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## **MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HALL TOP STREET**

Although we have regular bookings for evenings throughout the year, morning and afternoon sessions are available. The hall is ideal for small groups who need to meet at a reasonable cost, discount for residents of Martlesham.

For any queries or bookings please contact 01473 623655.

## **THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH**

Volunteers clearing accumulated mud from the perimeter pathways, of Portal Woods, during their Volunteer Morning, earlier in the Spring.

From Portal Woods Conservation Group, whose report can be read on page 6

## **COMMUNITY RESPONDERS**

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 3 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to many 999 calls received by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details contact, Paul Stockdale 01473 621225 (e.mail: paulstockdale@btinternet.com)

## **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

## **GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM**

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.

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

## **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.

## **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES**

The mobile library is expected to visit on the following days/times in the next three months, on the same Tuesday/Thursday 4-weekly schedule.

### **TUESDAYS:**

17 JUNE, 15 JULY, 12 AUGUST,

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

### **THURSDAYS**

05 JUNE, 03 JULY, 31 JULY,

28 AUGUST,

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

## **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 the booking secretary on 07732 199 712 Alternatively, you can book on our website:

<http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavillion/index.htm>

which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions

## **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)

# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## New Councillor

In May we welcomed Matthew Percy as a new councillor appointed by co-option.

## Parish Council Appointments

At its May Annual Parish Council meeting the Council made the following appointments from among its members:

Chairman – Mike Irwin; Vice-Chairman – Wally Welch; Development Plans Committee Chairman – Leo Brome; Finance & General Purposes Chairman – Laurence Burrows; Recreation & Amenities Chairman – Wally Welch.

Still two vacancies for Parish Councillors! Please join us in doing the best for your parish!

Sadly we had to accept another resignation from the Council in April, from Sue Nichol. Sue played a major role in helping to get the Diamond Jubilee bike trails up and running and we are pleased that she will continue to play an active role on the Operational Management Team overseeing the trails.

It is therefore likely that the Parish Council will be considering co-option of 2 councillors to fill vacancies at its meeting on 4 June 2014. Do come & join us in trying to look after our parish!

If you would like to know more, the best way is to come along to a full Council or committee meeting, as listed below. The Clerk is also happy to provide information or put you in touch with a councillor to get first-hand knowledge!

## What have we been doing recently?

- Organising the new format for the Annual Parish Meeting (please see separate report)
- Annual litter pick: many thanks to those who turned out & supported this event
- Finalising the accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2014. These are available for inspection from 2 – 27 June 2014 by appointment with the Clerk.
- Liaising with Suffolk County Council Highways Department for local improvements
- Meeting Suffolk Coastal District Council planning officers re important planning issues for the parish

## Bus Shelter for Gloster Road bus stop

We are aware that a number of you have been waiting patiently for the appearance

of this shelter. We are assured by the County Council that the wait might soon be over!

## Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 4 June 2014

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 11 June 2014

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 2 July 2014

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

## Contacting the Council

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

01473 612632

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

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

## MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

Residents will doubtless be aware of the recent acts of mindless vandalism in which 6 young trees were broken near Demesne Gardens. Apparently, a group of youths was seen by a resident causing this damage, but no report was made to the police until much later, increasing the difficulty in identifying those responsible.

This missed opportunity illustrates the need for residents to report any suspicious behaviour immediately.

In addition, 2 windows in the Control Tower were smashed around the same time, possibly by the same group. It is clear from the response that many people are disgusted and angry about these acts, and we all have a responsibility to deter them. Any information on these issues should be passed to the police on 101 (or 999 for a new incident).

We commend the actions of Mr Jonathan Waters, the local estate agent, whose public-spirited response has resulted in publicity about the vandalism to the trees. In addition, he has made an offer of a reward leading to the identification of those responsible, and the Board of MHHL wish to thank him for his initiative.

Similarly, concern has been expressed about the fire risk in the relatively dry conditions, and reports should be made to the police if suspicious behaviour is witnessed (999). It is essential we prevent a recurrence of previous and very damaging acts of arson.

Given the time of year, it would be appreciated if all householders would check their boundaries to ensure that no foliage is overhanging paths and causing a hazard. As stated previously, MHHL have no authority to intervene in cases where foliage presents a danger to others, and concerns should be referred to the Highways Department of the

County Council (0845 606 6171 or search “pavement obstruction” on the SCC website).

Reports have been received about the problem of cars being parked on grass verges. In addition to damaging the areas, these vehicles present an obstacle to pedestrians, particularly the elderly and those with disabilities. Please notify the police if a problem arises.

MHHL employs a person to pick up litter, a sad but necessary fact. Efforts are focussed on Eagle Way, from Carlford Close to the Control Tower, and on the footpath from Gorseland School to Valiant Road up to the Green, and we appreciate the impact he makes. Obviously, it would be advantageous if residents and visitors used the bins provided.

In order to protect the North Green, bollards will be installed to prevent vehicular access, similar to those already put in place in other locations. In addition, the cataloguing of trees on MHHL land continues, and the 12-month plan of tree maintenance is being developed.

MHHL can be contacted via: PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB; by voicemail on 01473 612207 or by e-mail to [mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk). The website can be accessed via [www.mhh.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.mhh.martlesham.org.uk)

## Martlesham Heath Pavillion

Chair Al Jones [chairmhpc@gmail.com](mailto:chairmhpc@gmail.com) or phone 0782-639-4967 (voicemail)

### TREASURER (VOLUNTARY)

Could you spend a few hours a week to deal with booking fees and other matters for a well-loved community facility?

Please contact the above for an informal chat

## MARTLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

Since our last communication we have held two drop-in sessions, for residents to give us their thoughts on how they want Martlesham to develop over the next 15 years. One in St Michael's church on the Heath and the other at the Christian Fellowship in Black Tiles lane. Feedback from both sessions has been very useful and will help us move to the next milestone of the Plan to produce a Survey.

To build a Neighbourhood Plan we need to survey all residents to get your views on what topics and policies should be in the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan teams are currently working to produce input for the survey on the major topics on Transport, Housing, Environment and Recreation which concern you, to make it straightforward and easy to produce a plan. We are targeting the end of May to have an input draft in place ready to have the survey produced in time to issue to residents in July. We plan to distribute the survey to every door in the Parish by hand, it's a method that proved very successful in the past, so we shall need willing volunteers to help in this task. If you would like to help please give your name and contact details to our email address

**martlesham2028@gmx.co.uk**, or by phone please leave a message by calling the Parish Council office on 01473 612632.

We are currently in discussions with Suffolk Coastal District Council on the best way we (the residents of Martlesham) can have influence on the Adastral development, either as part of the Neighbourhood Plan or not. Hope to have more news on that next month.

## NEW FACES IN THE SQUARE

Those of you, who regularly use the shops in the Square, may have noticed the following logo which has appeared on No8.



This belongs to Anglia Care Trust (ACT), a charity, which is now renting office space for its headquarters staff, formerly based in central Ipswich, employing over 60 staff and 90 volunteers.

The ACT mission is 'Supporting Communities - Improving Lives', through three core themes: Housing and Housing Related Support - Helping people to keep a roof over their heads; Advice, Guidance and Advocacy - Helping people to be heard; and Community Safety -

Helping people to feel safe. ACT supports vulnerable people across Suffolk working directly with 1,500 of the most vulnerable individuals in Suffolk annually. Projects include

1. Domestic Abuse Outreach Service
2. Suffolk Family Focus Initiative
3. Mediation
4. Floating Housing Support/Accommodation Based Support
5. Money Advice
6. Appropriate Adult Scheme
7. Mentoring for young people

The majority of work undertaken is with individuals and families within their homes with staff and volunteers working locally where the services are required.

If you think that ACT can help you in with any of the services they deliver, please feel free to contact them direct.

ACT staff are a friendly bunch. Please say hello to them as you see them going about their daily work - they have already found the delights of working in the Square with sandwiches, cakes and fish and chips high on their recommendation list!

Contact details: Telephone 01473 622888 Email [admin@angliacaretrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@angliacaretrust.org.uk)  
Website [www.angliacaretrust.org.uk](http://www.angliacaretrust.org.uk)

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WHAT HAS MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL BEEN DOING FOR YOU?

This question was answered at the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April 2014. The parish room was full as the parish council reported back to Martlesham residents and guests on its activities. The proceedings began in a celebratory mood when presentations of grant cheques were made to those organisations which the parish council has been able to financially support this year, these were:

- Beacon Hill Primary School
- Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group
- Martlesham Conservation Group
- Martlesham Historical Society
- Martlesham in Bloom
- Greenways
- Home Start
- Disability Advice Service
- Suffolk Accident Rescue Service

Each presentation was followed by a brief word about the work of the organisation. The Council then reported on its activities which are principally carried out by Committees, made up of councillors,

Working groups, made up of councillors and other volunteers and thirdly by councillors representing the interests of residents on other groups.

The principal achievements reported included:

Users of the play equipment, recreation ground, football pitches, the common, the green, footpaths and open spaces all benefit from the land maintenance organised by, and inspections carried out, by the Recreation and Amenities committee; Portal Woodlands Conservation Group manages the work programmes and educational activities carried out to the benefit of all users of the area; Bike Trails Operations Management Team manages the Jubilee BMX bike trails. It is particularly pleasing to see the young users of this facility contributing to its upkeep and maintenance; Recreation Ground and Kronjje's Piece Stakeholders Group is a newly founded group which has developed a management plan for its area, which will combine enhanced recreational facilities and use with a sensitive management of the natural environment; All residents benefit from the work of the

Development Plans committee as it works towards ensuring developments are suitable and that the views of residents are taken account of in public consultations; Neighbourhood Plan Group has been consulting and working towards a Neighbourhood Plan to shape developments in the future, it and its sub groups have been some of the most active bodies in Martlesham this year;

Finance and General Purposes committee ensures that the highest standards of financial management and governance are adhered to by the council, standards far in excess of statutory requirements.

Other Martlesham organisations and the Police also took the opportunity to report on their activities. After an informative and interesting evening light refreshments were served.

Full details and photographs of the event are available on the parish council website <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net>

If you missed this key event this year do come along next year, we guarantee you will be pleasantly surprised by the work done in Martlesham by its Parish Council and other voluntary groups.

**CALLING ALL MUMS .....** The next meeting of Martlesham Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday, 3rd June at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, between 12.45 and 2.30pm. Lunch will be served around 1.00p.m. after which Jo Cresdee will join us to give us a taster session of her Lazy Daisy classes for young children. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us.

**MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL IS OPENING ANOTHER PLAYSCHOOL !**

Martlesham Playschool is pleased to announce we are opening another



playschool on Grange Farm in the Millennium Jubilee Hall, at Millennium Way, Kesgrave. We'll be open Monday to Friday, term time mornings only, and hope to be ready for the autumn term.

Sessions will be 9.15am to 12.15pm to fit in with the start of the school day at all local schools, enabling you to drop older children before joining our sessions. We'll be running our playschool in the same, well-thought of, highly popular way we run Martlesham Playschool in Deben Avenue.

Contact us now if you're interested in a place at Kesgrave Playschool. We'll be registered for children from 2 to 5 years and able to take children who are eligible for 3 & 4 year old funding. Some 2-year old funding is available if eligible.

There has already been interest so don't miss out - call us on 01473 621315 or 625986, email [mplayschool@btinternet.com](mailto:mplayschool@btinternet.com) or look online at [www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk). We're now allocating spaces for September so don't delay !

**The DRINKS AND DRIBBLES BABY CAFE** will be open at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Thursdays, 5th and 19th June between 10a.m. and 12 noon. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to drop in - we offer refreshments, friendship and toys.

For more information on either of the above please ring Sue on 01473 624130.

**THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath Baby Room, Pre-School, Breakfast Club, After School Club & Holiday Club**

'Let's go to big school!' June will be a very exciting month for our Rising 5 Preschoolers as they will be spending some afternoons in their Reception classroom at Birchwood! We will also be welcoming Dads and Granddads to 'stay and play' to celebrate Father's Day and enjoying a sponsored bike ride to raise money for an outdoor bike rack.

After School Club Leader Amy is hoping for more sunny weather so the After School Clubbers can enjoy trips to the park. This month's After School topic is 'All About Me', with activities including: self-portraits, measuring and comparing heights and exploring different cultures.

Manager Jo has lots of activities planned for our littlest learners The Seedlings (Baby Room) to explore sounds, colours and textures in our garden, with sand and water play and a new ball pool too!

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Holiday Club, with lots of fun activities planned - see our website: [thesaplings.org.uk/holiday\\_club.php](http://thesaplings.org.uk/holiday_club.php) for more details!

The Saplings is open Monday - Friday, from 7.30am - 6pm for children ages 3 months - 11 years. We offer a Baby Room (3 months - 2 years), Preschool (2 - 5 years), Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club sessions (2 - 11 years) and a 'Walking Bus' to Birchwood Primary School. For more information, please call our friendly team of dedicated and experienced staff on: 01473 614753, email: [news@thesaplings.org.uk](mailto:news@thesaplings.org.uk), or visit our website: [thesaplings.org.uk](http://thesaplings.org.uk)

**BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL PTF A SUMMER FAIR**

Birchwood School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association are holding our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 14th June, 12-3pm at Birchwood School, Valiant Road, Martlesham Heath.

There will be fun for all the family, with the popular Whoopee Dipper and Mega-Slide, traditional fair games, face painting, toys and books, raffle and hamper tombola, barbecue and refreshments, and visits from local organisations such as Martlesham Heath Aviation Society, Portal Avenue Conservation Group and the Country Market.

Money raised over the last few years has paid for new play equipment, improvements to the playground and a play leader. At our Fair we will be fundraising to support the children's learning and further enhance their playtimes.

**SUMMER AT BRIGHT STARS**

After Easter we heard stories about what happened next. We looked for fish which had swum and hidden themselves all over the room and for Ascension made clouds which we could pull Jesus up into. At the end of each session we made lots of noise with percussion instruments and singing! Bright Stars is a fun children's activity and worship session for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents and carers held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (during term time), 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL. We have fun with crafts, stories, singing and games. 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 welcoming you!

The dates for our summer 2014 sessions are:

June 9th, 23rd  
July 14th

If you would like any further information please contact:  
Jennie Fidler Tel.07584 420729 or  
Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196



Support and friendship for families

**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 14 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 130 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. We offer either a one week course (Mon-Fri) or a course which is held one day a week over a 9 week period.

If you would like to find out more please ring Louise or Sarah at Home-Start Suffolk Coastal 01473 621104, visit [www.homestarteastssuffolk.org.uk](http://www.homestarteastssuffolk.org.uk) email [office@homestartcoastal.co.uk](mailto:office@homestartcoastal.co.uk)

## MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Our next working party will take place on Sunday 8th June at 10am. Please meet on the heath SSSI towards the southern end near the bank, when we will be working on controlling some of the bracken.

Our work party in July will be on Sunday 13th at 10am. On this occasion please meet outside the Douglas Bader. We will be undertaking a survey of the Silver Studded Blue butterflies on the heath SSSI. We may need to move the date forward if these butterflies emerge a lot earlier than anticipated, please watch out for changes towards the end of June. If you are interested in taking part in the survey please get in touch or turn up on the day. We will at least do a general survey of butterflies on Sunday 13th assuming the weather is OK.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

They say "Many hands make light work" and this was indeed proved at our recent volunteer work mornings when we cleared the mud and other accumulations from a large section of the perimeter track. We hope you find it easier and safer to walk along this section of the pathway. We continue with the "Forth Bridge" task of re-chipping the other paths.

At the Nature Watch meeting in April, we caught 8 wood mice and 1 bank vole, which was very good considering the wet weather overnight. Several Nature Explorers also attended to work on their Award activities and completed the whole Mammals section of their Log Books - well done to them!

We have carried out a poll of Nature Watch members about their preferred day of the weekend for meetings. The result was an overwhelming vote for Sunday mornings rather than current Saturday mornings. We have decided that it would be best to make this change immediately and so new dates from June have been scheduled.

We were sad to learn of the passing of Bob Pawsey, which was just 2 years after the passing of his wife Vera. We are honoured that their family has supplied 2 bird boxes to be put in the woods in their memory, and we are very thankful for their offer of a donation.

We would be pleased to see you at our stand at Birchwood School's Summer Fete on 14th June, and our Glow Worm Survey and Bat Walk on the evening of Friday 27th June (subject to dry weather) - bring warm clothes and a torch.

Please book your place for Nature Watch by sending an email to [naturewatch.pwgc@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:naturewatch.pwgc@martlesham.org.uk)

### Dates for the diary:

Birchwood School Summer Fete	Saturday 14th June, Noon - 3:00pm
Volunteer Work Morning	Sunday 15th June, 10:00am - Noon
Meet at the Education Centre (at the Control Tower end of the woods)	
Nature Watch Club	Sunday 22nd June, 9:00am - 11:00am
Meet at the Control Tower	
Glow Worm Survey & Bat Walk	Friday 27th June, 9:15pm - 10:30pm
Meet at the Control Tower	

Information and dates for 2014 Work Mornings, Nature Watch Club and Nature Explorers are available at <http://pwgc.onesuffolk.net/> For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at [pwgc@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:pwgc@martlesham.org.uk) or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.



### Getting the right healthcare advice and treatment

If you feel unwell, here's some advice which we hope will help you choose the right route to fast treatment and get well soon!

For good **self-care**, keep your medicine cabinet well-stocked with the items you and your family need.

For minor illnesses, advice on medications and colds, coughs, minor burns, strains and sprains - or if you need emergency repeat prescriptions - contact **a pharmacist**.

Your **surgery** is great for advice on health problems, and examinations and treatments. All main surgeries are open between 8am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday. On the day appointments are available if your need is urgent.

If you need help when your surgery is closed **call 111**. You will be asked for information to direct you to the correct service, or to arrange for an ambulance where appropriate.

Ipswich Hospital and West Suffolk Hospital have Emergency Departments for **emergencies only**. Call 999, only for life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

## MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity No 273769

### JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK SALE

IN

THE PAVILION  
MARTLESHAM HEATH  
IP5 3PL

**SATURDAY 21st JUNE 2014**

**10.00AM - 12NOON**

ADMISSION 30P

ITEMS 35P EACH,

BOOKS 10P EACH

MANY NEW ITEMS

PLANTS AT VARIOUS PRICES

**If anyone has any jumble, bric a brac, etc., please**

**Contact Jackie Bear on 01473-623007**

**Further Information Jackie Bear 01473 623007**

## Knitting Group

If you like knitting and are interested in meeting up with others.

Please come along to the scout HQ next to St Michael's church on

Wednesday 4th June at 1.30

Idea is to form a new group to swap advice, work on own projects, raise money for charities, guest speakers etc.

[rachel.pennick@btinternet.com](mailto:rachel.pennick@btinternet.com)

01473 610437

## MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL (REGISTERED CHARITY NO 273769)

We are holding an "Autumn Fair" previously called "Table Top" sale in St Michael's Church Centre on the 25th October 2014, if anyone would like to book a table please contact Jackie Bear on the above number for further information

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.

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

## **MARTLESHAM BRASS** 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Our Band Summer Fayre is on Saturday 14th June, at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath - it starts at 1.00pm and as usual, there will be a delicious BBQ running all afternoon. All of our bands will be playing, so why not come along and listen whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee, and sampling a cake from the cake stall. There is a top prize of £150 for the raffle, plus many other prizes, so it will be well worth buying a few tickets!

Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

Liz Howard.e\_m\_howard@talk21.com

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## **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS**

This month there is not a lot to report. The friendly away with Blythburgh which was played at Wangford Village Hall was very enjoyable, they made us very welcome and seemed pleased to have the opportunity to play some competitive games. At the end of the evening honours were even with 2 games each, though they did have the edge on us with shots. It was surprising to us that they had struggled to get a team together so that several of their members played twice, especially as when they had visited us in the autumn they brought about 20 people. Still a very enjoyable outing.

We held a very successful AGM on 6th May. It was very well attended with 31 members present. The Treasurer reported that the new carpet was being delivered that afternoon so we can all look forward to having that installed and start using it. The fact that we ended up in 3rd. Position in the League at the end of the Winter season is a great credit to our New Captain Christine Rowland at the end of her first year. The Captaincy is not an easy job especially in a club the size of ours so we are indebted to her for all her hard work, which was acknowledged at the meeting.

We will be starting matches in the Summer league later this month, the first being Away at Tuddenham at the end of the month.

Judith Longman

## **SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM – How the Club Began.....**

Speak Easy at Martlesham was founded in October 2004 by Teresa Dukes and Jeff Bartrop. Both were involved with Ipswich Electrifiers Speakers' Club, whose membership was growing. After a lot of discussion within and outside the club it was decided that Teresa & Jeff, with the support of others, would create a plan to start a new club – hence Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club!

A demonstration meeting took place on 22nd October 2004, after five months of planning and charter status with Toastmasters' International was reached by the end of the year. Since then Speak Easy has grown and developed with members coming from a variety of backgrounds and a wide geographical area. This autumn Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club will celebrate its 10th anniversary. The club's mission however remains the same: To provide members with the opportunity to improve and develop their speaking skills in a friendly and encouraging environment. By doing this it will foster self confidence and personal growth.

Regular meetings of Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club are held fortnightly on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham IP12 4PB (behind the Tesco superstore) directions can be found on our web site [www.speak-easy.org.uk](http://www.speak-easy.org.uk). Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm. Meetings are fun and informative and guests are always welcome

at any of our meetings, just turn up and enjoy the evening.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club meetings in 2014:

June 5th  
June 19th  
July 3rd  
July 17th  
July 31st  
August 14th  
August 28th

Further details about Speak Easy can be found at [www.speak-easy.org.uk](http://www.speak-easy.org.uk)  
<https://twitter.com/SpeakEasyMart> and <https://www.facebook.com/SpeakEasyMartlesham>

Or call Bob Booker Tel.07968372563

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our meeting on Friday, 2nd May was the occasion of our AGM. Our chairman, Martyr Cook was able to report another successful year, with monthly meeting attendances usually well over 100 and membership at 292.

We have recently spent a considerable sum upgrading and improving our Control Tower Museum.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 6th June at the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road as usual.

The subject is "The Tiger moth". Stuart McKay is the founding secretary of the De Havilland Moth Club and will tell the story of this much loved iconic aircraft.

Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £3 at the door. Meetings start at 7.30pm with a coffee break.

The Control Tower Museum is open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm till 5PM. Come and see the improvements we have made.

Alan Powell, 01473 622458

## **CENTENARY MARTLESHAM HEATH 1917 > 2017**

Plans are in progress for a celebration of this major date in the calendar. A small group of local residents have joined together to form a committee to set up running an event which will hopefully take place over a weekend in early summer 2017.

Like all events careful planning and dedicated volunteers are the keys to success and with this in mind we are currently seeking volunteers to join the committee and help plan this historic day. We are not looking for any particular skills or links with the RAF or any other such organisations, just willingness to be enthusiastic and attend meetings.

People from all walks of life, young or old, just to be part and to join in.

If you think you may have something to offer, please email me at the address below and we will be in contact, we have already had our first preliminary meeting, with a 2nd one planned for sometime in May/June.

Peter Davies. MH19172017@yahoo.com.

## **MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 16th June 2014.

### **Pip Wright - Rev John Steggles, the Suffolk Gipsy**

Around 1800, son of a parson, he ran away and lived with gipsies. In his remarkable life, he was a surgeon, sailor and parish priest at Gt Ashfield. An amazing story spanning 90 years.

Meetings are held at Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 and commence at 7.30pm. (Please note new start time of the meeting).

Admission fee is £2.50 and meetings are open to all.

## BAFTA Awards 2014

Congratulations to Richard Ayoade, an ex resident of Martlesham Heath, who won a 2014 BAFTA award for the best MALE PERFORMANCE IN A COMEDY PROGRAMME for his role in The IT Crowd on Channel 4

Martlesham Monthly, along with all the residents of Martlesham, send their congratulations to Richard for being presented with this award.

Richard was born in London to Layide Ayoade, a Nigerian father, and Dagny, a Norwegian mother. The family moved to Martlesham Heath when he was young. Richard studied at St Joseph's College in Ipswich and later read law at St Catharine's College, Cambridge (1995-1998), where he won the Martin Steele Prize for play production and was president of the Footlights from 1997 to 1998.

Richard's Dad Layide will be remembered for running the TV and Audio store in The Square (now Simply Moving) and his mum Dagny ran The Belguim Chocolate shop in Woodbridge. Richard was also a keen member of The Martlesham Cricket Club.

Martlesham Monthly Editorial Team

## MESSAGE FROM DR SCHURR

Dear All,

The magnitude of the farewell that I received on the occasion of my retirement from Martlesham Heath Surgery was such that I was unable to express my gratitude to you all individually. Please accept this note, therefore, as an all-inclusive 'Thank you' for the tremendous send-off that you gave me.

I received many beautiful cards and generous gifts; many kind words were spoken and I shall carry them with me forever. It was wonderful to see so many of you on Saturday 22nd March and, for once, not for a medical appointment! My wife and I both found it a moving occasion.

Last but not least, I must tell you how absolutely thrilled I am with the gardening vouchers and related donations! For a long time we have been thinking about a greenhouse to fit our ambitious gardening plans and your generous donations will enable us to upgrade the plans from economy to first class, and to have all the fun of stocking it. Thank you all. I still have to build the brick plinth and base, then to assemble the greenhouse, but my wife assures me that I can manage it quite easily...

I wish you all fulfilment in all that you do and good health for years to come.

With my sincere thanks and best wishes,

Dr Andrew Schurr

*Footnote: The latest news is that Dr Charlotte Ridout will be joining the Martlesham Heath practice later in the summer. We wish her every success in her new appointment.*

## MUSIC ON THE GREEN- FINAL DONATION

After 13 wonderful years, it was with great regret that we announced that the 2013 Martlesham Music On The Green would be the last to be staged. Music on the Green started as a small village day and developed into a fantastic free festival; one of the main events in the Suffolk music calendar. It attracted crowds of around 10,000 and it is this achievement that has been its downfall. In closing the organisation the committee have decided to donate the remaining funds to the following very worthy causes which have been close to the event.

East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) - £4,000, Martlesham Responders £900, Martlesham Scout Hut Roof Repair Project £500 Martlesham Pavilion £100

A presentation evening will take place at the Douglas Bader pub at 8pm on Friday 6th June. Music will come from Blue Wave, the band who played at every music day.

## MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Summer is almost here so why not consider entering our SUMMER COMPETITIONS; residents or businesses within the parish of Martlesham may enter any of the following categories:-

- (A) Most Attractive Summer Front Garden.
- (B) Most effective use of hanging basket(s) and/or container(s) in the front of your property
- (C) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a non-residential premises, this could include for example schools, industrial units and other businesses.
- (D) 'Your' Back Garden

A Date for your Diary:-

On Thursday evening 18th September, at St. Michael's Church Centre there will be an illustrated talk on 'Suffolk Plants' by Sarah Cook (former head gardener at Sissinghurst) and Jim Marshall (former Heritage Garden Adviser with the National Trust); further details nearer the time.

If you would like a competition entry form or details of any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact

J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

## THE ROGER DAVID BURROWS MUSIC FUND

presents

A Concert

at St Michael's Church Centre

on

Saturday 19th July 2014

at

7.30 pm

More details in the July Martlesham Monthly

Further information about the Music Fund

can be found on the website:

[www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk](http://www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk)

or from The Roger David Burrows Music

Fund, c/o The Burrows Family,

Tel. 01473 625196

## SPORTS, FUN AND SOCIAL EVENT FOR EVERYONE.

There is no village day, no music on the green but St. Michael's and All Angels Church Martlesham Heath is holding a

Sports, Fun and Social event for everyone (young and old) on

**SATURDAY 28th JUNE, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

There will be a fun 5 a side football tournament, other outdoor games, indoor games like Monopoly, Scrabble, Uno, card games, also tombola, face painting and many more.

Entry will be FREE. We will sell hot food like bacon rolls, coffee, tea, cream teas and cold drinks.

For more information go to [stmichaelsmartlesham@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsmartlesham@gmail.com). You can also register your football team at this address before the event in order to help us with the organisation of the 5 a side football tournament. There is no need to register for any other activities.

Please come along and enjoy yourselves.



**DEBEN YACHT CLUB** has secured Olympic legacy FUNDING from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund.

To celebrate the award, the Club is holding a Try Sailing Day on Sunday 13th July at 12 noon. Local people are warmly invited to this free taster session to try out the sport.

To find out more about sailing at Deben Yacht Club phone: Frances Alexander 01394 385221 or email: secretary@debenyachtclub.co.uk

### **CONCERT AT LANDGUARD FORT**

Enjoy an evening with the Gippeswyk Singers chamber choir in the historic surroundings of the Fort. Featuring an a capella programme of English music.

Admission from 1900, with a chance to explore the Fort after normal opening hours. Concert starts at 1945.

A glass of wine or hot drink is included.

Tickets £7.50.

Book tickets in person or by phone from the Felixstowe Tourist Information Centre on 01394 276770.

### **HOME-START SUFFOLK COASTAL QUIZ NIGHT**

You are invited to join us for a fun filled evening with your friends to raise funds for the local charity Home-Start Suffolk Coastal. The Bell Inn, Main Road, Kesgrave are kindly hosting a Quiz for us on Sunday 22nd June 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 per person to include an informal supper, vegetarian option will be available. Teams of 4.

Tickets must be purchased in advance of the night and are available from the Home-Start Office, 8a The Square, Martlesham Heath, 01473 621104. Email: office@homestartcoastal.co.uk

Our thanks go to our host Debbie McCallum of the Bell Inn

### **KESGRAVE ALLOTMENT & LEISURE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION**

Are you interested in having an allotment with all the benefits that go with it? Our Association (KALGA for short) has a large site at the top of Playford Lane in Rushmere Village, which we lease from the owners of Lux Farm, and we are just entering our third, very successful, year there.

Currently we have a couple of recently vacated plots, so, if you think you would like to join us, Angela, our membership secretary, would be happy to provide you with details

(tel. 01473 612283/ email angsan.brown@yahoo.co.uk),

or you can find out more on our website

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Our evening meetings will end on 12th June with the AGM followed by refreshments and a quiz. We have had a succession of very interesting speakers this year. Our last two outings of the summer is a visit to Ely on 5th June and the Mystery Tour on 8th July.

Our coffee morning on Saturday 5th July will raise funds for our chosen charity Age UK. It will be held in Robert and Rita Dunnett's beautiful garden at 341 Main Road, Martlesham from 10am to 12 noon. There will be various stalls, competitions and a raffle. Admission £1.00, coffee and cake included. Do come along and support this deserving Charity

There will be no evening meetings in July and August, the next meeting will be on September 4th when Joy Bounds will tell us about Suffragettes in and around Ipswich.

All ladies are very welcome at our meetings which are held on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Richards Room. To find out more ring Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHERS UNION MEETINGS.**

Wednesday June 5th at 2.30pm.

Speaker: Debbie Boothe a Mothers Union member.

Subject: The Role of a Volunteer at the Olympics.

All welcome.

Instead of meeting in July we have been invited to Kirton Mothers Union Branch on July 2nd at 2.15pm for a service in the church to celebrate Mary Sumner Day this will be followed by tea. Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers Union in 1876 and today there are members all around the world.

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

Woodcarving has always seemed to me to be a very satisfying occupation, so I am particularly looking forward to our next speaker, Barry Marshall, who will be coming to talk about, and hopefully demonstrate, the craft. That will be on June 20th in the Richards Room at 7.30.

But the monthly meetings are only part of the W.I. experience. June is a very busy month when there are lots of activities organised by the County Federation. Some of us are going on a Treasure Hunt around Framlingham, which, if it is as good as last year's hunt round Westleton, will be a great and informative day out. We have a meeting of the group of W.I.s to which we belong. This year it's Kesgrave's turn to host us and the speaker is the ever entertaining Charlie Haylock. Then there's the always hotly contested annual Federation Quiz at Needham Market. And as June is the month of our National AGM, in Leeds this time, we shall look forward to hearing about that from our link representative from Kesgrave W.I. This is an important event in the W.I. calendar with many well-known speakers such as Andrew Motion and Bill Turnbull among others.

So why not join us? Speak to our Secretary Anne Bennett on 01394380110 if you'd like to know more.

### **YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET**

Gardeners have enjoyed whilst preparing their vegetable, and fruit plots this year near perfect weather conditions, and the yield, we anticipate, should be high. As a keen amateur gardener if you have more vegetables or fruit than you can possibly eat, why not become a Producer at Country Market where we have customers eager to purchase good quality, home grown vegetables and fruit, which we are told 'taste better than bought ones'. Come into the Market on a Tuesday at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath between 9.30 and 11.15 and discuss this with the Market Manager, or if you would prefer on a Saturday at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave between 9.30 and 11.30.

The two markets will be introducing cooked items using lemons as one of the ingredients, and the craft ladies are busy with their fabrics, and wool trying to complement the cooks with the lemon theme. The tea and coffee area, where you can sit and enjoy a drink, and light refreshments is an ideal place to meet up with old friends for a chat, and a sociable and warm atmosphere is guaranteed.

Any enquiries please to Margaret on 01473 623849

### **MARTLESHAM ART GROUP**

We are a small friendly group of people who currently meet in The Annexe at St Michaels Church, Martlesham Heath to paint together. Our meetings are held every Wednesday morning from 10a.m. to approx 12.15p.m. and, at present, we have a limited number of vacancies. Our sessions are not tutored but we all gain from each others ideas and experience. If you would like to join us or want to know more please either call in and meet us one Wednesday morning or ring Diane on 01473 659257.



**MARTLESHAM  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

**"The Parable of the Sower"**

Jesus often taught, using Parables, to illustrate spiritual truths. The above parable is probably the most well known.

The parable illustrates the different attitudes people have when they hear the good news of Jesus and His work on the cross. (ie The 'seeds'). The seeds falling on a hard path, he likened to those whose minds are so fixed on unbelief that God's word is never allowed to enter their psyche. Some seeds fall where there is only shallow ground, where plants grow quickly but wither in the heat. Jesus likened these to people who are initially enthusiastic, but do not stay the course when any trials or stress come.

The seeds falling among thorns were easily choked and overwhelmed. In the same way some of us allow our daily diaries to become so full of 'temporal' activities, that spiritual life becomes stifled.

The parable is asking "What kind of heart do I have?" - Am I blasé, hardened, resistant to the message? - Do we easily give up, or allow ourselves to be so distracted, that we leave no room for spiritual things?

God grant that our hearts might be fruitful ground, leading to lives which glorify God and bring blessing to our fellow men.

**ACTIVITIES IN JUNE**

**SUNDAYS**

Worship and communion - 10.00 a.m.

**TUESDAY CIRCLE**

"Holiday at Home"

and Felixstowe 'Hut' this month

**WEDNESDAY**

Home Group - 7.00 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

**FRIDAY**

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

(For further information contact - John or Ruth Mellen - 01473 805989)

**Words, Words, Word**

Last month, on 23rd April, saw the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth 450 years ago. We are told that Shakespeare contributed around 850,000 words to the body of English literature, approximately 1,700 of which he invented himself. The words of this humbly educated man from a small town in the middle of England have travelled the world, been learned, recited, performed, quoted and parodied more times and in more places than anyone could count.

A few days ago a small child showed me her new reading book then proceeded to read it to me from cover to cover. It was not difficult to share her excitement at being able to unscramble the words and tell the story ("Kipper gets nits" in case you are interested). Many people of all ages, even in this age of the small screen, enjoy nothing more than a good book. Yet, while the process of reading is a joy in itself, it quickly becomes an empty one if the reader does not absorb or learn anything from his or her reading.

Many people know the facts of the Christian faith - the Nativity, Jesus' death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday - as well as some of the stories of the Old Testament and parables. Probably most of them also have a Bible on the shelf at home. However knowing the facts is not enough, we need to absorb them and allow them to transform how we live our lives

It is often in times of trouble that people turn to the Bible and it is then that the words impact them. During World War One over 43 million copies of St John's Gospel were distributed by one charity alone. Each one was small enough to fit into the front pocket of a soldier or sailor's shirt and they were readily available, in training camps, at hospitals and on the front line. There are many stories of lives being changed as the words became more than words on a page.

Just as faith without works is dead, so reading without action is dead - just words, words, words.

Tricia Shuler  
Vicar

**Brightwell Church**

As the days get warmer so things in Brightwell begin to hot up and June will be a month of excitement as we look forward to a COFFEE MORNING with Judith Stinson at her home in Waldringfield on TUESDAY 10th June from 10am to noon. Why not join for a coffee whilst overlooking stunning views of the Deben.

Our Service pattern will be a bit different during June with Holy Communion on Sundays 1st and 15th and with a Benefice Holy Communion on Sunday 8th June at 6.30pm and our Patronal Songs of Praise on Sunday 22nd June at 6.30pm.

You may be pleased to know that we are looking to have an Evening with the Decibelles during September, date to be announced. We are planning an away day and picnic in August so please a watch for the date.

Meanwhile Men in Sheds are enjoying getting out and about during the summer months with meetings arranged for Thursday June 12th and 26th 9.30am to noon.

Programme yet to be decided.

Geoff Lambert PCC Secretary  
01473624130  
brightwellchurch@btinternet.com

**THE ORWELL SINGERS - SUMMER CONCERT**

The Orwell Singers will be holding their Summer Concert on Saturday 5th July at 7.30 pm at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL.

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.**

**Building  
God's  
Family  
Together**

**THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

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**CURATE:** The Revd Margaret Rittman Woodlea The Street Martlesham 07914 771061  
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Lynn Wilder Kenton Nr Debenham. 01728 860627

<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 1st June</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 8th June</b>	9.45am Joint service with Martlesham Christian Fellowship	<i>No service</i>	6.30pm Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15th June</b>	9am Brakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 22nd June</b>	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church  3pm Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm <i>Songs of Praise</i>
<b>Sunday 29th June</b>	<i>No service</i>	11am Benefice Holy Communion with children's activity	<i>No service</i>

**Midweek Services** Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's.  
**A warm welcome awaits you at all our services**

**June Prayer Diary** Please include the following as an addition to your daily prayers and pray for

5th Martlesham Christian Fellowship  
6th all members of the Ladies Club.  
7th all Doctors and Nurses working in A & E departments.  
**8th Pentecost - Thank God for the gift of The Holy Spirit.**  
9th all students taking exams at this time.  
10th for all who attend and arrange Lunch Clubs.  
11th all residents of Squires Lane  
12th all who volunteer to help and sponsor Charities.  
13th those suffering conflict in marriage.  
14th pray for all Fathers.  
**15th Trinity Sunday - Celebrating God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  
16th all taking part in the 'Holiday At Home' week.  
17th all those battling to prevent worldwide child slavery.  
18th all residents of Stable Court.  
19th and give thanks for the gift of Holy Communion.  
20th all those involved with the Air Ambulance rescue service.

21st all volunteers involved in sports activities for children.  
**22nd and give thanks for 'Holiday at Home' week with 'Songs of Praise'.**  
23rd Birchwood Primary School.  
24th all nursery and play school teachers and helpers.  
25th all residents of Swan Close.  
26th all who are disabled and those who care for them.  
27th all student and teachers of musical instruments.  
28th those who suffer with mental illness.  
**29th spreading the 'Good News' of the Gospels.**  
30th those persecuted for their Faith.  
**July**  
1st the worldwide work and aims of the Mothers' Union.  
2nd all residents of The Avenue.  
3rd all drama and musical Groups.  
4th all who are waiting for news of lost loved ones.