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MARTLESHAM BUTTERFLIES

May Meadow Brown (*Maniola
jurtina*).

The male's upper wings are a dusky
brown with a blurred black patch
toward the front outer; the patch has
a white dot in it. At rest, the butterfly
sits with its wings closed and can be
mistaken for a gatekeeper, which has
two white spots in the patch.

It lays a single egg on grass or dead
vegetation. The meadow brown's
caterpillar is bright green with a
darker stripe down its spine. The
chrysalis is a green with striking
broad black stripes on the wing case
and hangs from vegetation.

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.

The Mobile Library is expected to
visit on the following days/times in the
next three months, on a 4-weekly
schedule.

Tuesday 21st May, 18th June:

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 9th May, 6th June:

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

MARTLESHAM POST OFFICE STORES

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

CHERYL, DAVID & SAIGE would like to
thank everyone for their warm welcome
on taking over at the Post Office Stores
and thank Penny for all her help & wish
her all the best.

We have extended our Post Office hours
on Fridays, now opening Mondays-
Fridays from 9am-5.30pm inclusive
and on Saturdays 9am-1pm. We are
increasing our product range and are
open to suggestions. We offer a
continued warm & friendly service and
hope you will continue to support us.

From 1st May we will be introducing our
Summer Opening hours, which will be:-
Monday-Friday 6.30am-6.00pm
Saturdays 7.00am-4.00pm
Sundays 7.00am-1.00pm

BLACKTILES

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

Many thanks to all who responded to
the recent survey also to Mr and Mrs
Linyard at the Post Office Stores for
collecting the questionnaire forms.

We are pleased to report that there is
support for a relaunch of the scheme
(first set-up in 1995) We will now liaise
with the Police Community Watch Officer
to arrange a public event/presentation
as proposed as the next step Details will
be notified as soon as this can be
arranged.

John Abbott. (Co-ordinator)
01473 622480

Stan Harris (Correspondent)
01473 623427

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - Your Village Needs You!

Your parish councillors represent many walks of life and their work experience and local knowledge 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. The Council's current activities include:

- maintenance of footpaths and the Common
- provision and maintenance of bus shelters, litter and dog-dirt bins and seats
- maintaining four play areas
- grass cutting and maintenance of the Green and Recreation Ground
- provision of financial aid to other Martlesham organisations
- major challenges at this time include the BT & Bloor Homes planning applications

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.

Litter pick on Saturday morning 18 May 2013

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!

Neighbourhood Plan

A public meeting was held on 19 March 2013 following the Council's decision to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan for Martlesham, if there was sufficient parishioner interest. Approximately 140 people attended and on a show of hands a large majority thought we should proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. 57 of those attending also expressed an interest in helping with the development of the plan. Meetings have been organised for those who expressed an interest in helping, these will have taken place by the time you read this. If you expressed an interest and have not been contacted by us, or you would like to be involved in any event, please let the Clerk know and a further meeting could be arranged.

Bike Trails update

A very successful 'dig and ride' day took place during the Easter break and 14 hardy young people turned out on a very cold and damp day to restore the jumps after overwintering. Our thanks to all those who participated and we welcome any newcomers who wish to use the

trails. We are pleased to support this facility which was opened last year and has proved to be very well used.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 01 May 2013

Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 08 May 2013

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 22 May 2013

Parish Council – Wednesday 05 June 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
01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk
website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI

We have made an application for a grant from the Sustainable Development Fund of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB project to buy three information boards. These will be placed at entrances to the SSSI and could include a map, some text about the heath, pictures of typical wildlife, and basic Dos and Don'ts for people using the site. We believe that it is important to identify the land as a SSSI, and to provide visitors with information about the wildlife and plants that it supports. If anyone has any views on what should be included to make an effective board, please get in touch.

As part of the improvement project we would like to carry out some work on overgrown paths. If anyone is willing to volunteer to help in a work party at some time in the future, please let us know and we will contact you with further details.

Now that spring has arrived (?) the adders on the SSSI have come out of hibernation. Adders will try to avoid people, but you should be careful not to disturb them when walking on the heath. If you do see one, it should be left alone. The risks of bites is very low, however, adders are venomous, and if bitten you should seek medical attention. If you have children that use the Western Corridor, it would be a good idea to let them know that they may see an adder and that they should not try to approach or touch it.

Dogs are more likely to get bitten as they are inquisitive. You can reduce the risks by keeping to paths and keeping the dog on a lead

Members can raise questions and comments about the SSSI by sending an email to sssi@martlesham.org.uk, or through the MHL contacts. Our website can be found at www.sssi.martlesham.org.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

The end of March saw the start of our tree planting scheme. 20 trees were purchased at a cost of £2000 and planted by our tree consultant & MHHL volunteers on Eagle Way between Demesne Gardens and Carlford Close on 28 March. These trees were specially selected for their suitability and slow growth. They consist of a new variety of Silver Birch similar to the Himalayan birch, Mountain Ash, Hornbeam and Hawthorn. Unfortunately six of the trees were subsequently vandalised on Saturday 30 March. The police have been informed and are investigating the crime. Thanks to the swift action of some residents and our tree consultant, the trees have survived. It is a great shame that MHHL money - funded from the members' maintenance charge and used to enhance the village and replace trees which have had to be removed, was almost destroyed by a few thoughtless people.

Following on from this, a camp was discovered in the middle of Birch Woods - down the steep slope behind Birch Grove. There was a lot of rubbish found including several lights taken from highway works, a large piece of carpet (removed from the abandoned skip), a tyre, house for sale signs and general rubbish. Fires had been lit and it was clear from the paraphernalia found that cannabis smoking had taken place. The site was cleared and a sign has been left there by MHHL. The police have again been informed and the local PCSO has seen the site and is monitoring the area for us. May we ask any resident who sees any suspicious activity to report it to the police? A message to parents - do you know where your children are?

There is an open meeting on Monday May 20 at 7:30pm in the Church Centre Extension to start planning MHHL's input to the Neighbourhood Plan, following the introductory meetings for volunteers which the Parish Council arranged in late April. All residents of Martlesham Heath are welcome - especially those who were unable to attend the AGM but would like to know more about what's going on and possibly get involved.

We have received copious amounts of correspondence from members regarding the skip which is on privately owned land (not MHHL's) beside the mini roundabout near Lark Rise. We have approached SCDC many times on this complex issue. Could we please ask all residents who are fed up with this eyesore in our village, to redirect their complaints to the Head of Planning at SCDC? The more letters/complaints they receive the better and hopefully this will help to get the matter resolved.

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.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT MAY 2013

Another Consultation. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has now accepted the recommendation from Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) that the number of councillors be reduced from the current 55 down to 43. The commission is therefore now consulting just on this reduction with relevant interested parties. The six week consultation period is from 23rd April to 3rd June 2013.

Bits and Pieces. The skip on the mound at Lark Rise is now being formally dealt with by the council enforcement team. The recent incident that involved a tin of paint being dropped on the pavement near to the skip gave me a chance to press home to the relevant council officer the need for enforcement action on this matter.

The two councils for Waveney and SCDC are continuing their drive for greater efficiency and their shared services are currently considered to be the most advanced and successful joint arrangements anywhere in England according to a national survey.

The latest Halifax Rural Areas Quality of life survey (pub. March 2013) has put Suffolk Coastal in the top twenty (number 19). Suffolk Coastal is also top, according to their criteria, for employment in England (85.8%), followed by Ribble Valley (Lancs) at 84.7% and Taunton Deane in the South West at 83%.

Some Money News. SCDC have just agreed to put £100,000 towards encouraging business and economic growth (thus increasing our Business rate retention income).

SCDC has also just agreed an additional £100,000 to reduce the number of empty homes (thus increasing our New Homes Bonus income). And finally some good news for Martlesham Parish Council SCDC are planning to place £100,000 towards Neighbourhood Planning. This follows on from the Rendlesham pilot which was the only Parish in Suffolk to receive a £20,000 government grant for their Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to discuss these or any other matter with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk .

DISCOVER SUFFOLK

IN 52 WAYS OVER 23 DAYS -

The Suffolk Walking Festival 11 May - 2 June 2013

Ever wanted to weave your way through fields of flax, march through history, search for treasure or ramble through the countryside to the sound of poetry? Well now is your chance! With over 50 guided walks to choose from, The Suffolk Walking Festival is a cornucopia of delightfully themed walks that will take you through gently undulating countryside, around villages and towns awash with some fine architecture and along the wonderful landscape of the Suffolk Coast. Not all of the walks are long - there is a good range for all abilities and some suitable for children too.

We hope you will join us on some of these walks. For the full programme, please visit the Suffolk Walking Festival website www.discoveruffolk.org.uk or any tourist information centre in the county where you can pick up a brochure and book tickets. This festival is sponsored by Discover Suffolk and supported by all the local authorities in Suffolk.

CALLING ALL MUMSThe Mums' Club will meet at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 7 May from 12.45 to 2.30pm. This will be a toy, book and recipe swap meeting. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch and then to swap 'grown-out-of' toys and books and any favourite recipes. Looking ahead, the June meeting of the Mums' Club will be on Tuesday, 4 June when we are looking forward to a visit from a member of the 'Pets at Home' staff who will talk about 'Pets and Small Children'.

THE DRINKS AND DRIBBLES BABY CAFE

will meet at St. Michael's Church Centre on Thursdays, 2nd and 16th May between 10am and 12noon. This is an opportunity for mums and small children to meet together for refreshments, friendship and toys.

Why not drop in?

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

SUMMER FUN AT BRIGHT STARS

Are you a preschooler, toddler or baby who enjoys singing, stories and crafts? If so why not bring your parents or carers to our next Bright Stars session. Our Spring term culminated in a session creating an Easter Garden of colourful flowers and foliage to illustrate the Easter story. Our fun children's worship and activity sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (during term time), 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play.

Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to seeing you. The remaining dates for our Summer 2013 sessions are:

April 22nd, May 13th, June 10th, June 24th, July 8th

If you would like any further information please contact:

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Thank you to all our families who came to our wonderfully busy Easter parties! We hope you all had a good time and that you managed to track down a few chocolate eggs not only for your toddlers but also for your well-deserving selves in our Easter egg hunt!

Whilst looking forward optimistically to some sunny weather this month, we have plans for a cheesy Eurovision sweepstake as well as plans for National Doughnut Week in the middle of May! Yes, we do seem somewhat obsessed with snacks and nibbles ... oh well, come and indulge yourself with a coffee and biscuit or two, whilst letting your baby or toddler enjoy our vast choice of toys.

We can be found 9.30-11.30am, Wednesday and Friday mornings during term time, in Martlesham Heath Pavilion. Our last session before half term is Friday 24th May, and we are back again on Wednesday 5th June. We hope to see you there!

Find us on Facebook or you can email us at mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our sponsored Easter woodland trail was a brilliant success with over £500 raised and still counting! Thank you to everyone for raising so much money. This will enable us to update our tired and worn out toys!

Our Fun Day takes place on Saturday June 15th between 12noon to 4pm. Come along for the BBQ and join in the fun and games. The Fun Day will have great attractions – entertainer, pony rides, bouncy castle, police car, craft stalls, refreshments, raffle, fun and games, etc. This is a super opportunity to visit the playschool if you are looking round for care for your child. Come along for an enjoyable afternoon – the weather's going to be fantastic!!

If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please visit our website for more details :- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We have a very long waiting list and shall not have any spaces until September. We are registered to take children from 2 years so the younger you register your child the better. We are situated next to Gorseland School and serve families in all the local area.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath

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

Welcome back to all our children and families after the Easter break – we're looking forward to a fun-filled summer term. We'd also like to thank everyone who attended our Easter Craft Fair during the holidays; it was a lovely morning and raised over £280!

Coming up this month, we are holding a Body Shop at Home Pamper Evening on Tuesday 7th May. Additionally, the Douglas Bader are very kindly holding a Pub Quiz on Sunday 2nd June in support of the Saplings – tables can be booked for teams from April onwards if you would like to join us for a fun evening out.

Don't forget to book your child a place at our Half Term Holiday Club – we have a busy week of activities planned to keep the children happily entertained throughout the school break.

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 or visit our website www.thesaplings.org.uk.

MARTLESHAM BRASS 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Everyone will be very welcome at our Spring Concert on Saturday 11th May at St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham Heath starting at 7pm. Tickets £3.00 (primary school children free) from our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk or 2nd Stop Charity Shop (next to Kesgrave Tesco) or 07802 868924.

All our bands will be performing, from the beginner group to our main band. There will be a raffle and light refreshments available during the interval.

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.

Anne Sagggers (Publicity Officer) anne@saggers.org.uk Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

At last, spring seems to have arrived and the woodland is bursting into life, with birds busy with nests and flowers and trees blooming. Fortunately the warmer weather arrived just in time for the first Nature Watch Club meeting of this year which covered the subject of amphibians – with plenty of toads, frogs and newts to be seen.

The winter weather has taken its toll on the paths with many areas worn or turned into mud pools in the wet. We have started the process of resurfacing them with wood chippings, kindly donated by Elite Tree Services. Regular walkers will find that the new surface is quite soft and spongy, but this is only temporary (and far better than mud!) and the surface will 'bed down' fairly quickly.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Explorers Saturday 18th May 9:00 – 11:00am

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 18th May 10:00 – Noon Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Nature Watch Club Saturday 11th May 9:00 – 11:00am Meet at the Control Tower

Be sure to book your place for Nature Explorers and Nature Watch Club by sending an email to pwcg.naturewatch@martlesham.org.uk Information and dates for 2013 Work Mornings, Nature Watch Club and Nature Explorers are available at <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/> For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET.

Come along and meet our five new Producers, together with known faces. Our new friends are offering many new products both sweet and savoury to tempt you. Should you wish to discuss dietary requirements one of our new ladies can help whether it be by using gluten free ingredients, or no added sugar etc Simon our pieman offers a variety, but also would like you to try his bacon jam. We are also joined by two ladies who love to offer a variety of good old fashioned home cooked cakes etc., whilst Helen enjoys making attractive beaded items. Mix these with those that our established Producers make we feel offers you a very wide choice. Jams, marmalades, chutneys, pickles and honey always available. Free range eggs delivered from farm weekly.

We have been established in this area for many years, but are still asked where are we, and who are we. Please come along to the weekly market held on Saturdays at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach between 9.30 and 11.30 for a cup of tea or coffee, and a browse around.

For Martlesham Heath customers please remember our new opening times of 9.30 to 11.15 on a Tuesday at the Pavilion, The Square Martlesham Heath.

Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

Birchwood Primary School

NEEDS YOU

Please can you help us

We, the children at Birchwood Primary School in Valiant Road, are in desperate need of adult Volunteer Gardeners. Each Class would like a mentor who can give us support and help us with planting seeds and tending the plants in our Kitchen Garden.

There are 7 classes in our School and we have a raised Vegetable bed for each Class. Each of the beds are 3 metre x 2 metre plot. We love to grow and eat our own vegetables, also we sell some of them so we can buy more seed for the next year. We have a great Potting Shed that is full with all the tools we need.

But we have a problem – Our teachers cannot always help us as they are very busy and some have never had a garden and do not know much about gardening also some teachers do not like to get their hands dirty – Please do not tell them that we said that!

WE NEED HELP – We would welcome anyone from the Community

If you have green fingers, can you spare about an hour a week to help us in our vegetable gardens (this can be flexible to suit you) during March – September,

All we want from you is some guidance and help in looking after our gardens and growing tasty vegetables.

We love our vegetable garden but we need your help.

If you are interested in helping us

can you please call Mrs Moore or Mrs Westaway at the office

01473 610701 or send an email: ad.birchwood.p@talk21.com

We can then all get together so we can show you our gardens and see if you can help us.

From
The Pupils at Birchwood Primary School

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Was it the offer of a French themed lunch that attracted so many of us to attend a French event at a member's farm near Halesworth?

Anyway, several of our members enjoyed the day where we were introduced to the rudiments of petanque. That's the game you see being played in villages all over France with metal "boules" being tossed a jack or "cochonnet".

As a result some of us decided to continue to play on the piste at Woodbridge. Then we got ambitious and entered a local league. Most of the other teams consisted of men and had fancy names such as "Deben Vikings", and we were plain Martlesham W.I. So no doubt our opponents banked on an easy victory – and were not disappointed! But we have practised and improved and the new season is now beginning.

Sadly the winter weather has not been helpful and we haven't had the practice we needed. But we enjoy ourselves – so if you are interested in finding out more, contact our secretary Pat Jackson on 01473 611 811.

May is the month when we discuss public affairs prior to our National AGM. This year we will be considering the decline of our high streets – is there something we can do to stop this, or is it now too late? That's at our meeting on May 17th at 7.30 in the Richards Room. You will be most welcome to join us.

Susan Cunliffe

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Already, this year has been a tough one for wildlife with cold conditions extending through the winter into early spring. Please continue to keep feeding the birds with supplementary food in your garden in can make a real difference.

Last year (2012) was poor too. Many butterfly species suffered severe declines in population. Of the 56 species monitored as part of the UKBMS (UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme) 52 species suffered declines, only 4 species held their own or increased. The almost continuous period of wet and cold weather was particularly bad as many species struggled to find shelter, food and mating opportunities.

Butterfly populations can recover given favourable conditions. In the group activities we attempt to encourage suitable habitats for butterfly conservation. Those with a garden could leave wild areas, with suitable food plants to suit butterflies and other insects – why not encourage a patch of Bird's Foot Trefoil or rough grassland, grow a clump of nettles in a warm sunny spot, allow some gorse to grow, or plant some Buckthorn? It could make a difference.

As we move through May temperatures should begin to rise and we should begin to see more butterflies such as Brimstone, Orange Tip and Green Hairstreak, a heathland species that relies on gorse as its food plant. Also, hopefully our heath and woodland will resound again to that prolific songbird the Nightingale.

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday 19th May at 10am. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader. Rather than the usual work party we will be attempting to survey the birds in the woodland next to the green. All are welcome.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

If Suffolk is close to your heart, then join us in the Richards Rooms on May 2nd, when the Suffolk Wildlife Trust will be talking about creating a Living Landscape. Then join us again on May 16th to learn more about the Pakenham Watermill. We meet at 7.30pm every fortnight in the Richards Rooms, with guest speakers one of our regular features, giving talks on a wide variety of subjects.

New Ladies are always welcomed into our friendly group, and can enjoy chatter with tea and biscuits, outings, fundraising events, and much much more. More details can be obtained by telephoning our Chairman, Doreen Boar, on 01483 622768

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 17th June 2013.

I Read it in a Local Rag ~ Pip Wright

From Ipswich to Kings Lynn, Bury St. Edmunds to Norwich, Great Yarmouth to Ely, the newspapers of East Anglia are represented in this talk through tragic, humorous, heart-warming, inventive, pompous and extraordinary stories. Pip has read hundreds of newspapers, most of them at least 150 years old. Hidden within their pages he has found an archive of remarkable stories, sad, funny, revealing, informative; but always entertaining. With him you can dip into the past and see glimpses of life in times gone by.

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

MOTHERS UNION

It was a great pleasure to welcome Rev Canon Brian and Audreen Lillistone back to St Michael's on April 3rd. Brian talked and showed slides on the building of St Michael's Church. It brought back happy memories to so many people. But it was also sad to see pictures of so many folk now not with us any more.

Eileen and Bernie Butler also came back for the afternoon and it was a pleasure to spend time with them, they did so much for the fundraising and organising for St Michael's (along with lots of other people)

On Wednesday 1st May all members are invited to Bucklesham Church at 2.30pm where the Deanery will be meeting for a special annual service. Anyone needing a lift to this event, should speak either to Florence or Ann Berg. It would be really good to see every member there. Tea will follow the service.

Florence will be making alternative arrangements for those not able to attend at Bucklesham. Details will be put on the Sunday Sheet. If you would like to come as a visitor to any of our meetings, please feel free, we would love to welcome you.

Contact Florence on 01473 631347

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM SUMMER COMPETITIONS 2013.

For Martlesham Parishioners & Businesses to enter:

(A) Most Attractive Summer Front Garden.

The Martlesham in Bloom Cup.

(B) Most effective use of hanging basket(s) and/or container(s) in the front of your property

The Meadhome Cup (Home Meadows Nursery Ltd).

(C) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a non-residential premises, this could include for example schools, industrial units and other businesses.

The Martlesham in Bloom Commercial Cup.

(D) 'Your' Back Garden

The Martlesham in Bloom Shield.

The Martlesham in Bloom Committee may also give an award to the best New Entry in any class.

The competitions will be judged by Martlesham in Bloom committee members by early August. Martlesham in Bloom reserves the right to photograph all entries for Martlesham in Bloom purposes.

For (D) and schools entering (C) the date and time of judging to be arranged with the entrant.

Entries for (A) and/or (B) must be able to be viewed from the road or other publicly accessed area.

Closing date for entries is Monday 8th July 2013. (Entry Free) Please contact the Secretary (details below) for entry forms

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact: J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

On a cold day with snow falling, Mr Lionel Clark did a good job of creating a feel of Spring with his demonstration entitled "A Touch of Glass". He began by placing hellebores, purple and pink tulips together creating a parallel design. Following on an urn topped with variegated foliage, burgundy and white carnations placed around the edge with leucadendron added in the middle for height. A spray of cream and pink cymbidium orchids sitting amongst twisted willow with dark pittosporum for contrast made a very simple but effective design. Flowing ivy leaves, cream carnations and large pale green anthuriums cascaded from a tall pedestal creating a spectacular show. Mr Clark also put together three other designs using roses, purple and white lizianthus and yellow carnations. All the arrangements carefully placed along the blue covered table gave a marvellous display of colour and form and regardless of the weather we all went home knowing Spring is just around the corner.

The competition was won by Jean Smith (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 15th May when Mrs Ann Colby will demonstrate "Come dine with Me". The competition is "A Table arrangement with candles". All most welcome. Margaret Doveston 01473 624422

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.

BOOK FAIR

20th JULY in the Old Village Hall, Top Street, Martlesham

JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK SALE

26th OCTOBER 2013

in The Pavilion Martlesham Heath
10.00-12.00

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

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.

CONCERT

There will be a concert in St Mary's Church Martlesham on

Saturday 1st June by

MUSICOLOGY

at 7pm

Light refreshments will be served during the interval.

Tickets £8.00 can be obtained from Ann Berg 01394 387049 or Martin Cottrell

Proceeds for renewal and repairs to St Mary's Church

Everyone welcome

THE ORWELL SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT

The Orwell Singers will be holding their summer concert on an earlier date than usual this year on

Saturday 15th June at 7.30 pm

at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath,

Tickets will be available at the door, price £7.00 for adults and 50p for accompanied children, and will include refreshments.

If you would like more information please telephone 01473 635955 or email d.sharman@btinternet.com.

MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

At our last meeting at the surgery we had a tour of the new reception area, and were shown the new room behind the children's area which is reserved for private discussion. If any patients need to talk to a receptionist in private about a particular issue then please don't hesitate to ask to use the room. We also reviewed the new technology available for patients such as, texting appointment reminders, and on-line prescription renewals. The surgery telephone system is now more sophisticated and includes more features. If you have any difficulties with these services then please inform the receptionists.

The Red Cross is trialling a videophone system in East Suffolk called Facelook (not to be confused with Facebook). Facelook uses a normal television and set top camera to provide a video link between elderly or infirm people with their family members or carers. New subscribers are required for this free service. For more information download a leaflet from www.facelook.org.uk

Thomas O'Brien - Chairman

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM HOSTS AREA CONTEST

At the end of March Speak Easy hosted the Area Level Contest for The Toastmasters' International Speech and Evaluation Contest. We held the event at Martlesham Community Hall, with winners and runners up from club rounds at not only Martlesham but Ipswich, Colchester and Chelmsford turning up to compete. The morning was a great success enjoyed by contestants and supporters. Speak Easy would like to congratulate both our contestants, who did the club proud, with Brian Faulkner winning the Speech Contest and Sue Coppens Browne coming second in the Evaluation Contest. Brian will go forward to the Division round during April in Hemingford Abbots.

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road). Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm. We look forward to seeing you, as guests are always assured of a warm welcome.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club meetings in 2013: May 9th, May 23rd, June 6th, June 20th Further details about Speak Easy can be found at www.speak-easy.org.uk

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

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

As we move through May we have a number of events.

On Thursday 2nd May from 7pm to 9pm approx we have an evening walk for wildflowers and Nightingales at the Bromeswell Green Nature reserve. Meet at Grid reference TM296504.

On Sunday 12th May from 2pm to 4pm we have a Plant Sale at Foxburrow Farm, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton, (just off the A12) featuring plants, soft toys, cards, cakes and refreshments. Please come along take a stroll around the farm, enjoy the surroundings, and support our efforts towards wildlife conservation in Suffolk.

On Wednesday 15th May from 6-30pm to 8-30pm approx we have Wildflowers at Martins Meadow, Clopton. with expert guidance from Susan Stone Meet and park at grid reference TM226572. Please book in advance as there is limited parking. Phil Smith 01473 625630

MCMILLAN GOLF DAY

The Woodbridge and District McMillan Cancer Support Committee are holding a Golf Day at Seckford Golf Club, Woodbridge on Friday 12th July in order to raise funds to pay for a new McMillan Nurse in your area. The appointed nurse will be attached to three GP surgeries and provide support to those recovering from chemotherapy etc. Help will be given with both physical rehabilitation and any practical and psychological problems being experienced on return home from hospital.

The Golf Day commences at 2pm with coffee and bacon roll on arrival, followed by an 18 Hole Shotgun Competition and two course meal, prize giving and raffle. The cost is £35 per head (teams of 4), novice/non golfers can join in also with an afternoon of tuition at £20 per head including two course meal.

If you would like to support us, please call 01473 277018 or 01394 383684 or email all.lings@btopenworld.com for further information and an entry form.

BITE BACK AT HUNGER!

Most people in this country are having to think seriously about how to spend their weekly budget but most of us are still able to enjoy 3 meals a day. Sadly that's not true everywhere and today around 870 million people are desperate for food. That's a big number and it means that one in eight people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight even though there is enough food in the world to feed everyone. This is a scandal. But we can do something about it.

Christian Aid is working on two fronts to end this scandal; by working with poor communities to get access to clean water and good farming practices, and by joining together with other agencies to call for a fairer food system that works for all.

You can support this work during **Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May**. We will be holding a house to house collection in Martlesham and Martlesham Heath and you can lend your support by volunteering to collect and by being as generous as you can when the red envelope comes through your door. Your donation will go even further if you are a taxpayer and fill in the gift aid declaration!

For more information on how you can help please contact Carolyn Smith on 01473 625630 or visit www.christianaid.org. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Why do you hide when I need you most?" (Psalm 10)

David, in the psalms, often questioned God when he felt abandoned "How long will you look the other way?" (Psalm 13).

He feels neglected and alone. Many believers share this experience from time to time. The Lord, we think, is far away and doesn't understand our situation. This is when our faith is put to the test. Are we willing to be patient and wait God's time? -Are we ready to receive God's answer when it's not the answer we wished for?.

Many parents dote on their children, give them all they want and fail to discipline. The results are not pleasant and teachers and others have to cope with unruly children. Our Heavenly Father is all wise and knows when to give good gifts to His children, but also knows when to withhold them.

At the end of Psalm 13 David says - "But I trust in your unfailing love. I will sing to the Lord because He has been so good to me! David's faith has passed the test!

ACTIVITIES IN MAY

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE - MAY 14TH

(David Adams - More about bees)

WEDNESDAYS

Home 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)

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

HOLIDAY AT HOME

- **What is it?** A week of holiday activities where you go home to sleep in your own bed.
- **When?** Monday 17th – Sunday 23rd June 2013.
- Who for? Everyone over the age of 55 (but we won't be checking birth certificates!)
- Who is organising it? The churches in Martlesham.
- **But I don't go to church.** Everyone is invited!
- **What's the programme?** The week includes coach trips to Southwold and Bury St Edmunds, a talk on characters of East Anglia, a handbell concert, Coronation lunch and quiz, walk and pub lunch and lots of tea and cake. Grand finale of Songs of Praise and strawberry tea.
- **Can I come some days or must I come all week?** Come for as many or as few days as you wish.
- **Where can I get a brochure and booking form?** From the foyer at St Michael's on Martlesham Heath, from St Mary's on Church Lane in Old Martlesham, from Martlesham Christian fellowship – or by asking a member of any of the churches to get a brochure for you.
- **How much?** The whole week costs £45 with the cost of some days just £2.
- **Can I just turn up on the day?** Sorry but to help with catering and because spaces are limited on some days it is necessary to book your place.
- **It sounds fine but I've got more questions...** the names and contact details of the Planning Group are on the booking form. They will be pleased to help in any way they can.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

The Festival of St. John the Baptist.

Plans are now well under way for our Patronal Festival over the weekend of Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June. The programme will follow a now well established pattern of opening with a concert on Friday evening, a Church Open Day on Saturday for an exhibition of photographs of Suffolk Churches and closing with a Songs of Praise on Sunday Evening at 6.30pm. Please make a note of these dates as we would like to see as many people as possible visiting the Church over the weekend. Our Brightwell welcome will be extended to all as usual. Full details next month.

Brightwell Men in Sheds.

Meetings for MIS during May are planned for Thursday 9th and Thursday 23rd, both from 9.30am to noon at the Church Hall. At the first meeting we will be planning our photographic project, which will take us through May, June and July improving our photographic and production skills leading toward collecting material for the production of a DVD during the autumn. Any men who would like to join us for this venture will be most welcome. It will basically be a self help project with emphasis on fellowship, mutual support and a good deal of humour. If you would like to be involved please contact Geoff Lambert or just turn up at any of our meetings.

Geoffrey Lambert Secretary to Brightwell PCC. brightwellchurch@btinternet.com
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THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter	9.45 am All Age Worship	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion
Thursday 9th May Ascension Day	10am Holy Communion		
Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Family Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 19th May Pentecost	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday	9.45am Family Communion	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 2nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity	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 (except 8th May).
Bright Stars meet on Monday, 13th May
A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

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

5th Thank you Lord, for your loving presence every day.

6th B/H: Thank you for holidays and time to enjoy our families.

7th We give thanks for all paramedics and ambulance staff.

8th We pray for all residents of Copse Close.

9th Ascension Day: Thank you, Father, for continuing Christian witness worldwide.

10th Loving Father, be with all carers and those in their care.

11th Thank you, Father, for the work of the RNLI.

12th Loving God, we ask for your guidance for all your people.

13th Thank you, Lord, for all volunteers and the service they offer to so many of your people.

14th We ask, Lord, for your support and loving guidance for our Armed Forces.

15th We pray for all residents of Crane Close.

16th Thank you for our Police Officers and the valuable work they do.

17th Lord, we ask for your help for those struggling with addiction.

18th We pray for the bereaved, may they find comfort.

19th Father, we pray for peace in your world.

20th We give thanks for our local bus and transport services.

21st We pray for farmers and food producers.

22nd We pray for all residents of Crown Close.

23rd Thank you, God, for musicians and the blessings they provide.

24th Pray for medical staff – Lord give them help and guidance in their difficult work.

25th Thank you, Father, for our family and friends.

26th Trinity Sunday: Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit.

27th Dear God, we ask for your help for all who care for the sick and the elderly.

28th Thank you, Father, for our many blessings.

29th We pray for all who live in De Brink on the Green.

30th We remember all who are hungry, may they be fed.

31st Lord, we ask for your support for patients and staff at St Elizabeth's Hospice.

1st June Loving God, we bring before you all who are sick in mind or body.

2nd We pray for HM The Queen and the Royal Family.

3rd We ask for your blessing, Lord, for the lonely.

4th Father, we ask for your loving care for all children worldwide.