coastal on 01394 389402

## **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

"Summer Flowers"

A talk by Sonya Burrows (Licentiate Member of The Landscape Institute)

**Tuesday 23rd April 2013**

**7.30 pm**

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

There will be light refreshments and a raffle and the evening will include our AGM

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.

## **BREAST FOOT FORWARD**

Grown women, aching feet and heaving bosoms! 'Cheshire Cats' a comedy by Gail Young follows the Cheshire Cats team in their decorated bras and posh new trainers as they walk their way to fund-raising success in the London Moonwalk. The sixth member of the team doesn't quite meet the physical criteria! The play is a cross between a girl's night out and a real mission to support a cause close to many hearts with plenty of laughs and a few tears along the way.

Stage Door Theatre Company proudly presents this sell-out play on Thursday 30th May, Friday 31st May and Saturday 1st June at 7.30 pm at The Thomas Theatre, Kesgrave High School, Ipswich. Tickets are £10 of which £1 per ticket will be donated to 'Breakthrough Breast Cancer'. There will also be a raffle for St Elizabeth Hospice. Tickets available from [www.stagedoortheatrecompany.com](http://www.stagedoortheatrecompany.com) or Tel: 01473 612342.

By kind permission of Samuel French (an amateur production)

## **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

On Thursday 18th April at 7-15pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall, note the slightly earlier start time, we have a brief AGM followed by a talk about Badgers by Adrian Hinchcliffe of the Suffolk Badger Group. This talk is a change to our published programme. Please come along and join us for an interesting evening. Admission is £2 as usual. All are welcome.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **WOODBIDGE LIONS**

After the success of last years pig race the Lions Club of Woodbridge & District is delighted to announce that a Second Great Electric Pig Race Night will take place at Hacheston Village Hall on Saturday 27 April. Entry to this fun event is £8 which includes an excellent light buffet and a strip of five raffle tickets. Tickets and more information are available from Garnetts Gardens 01728 724589 or Margot Wobey 01728 746421. First race 7.30 pm.

Following the huge demand for pitches last year the very popular monthly Late Risers Car Boot Sale on Budgens car park, Quayside, Woodbridge resumes on Sunday 28 April 9.30 to 1.30pm. Pitches cost £5. We strongly recommend booking in advance . To book contact Pat Carter 01473 614728.

If you would like to find out more about what the Lions do please come along to either of the events and any of the members will be happy to have a chat with you. Alternatively give us a call on 0845 8332820 or contact us through [www.woodbridgelions.org.uk](http://www.woodbridgelions.org.uk)

## **WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB**

The Woodbridge Probus Club is a luncheon club for retired professional and businessmen "over 50". It has been in existence for 35 years and its aim is entirely social. We meet once a month at the Waldringfield Golf Club where you will be made welcome and enjoy getting to know other members. In addition to the monthly lunches with guest speakers there are outings to places of interest planned throughout the year, a Ladies lunch in the spring and a Christmas lunch including the ladies in December. The spring ladies lunch this year will be held at Seckford Hall Hotel on Thursday 16 May.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2 April rather than the usual first Monday of the month because of the Easter holidays. It will be at the Waldringfield Golf Club and features a talk by Peggy Cole entitled "ExtraOrdinary Life". The Woodbridge Probus Club always welcomes enquires If you are at all interested, please contact our membership secretary, Mr. Claude Birks on 01473 613427.

## **KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB – YOUR FRIENDLY LOCAL TENNIS CLUB**

A summer of British Olympic and Tennis success has seen added interest in your local tennis club. Hopefully with improving weather we will see more and more of the community using the excellent tennis facilities. Now is a great time to get involved in tennis, not only will it keep you fit and healthy but it's also a fun, inexpensive way to do it. We even supply rackets!

For more details and other information about the club visit

[www.kesgravetennisclub.org.uk](http://www.kesgravetennisclub.org.uk) or call Martin our Head Coach on 07702 559412 for further information.

## **KESGRAVE W.I**

Our next meeting is at 7.15pm on Thursday 4 April 2013 in the Kesgrave Community Centre. Visitors are very welcome to join us. If you require any information please call the Secretary Barbara Rose on 01473 622017

## **NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

After a long and cold winter, it's lovely to see new life spring up all around us, as the cycle of seasons turns.

We at New Life Community Church are excited for this new season, as we meet together each week to create and build a Christian community. A typical Sunday morning would see upwards of 70 people gather together at Heath School, Bell Lane, Kesgrave for a time of sung worship, and a relevant Christian message, followed by refreshments at the end. People of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life make up the church, and there's always room for you to come along - a very warm welcome awaits you. So please feel free to come and join us, whether you are new in the area, just looking at Christianity, or whether you are looking to reconnect with your faith, our message is: you are very, very welcome.

Roger Seville, Pastor 01473 809469

**KESGRAVE MARKET** goes from strength to strength and with Spring just around the corner, as well as our regular stall holders, Katie's Garden will be back again in April. This will be of particular interest to those of you who may have missed the March Market or just want to add more colour to your garden.

For up-to-date news and offers, please visit [www.kesgravemarket.org.uk](http://www.kesgravemarket.org.uk) or [www.Facebook/KesgraveMarket](http://www.Facebook/KesgraveMarket).

## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION 13TH - 27th April**

'My arm was broken and my ribs fractured. I couldn't tell the doctors that my step mum did it. When I was 14, I left home; I needed to get away. On my first night, this older man came up to me and said he'd look after me. He took me to his house and locked me in a room. I was there two days. It makes me feel bad to think about what he did, so I try not to think.' (Sally, 16 years old.)

The Children's Society has campaigned to safeguard and protect young runaways for over 25 years. Every five minutes a child runs away from home or care in this country. Even more shocking is that a quarter of them, 70 each day, are forced out of their homes by parents or carers. Many of these children will be harmed or abused while they are away from home. This is the reality for many of the 100,000 children who run away over night each year.

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

If you would like to help with the Collection, sign-up sheets are in St. Mary's and St. Michael's, or please contact us on 01473 620797

Jeremy & Cynthia Walsh



## **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** Black Tiles lane

### **"Remember the Poor!"**

The new Archbishop of Canterbury (The most Rev. Justin Welby), together with 43 Bishops, has written to the government expressing concern about Benefits for families and children. I will avoid the details and political arguments, but it is the kind of concern the Church should have and a cause for which they should plead. There is no dispute that in our favoured country, there are many poor families. (Witness the increasing necessity for 'Food Banks'). The Homeless Unit at West Villa in Ipswich is three quarters full at present and they anticipate increasing numbers.

In the days of the early Church, the believers shared homes and belongings, and there was no poverty amongst them (Acts Ch7). Paul, the Apostle, on his missionary journeys, was instructed by the Church leaders to 'remember the poor'. This ministry is close to the heart of Christ who spent most of His time in poor communities, and was Himself poor. - "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head", he once said. Trevor Huddleston who worked amongst the poor in South Africa, emphasised that "man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word of God" i.e. spiritual needs are more urgent than physical ones.

Let us 'remember the poor', and help practically when we can. This will be following the spirit of Christ, of whom it was said "Though He was rich yet for your sakes He became poor, so that we through His poverty might be made rich" (" 2 Cor. Ch 9)

### ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

#### SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

#### TUESDAY CIRCLE - 9th April

(Tools with a Mission)

#### WEDNESDAYS

Home Group - 7.30 p.m.

#### THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

#### FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

## **THE MARATHON**

At the time of writing it is bitterly cold – my computer says that it is 1 degree outside but “feels like minus 17 degrees” – with snow flurries. Earlier today I saw a runner pounding the paths and it reminded me of the time that a member of my family was training for the London Marathon. Training had gone on since the autumn but by this time of year it was training with purpose with The Big Day just a couple of weeks away. Whatever the weather, whatever football match was on television, whatever the distractions the training had to take priority. It was a matter of head down and press on. (Just for the record it is apparently necessary to do a trial run in your fancy dress costume and whilst running round the village in running shorts is socially acceptable running round dressed as a banana invites unhelpful comments!)

This year the London Marathon is on Sunday 21st April and we can be sure, whatever the weather, that some of the runners will find it hard going. There will come the time when they are part way round that they need to dig deep to finish the race.

There are similarities between the Christian life and the marathon in that it can be hard going at times. When troubles come or when temptations flood in it takes perseverance and determination to keep focused and to keep going – the Christian life is after all not a sprint. Perseverance and a determination to keep going are needed, as is a focus on the goal. Those who have run the London Marathon will often say that it was the encouragement of the spectators or other runners that enabled them to keep going through the tough times. Many Christians will say something similar in that during the tough times it is the support of the fellow travellers that has made all the difference.

There is a very big difference though – at the London Marathon there will be one winner and lots of “also rans” but in the Christian life everyone can be a winner.

St Paul said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Are you in it for the long haul or were you tempted to drop out after a sprint start?

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart” (Hebrews 12:2-3).

Tricia Shuler Vicar

## **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

Its Annual Parish Church Meeting time again and this year the Meeting is due to be held at the Church Hall on Monday 29th April at 7.00pm. You are very welcome to attend.

Brightwell Men in Sheds will have reached the end of the project which has occupied them for the past three months and are about to embark on a new one for May, June and July. This project will work alongside our social gathering and pottering work around the Church Properties in the village.

The project will be centred on digital photography in its many parts including use of cameras, compact or DSLR, stills and movies, photo-editing, compiling a slide show or DVD and adding sound to a slideshow or DVD. The final part of the project will be a days shooting of stills and movies and sound recording at a yet to be disclosed Suffolk location and then using the shots and sounds gathered on that day to compile a DVD.

Any men who would like to join us on this project will be most welcome provided you come with a sense of humour and fellowship.

If you would like to have a better understanding as to how this will all work please e-mail in the first instance to [brightwellchurch@btinternet](mailto:brightwellchurch@btinternet) or telephone the PCC Secretary Geoffrey Lambert on 01473 624130

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**THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

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<b>Services for the Month</b>	<b>Martlesham Heath St Michael's</b>	<b>Martlesham St Mary's</b>	<b>Brightwell St John's</b>
<b>Sunday 7th April</b> 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.45am All Age Worship	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14th April</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Family Worship	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Sunday 21st April</b> 4th Sunday of Easter	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28th April</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Family Communion *	(see St Michaels)	6.30 Evensong
<b>* Combined service followed by Annual Meeting and Bring and Share lunch</b>			
<b>Sunday 5th May</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	9.45am All Age Worship	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion

**Midweek Services**

Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's.  
Bright Stars meet on Monday, 22nd April

**A warm welcome awaits you at all our services**

**April Prayer Diary**

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

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> all gardeners and agricultural workers                      | 19 <sup>th</sup> all who collect our refuse                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> all volunteers involved in sports activities for children   | 20 <sup>th</sup> all Riding for the Disabled volunteers                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> St John's Church, Brightwell                                | 21 <sup>st</sup> the World Wide Christian Family                        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> all Mothers                                                 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> all at Beacon Hill School                              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> those suffering with mental illness                         | 23 <sup>rd</sup> St George and all English Saints and Martyrs           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> the residents of Chandos Drive                             | 24 <sup>th</sup> the residents of Clayton Court                         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> those who work and look after residents in Care Homes      | 25 <sup>th</sup> spreading the <b>good news</b> of the Gospel           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> all Midwives and babies they help bringing into the world  | 26 <sup>th</sup> young people searching for employment                  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> all Ambulance Men and Women                                | 27 <sup>th</sup> all who sing in Choirs                                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> strength to continue self-improvement promised during Lent | 28 <sup>th</sup> the Ministry Team, PCC and all those attending the AGM |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> all those who fish our seas                                | 29 <sup>th</sup> our Public Libraries                                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> children returning to school or starting their first term  | 30 <sup>th</sup> all translators of The Bible                           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> the residents of Church Lane                               | <b>May</b>                                                              |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> those involved with taking 'Open the Book' into schools    | 1 <sup>st</sup> the residents of Coopers Road                           |
|                                                                             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> authors, playwrights and poets                          |
|                                                                             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> those who are disheartened and have lost faith          |
|                                                                             | 4 <sup>th</sup> all those involved in the Town Pastors 'Street Life'    |