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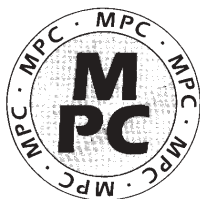
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**DELIVERY OF MARTLESHAM
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We are very anxious for a volunteer(s) to deliver this magazine every month to the shops and units that comprise Martlesham Heath Industrial Estate. It is an awkward and time consuming round, which is why we are making a specific general request rather than approach our reserve deliverers.

If you do have the time and would like to help us out, we shall be very grateful to you.

Please ring Roy Berridge on 611624.



MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor and will be filled by co-option at the Parish Council meeting. The role of a parish councillor is varied and interesting as it involves many aspects of the community; it is a voluntary position involving usually only two meetings per month and the amount of any other time needed is as little or as much as you may wish to make of the role.

If you are interested in helping to improve your community, or perhaps you disagree with some of the things that the parish council does, please contact the Clerk who can provide further details or speak to any councillor

The Queen's Golden Jubilee

This year, 2002, will see the Golden Jubilee of the Queen's accession to the throne and the Parish Council will be pleased to hear of any ideas of how this could be commemorated or celebrated in the Parish of Martlesham

Horses on the Common

Some horse riders have recently been using the amenity paths across the Common causing some damage to and fouling the path surface. There are signs saying "No Horses" on these paths but there are alternative ways actually signed for horse riders. Horse riders please use these signed routes.

Speeding

We often get complaints about speeding, not only on the main roads, but also on side roads where there are often pedestrians, children and parked cars. This can be very dangerous and inconsiderate.

Please moderate your speed and keep within the speed limits so that everybody can feel safe using the roads

Website

There is now a Martlesham Parish Council website with lots of information about the parish, the parish council and parish activities; we welcome any comments or suggestions. Its address is www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk

Meetings

Parish Council - Wednesday 6th March and 3rd April Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 13th March Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 20th March Finance & General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 27th March

All meetings are at 7-30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road but

please check the notice boards for further details of the above and other meetings.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at Council meetings for residents to ask questions or make comments to the council.

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk, Martlesham Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge 1P12 4PB. Telephone or fax 01473 612632 Via any councillor. E-mail martleshampc@btclick.com

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

POLICE CONSTABLE 400 DAY KESGRAVE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

I have been dealing with incidents of dogs mess being scooped up in plastic bags and then the bags are being placed on the ground or thrown into the gorse bushes. The person responsible has been identified and warned. Should anyone in the area of the Western Corridor see any further incidents like this I am prepared to take action but need a witness to the event with a good description of the offender.

I was appalled at the amount of dog excrement in the area and would advise all dog owners to take a more responsible attitude towards the community and clear up after your pets. It's literally poison!

On another note please be aware that Rushmere has had what we call a 'seal job' done on a van parked in a front driveway. This means the rubber seal around a window is cut and the glass removed as a whole. Very quick and very quiet. So do not leave tools in vans or visible in vehicles on driveways. Take steps to protect them if you have to do so. The target is almost always power tools which disappear never to be seen again. Often these are rendered unidentifiable due to no serial numbers or postcoding. They are quite valuable items and obviously desirable from the criminals point of view, so take steps to protect your property.

I have rescued a small cuddly Burger King killer whale from the roadside in Eagle Way. If he is yours, please contact me on 01473 614456 so that I can return him.

DOG MUCK

Bader Court asks that the dog owner who lets his/her dog mess almost every day on Bader Court's private grass beside Valiant Road to please clear up after his/her dog and use the nearby dog bin.

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our February meeting consisted of a talk by the former Hon. Secretary of the Suffolk Local History Council, Michael Stone. The Council has a

membership of over 450, the majority being individual members but , in addition, there are over 75 Historical Societies affiliated to the Council and Martlesham is one of these.

The Local History Council encourages the recording of local history, both past and present. This is important as current events will be the history for future historians.

Individual Membership of the SHLC costs £7.50 per year and includes quarterly newsletters and a twice yearly review of happenings in Suffolk. I hope to have membership application forms available at our next meeting. This will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 8pm in St. Michael's Church Centre. The speaker will be Peter Dolman and his subject "Windmills of Martlesham & District".

All are welcome and admission is £1 which includes refreshments. John Tyler.612736

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL (Registered Charity 273769)

VACANCY FOR TREASURER

As from the 31st March 2002 our treasurer, will be resigning, therefore we are urgently looking for someone to volunteer to be our treasurer. This is not an arduous responsibility, approx. three hours per month, plus attending the committee meeting once a month on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham. We hope someone will volunteer who is interested in helping the community. Further details are available from Jackie Bear on 01473-623007 MCC SCRIBE

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LTD "Looking after our Village"

Trees are important to our environment in Martlesham Heath, although they often give rise to strong opinions for and against. MCL is committed to keeping its trees on the Village in good condition and we have just carried out our annual round of felling and pruning on the advice of our tree surgeon.

The next major initiative that we are taking on is also focussed on trees. We are starting a project to improve the condition of the woodland within the Southern end of Eagle Way. Hopefully you will already have seen some improvements where we have done some work on the path surfaces and cut back growth alongside the paths. This is in addition to work that the Conservation Group has done to maintain certain areas of the woods over the past years.

We are now putting together a plan to manage the woodland so that it becomes a pleasant and useful amenity for the Village. Somewhere

that is enjoyable for people to walk and for children to play. Somewhere that a variety of species of plants, insects and animals can thrive for the enjoyment of all, and where the local primary schools can come to help their learning and encourage their interest in nature.

We aim to do this with the help of the Conservation Group, Millennium Volunteers and other groups and agencies, and would encourage anyone who would like to get involved to get in touch. Involvement could be to join the MCL Board as a Director to help to define the direction of the project, assisting the committee planning the management of the woods, or by joining the Conservation Group and working with them. There may also be other opportunities as the plans become clearer. Alternatively, if you have any views on the way you believe the area should be enhanced, then please let us know. We look forward to your interest.

There are still a few members who have not yet paid their maintenance levy. We will be following up on all of these outstanding amounts, as it is only fair that everyone who owns property on the Village makes the contributions that they committed to when they moved here. If you have not yet paid, we would appreciate it if you would do so quickly as we do need to keep the cost of collection as low as possible.

I would like to finish by paying tribute to my co-directors. They are doing an excellent job in helping the Company manage its resources on your behalf, and are genuinely interested in helping the community. We are always interested to hear from members who would like to strengthen the Board and would welcome any contact through the channels below.

Members are always welcome to attend the Board meetings which take place in St Michael and All Angels Church Centre each month, and the next meeting is on Monday 18 March at 7.15 p.m. Members wishing to make contact with the company should either write to MCL at 42D Barrack Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3RF, e-mail to mcl.mh@btinternet.com, or phone on 612207 and leave a message, with your contact details.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday February 1st and we were entertained by one of our own members, Mike Gunnell. His illustrated talk was entitled, "Avionics to Aviation Art".

Mike has always been interested in art and we were shown examples of his early drawings from the age of ten and how they developed through his teenage years. A ready source of inspiration for him was a large collection of Observer Corps

magazines.

After three years in the Royal Air Force working on ground Radar, Mike joined the Blackburn Aircraft Company working on electronics at Brough in East Yorkshire. By this time Blackburn was part of the Hawker Siddeley Group and they were helping to manufacture English Electric Canberra bombers. The runways at the airfield at Brough were not long enough for the Buccaneer fighter bombers which were also being made there. So they were partly assembled and transported to another WW2 airfield, at Holme on Spalding Moor, to be assembled and test flown.

Mike Gunnell then moved on to talk about his art work. How, using an unfinished painting of a Buccaneer, he demonstrated the technique of adding colour to show shadow and sunlight effects. We also saw examples of cartoon work and also some of his paintings of various aircraft.

After the interval we listened to a rare tape recording with a commentary by Douglas Bader. This was recorded in the late sixties and consisted of aircraft engines from the Great War through to and including WW2. Jet engines also featured in the recording but judging by his comments it was obvious that Douglas Bader preferred proper engines! While the recording was on Mike Gunnell showed pictures of various aircraft.

Our President, Gordon Kinsey gave a vote of thanks and the meeting finished at 10.15pm.

Alan Powell 622458

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

We are going to Adopt the River Fynn where it runs alongside the Recreation Ground, more details in the April Martlesham Monthly.

On Sunday March 3rd at 2.00pm we will be planting trees on the Recreation Ground and Kronjies Piece, The Street Martlesham. Any volunteers welcome (Bring a spade).

All welcome to our 'Indoor Garden Party' at 7.30pm Thursday 4th April in St Michael's Church Centre - see below:

**Thursday 4th April
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St. Michael's Church
Centre
Martlesham Heath
Information from Burrows 01473
625196**

A date for your diary Sunday 8th September we are going to hold a Sponsored Fun Walk around the Recreation Ground and Kronjic's Piece, The Street, Martlesham. The walk is open to all ages. Half the money raised to go to Martlesham in Bloom and half to your own charity or organisation.

Please let me know if you would like to take part in the walk or if you would like to help the Martlesham in Bloom group with projects in the parish.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE SIGNS

The two signs were provided by the Martlesham Millennium Working Group and were paid for jointly by the Parish Council and Martlesham Monthly. They were made by Graham Chaplin of Ironoak Forge at Buxhall and installed by J. Nunn and Co. Everything on the signs represents a different aspect of Martlesham as follows: At the top two aeroplanes - a Spitfire and a Mustang.

At the bottom the insignia of the RAF and the USAAF.

In the top quarters - The BT Tower and the cross that hangs in St Michael's.

In the bottom quarters - The Red Lion and the St Mary's monogram that is set in the base of the tower of St Mary's.

In the centre - Gorse, Silver Studded Blue Butterfly and Reeds.

If you would like to help with Martlesham in Bloom projects or would like information on the above articles please contact J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary) 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath. Tel. 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

On our last working party we continued with the heather restoration activities of earlier work parties from this year and previous years. We cut down gorse and removed the stumps to allow the heather to re-grow without being overwhelmed. The areas that have been renovated will then hopefully encourage butterflies and other wildlife.

Watch out during March for returning migrants and listen as our woodlands, heaths and hedgerows fill with song from migrants and native birds. Our local skylark has already been quite vociferous for a few weeks and the sounds of blue tits, great tits, robins and blackbirds should soon be joined by chiff chaffs, willow warblers, blackcaps and those master singers nightingales.

On Monday 4th March at 8pm we will be holding a Quiz evening in the Pavilion. The evening is mainly an opportunity for a get together and

chat about the events of the group over a glass of wine with a quiz for fun. The evening is open to everyone so please feel free to come along and join us.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 10th March. Meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10am. We will return to the heathland SSSI area for some more heathland management activities. Tools will be provided and no experience is necessary come along and have some fun and exercise!

We are always in need of help, if you can spare a couple of hours per month, then please give me a call.

Phil. Smith 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 21st March at 7-15pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall, the Woodbridge Group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust will be holding a brief AGM (about 15 mins) followed by a talk by Barry Kaufmann-Wright on Jersey Zoo and Gerald Durrell. Please note the earlier than usual time.

Barry Kaufmann-Wright worked at Jersey Zoo for many years with Gerald Durrell involved in the conservation of endangered species, breeding and re-introduction into the wild. He is now probably the only genuine professional conservationist employed by a police force, Essex Police. He is a highly qualified and experienced speaker with a huge range of material and is sure to keep us spellbound. A talk not to be missed. Please come and join us for the evening.

Open to non-members and members alike, admission £1.50 includes refreshments.

Phil Smith 625630

CAN YOU HELP ?

A small party of Spanish students from Princeton Academia-De'Ingles near Madrid are coming Woodbridge for the 11th. year running for a holiday and to experience the English way of life and hopefully improve their English language. We are currently looking for more new friendly host families in the Woodbridge and surrounding areas to accommodate these boys and girls between the ages of 11 to 16 years. They will be arriving around 27th. June staying until the 25th July final dates still to be arranged. They will be occupied all day during weekdays either lessons or other activities. This can also be a good opportunity for your own children to make new friends from overseas and give them a cultural experience so if you feel you and your fain could welcome on of these students into your home please contact me for more information on 01473 631786 good reimbursement

of £80 per week will be paid for all your expenses.

SAINT ELIZABETH HOSPICE - FOREIGN COINS APPEAL

Regular readers of the Martlesham Monthly will know that I collect foreign coins for the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich. During the past few months I have made appeals for your spare holiday change because the introduction of the Euro was imminent and consequently the foreign coins which we all keep "just in case" would be worthless. But not to the Hospice - they are able to trade these currencies for a much needed boost to their finances.

Last month I was thrilled to report that just before Christmas I took an amazing sum of over £650 in foreign coins (and notes) to the Hospice. This was an incredible sum! But the good news does not stop there - since then you have continued to support this appeal, and I have just delivered a further £260± in currencies to the Hospice. (I used current bank exchange rates to get a rough idea of the amount you have given. The Hospice will receive slightly less than this, due to exchange rates and dealer commission).

This is again a fantastic sum and I am amazed at your generosity - thank you to all who contributed. It is certainly true that "every little helps"!

PS. If you do still have coins which have now become obsolete due to the introduction of the Euro don't despair - the Hospice can still make use of them so please continue to drop them off to me. And don't forget that they can still raise funds by exchanging spare coins from non-Euro countries.

Thank you all for your support.
Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath Tel: 622721

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There is a small one off installation fee and weekly charge of £2.35 + VAT (registered disabled or chronically sick people may be exempt from VAT).

For more details or an informal chat ring Sue at Flagship Assist & Assure on:

01362 696571 (24 hours)

Flagship Assist & Assure is a subsidiary activity of Flagship Housing Group, a registered housing association which works in partnership with your district council.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

My Spring flowers are now growing well in the garden. Daffodil flower buds are showing colour and polyanthus, crocus and snowdrops are in full flower.

By the time you read these notes it will be only five weeks before our Spring Show on the 6th April so I'm hoping to have flowers to exhibit then. The Show has some 40 classes for members to choose from with sections for flowers, flower design, handicraft and cookery. All the usual favourites. In addition we have 2 classes for children under 14, a vase of Spring flowers and a necklace made from sweets. These children's classes are open to all, membership of the V.P.A. is not necessary. Details are available from our Show Secretary/Chairman Brian Davey on 624789.

In conjunction with the Show we are, with other sponsors, promoting a bulb growing competition. With the active co-operation of the three Primary Schools in Martlesham 200 hyacinth bulbs have been distributed to the children to grow ready to be exhibited at the Show. (You may recall that we had a most extensive and colourful display of Amaryllis at last year's Show).

The children will also be invited to enter a competition to design a poster for the Show. These will be displayed at Tesco's store with customers judging the best entries. More details from Noel Wilson on 625440 who is co-ordinating these competitions.

We have decided to arrange our Summer Show on 20th July with entries open to everyone. Schedules are now available from the Show

Secretary (as above) upon request. Members should note that there will not be a general distribution of the Schedule and they will need to ask for a copy.

Now for our current meetings. On Thursday 14th March we go to the Community Hall in Woodbridge for the annual quiz against the Horticultural Society. Always a good evening but we do like to see a good turnout of our members to support our team.

Then on Friday 22nd March at the Richards Room we have a revision to the programme, Mr John Coles from Newbourne (also of BBC Radio Suffolk) will have as his subject "Vegetables for the small Garden". Both meetings start at 7.30pm.

Happy gardening! Stan Harris
01473 623427

MARTLESHAM AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

On, a wet and, blustery February afternoon, several visitors joined members to enjoy a demonstration by Mr. Lionel Clarke from Braintree his topic being "Objects- D'art" His first arrangement was a traditional display in an urn, using forsythia yew euonymus- and, pittisporum foliage with orange lilies, cerise carnations and white stocks. For his- next arrangement Mr. Clarke incorporated blue glass containers complimented by grey foliage purple liatris and carnations. There followed other arrangements including one on a large green carboy with contorted willow, fatsia leaves and lime green orchids. His final arrangement was on a cascade ring with trails of rubus tricolour and ivy with pink and white lilies cream, carnations- and peach roses. Sheila Woods won the competition which was for an arrangement in an old fashioned container.

The March meeting will be- our A.G.M. followed by a talk by Mr. D Baker on the Chelsea Flower Show 1930 to today The club meets- at St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham, Heath on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 .30pm. Annual subscription is £9.00 with visitors welcome at £1.50 per session There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

Ruth Mellen 01473 624401.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

This is what Fynn Beavers have been up to this term so far, they started

with a beaver evening, making plaster beaver moulds, painting and varnishing them. They have played lots of games, talked about how beavers could be more helpful and used their ideas to make a 'helpful dam'. Their quiz night 'Who wants to be a Beaver Scout?' was very popular with sweet prizes for the lodge with

the highest score. Feeders were made during a bird evening the birds are enjoying the one in our garden. There was also a very enjoyable trip to the pantomime at the Riverside Theatre during half term.

Deben Pack are planning a Youth Hostel weekend at Castle Hedingham at the beginning of June to include going to the castle pageant and the local steam train museum. They also hope to catch England's first game in the World Cup.

This term they are planning to do some compass work and a tracking game in the woods. The main theme is 'Looking After Yourself' which kicked off with cubs measuring their pulses, although it turns out some cubs appear to sustain life with no heart beat ('Akela, my heart's stopped!!). They are also having a pack outing to megazone and the sixers will have a chance to go on a District outing to the Sea Life Centre at Gt. Yarmouth.

1st Martlesham is hoping to have a Group Camp at the end of June at Herringfleet. More information about this will be coming soon.

SUFFOLK SINGERS 10th BIRTHDAY CONCERT

Suffolk Singers are celebrating their 10th birthday with a concert at St Michaels and All Angels Church Centre on Saturday 16th March. Members of the choir have selected their favourite songs from our many concerts over the last ten years to be included in the programme. We have chosen a wide variety of music ranging from folksongs and sacred music to madrigals and spirituals. The choir has greatly enjoyed singing in the Church Centre on previous occasions as the acoustics are excellent and we are anticipating a wonderful evening of music. The concert starts at 7.00pm and tickets at £3.50 are available from Alison Bestow Tel. 625070 or Mr R.Wilkins Tel. 626847, or on the door at £5.00.
www.suffolk.singers.btinternet.co.uk

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7.45pm
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Union**

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

At the recent meeting of your committee the following points came up.

The groundsman, Mr G. Leech reported, after all the work that was done in the Autumn the green looks in good shape. He is looking for help on Monday mornings to improve the surroundings of the green. Can you help—free tea and biscuits.

Mr Peter Gorham, the Club Captain, gave a resume of the various league AGM's. One point that did come up was that as from next year the Woodbridge League will be banning mobile phones on the green during games. For this year Clubs are asked to encourage members not to use them. This of course only applies to the playing area.

All the Club competitions dates have been set. This year, Bank Holiday Monday 3rd June will be the Jubilee Drive and Bar-Be-Q.

On Saturday April 13th, a week before the green opens there will be a pre season meeting, to meet new members and put your names down for competitions and matches. Next Committee meeting April 2nd at 7.00pm.

Linda Brown 01394 384698

The MOB

The time since Christmas has passed very quickly, and the lads have been braving the elements again on Sunday mornings trying to run off all the excess of festive food and drink they accumulated. I hope the little cryptic puzzle kept some of you entertained for a few minutes in the previous column, some of the team couldn't work out who was who.

January and February so far has been pretty mixed so far as results are concerned, we have only lost once, to Stow Excelsior who I suspect will eventually end up winning the division. We've beaten two of the top teams in Orford Sports and Wetherden but only managed to draw with Portman Rovers. It seems that we are learning slowly the art of controlling where and at what pace the game will be played, with occasional glitches where older more experienced teams draw us into their pattern. Still we have a young team who

are learning all the time and have a good spirit that means the matches are played in the right way without the nastiness that others display.

There have been two highlights recently the first being in the game against Portman Rovers when our goalkeeper brought down an opponent to concede a penalty and then promptly went and saved the kick flying through the air gracefully like one of those WWF wrestlers, and for those of you that know Sunday

football that doesn't happen often; so well done to Nic Melero (he was the nasty one in the quiz - you didn't get that?).

On 17 February we travelled away to Wetherden on a bright but very cold morning and thankfully their pitch wasn't the same as it was last year, then it was a bog. Anyway that game was marked by Neil Simpson scoring his 100th goal for the team , much to his and our delight. He celebrated by dropping his shorts (stop reading Granny) and displaying another white pair underneath with 100 written on the back of them, and we'll let you guess exactly where the two zeros corresponded to, all quite tastefully done really. Mind you I'm not sure what the opposition made of it. To make that achievement more understandable for you Neil has done that in just 91 appearances in total and with some blanks recently its an excellent feat, so well done to him, and now get on with the next 100!

Next week we take on Alstons at home, they are second in the league beating virtually everyone, but we've beaten them once before and hopefully will do again. After that we'll only have 4 games left to play and plans are already being made for the end of season party, it seems to me like only a few weeks ago we had the last one but that's just me losing my faculties, I expect due to heading a football once too often. Until next time , have fun and stay tuned to The Martlesham Monthly for more instalments of "Life inside the MOB"

The Mobster

MARTLESHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

All our teams are enjoying their football and have tasted some success. A summary of some of our teams follows.

At U16s the Mavericks have three wins under their belt and have played some good football. The Chiefs retain an outside chance of league success despite inconsistent form. An important win against fellow-title challengers Felixstowe & Walton boosted their chances thanks to a hard fought 2-1 victory through goals from The Hemo-man and Stefan S. They still also have Open Cup and Tour interests this season.

The U15 Tornados have recovered well after a shaky start, pulling themselves up to 3rd in the league and making it to the Green Un Cup Final (7pm @ Woodbridge Twn on April 11th). A 2-2 draw saw a share of the spoils in a recent league game with M.Hurricanes.

At U14s the lads continue to play well but seek consistency. A recent 7-1 win over Whitton, with Matt Hart doing well in goal, kept the team in the top half of the table. This has been followed by a splendid 3-3 draw with leaders Achilles where Gazza Jones and Liam Peake shared the goals. The U13s are regularly in the top five

and have recently beaten Ipswich Rovers 4-2 to make it through to the cup semis.

Our U12s continue to play good football and have managed to make it up to 4th in the league. A win in January against Kesgrave typified the new belief the team have, battling on to grab all points with a late winner from Simon Parker. A recent 7-0 win away to Shotley has also boosted confidence.

Off the field, the committee remain busy and have begun plans for the next disco (May) and summer tournament (June). Well done to Chris G, Tracy D, Nikki C and Paul G who are all proving their worth in this, their first season as the Clubs officers.

Gordon Henderson.

MYFC – visit our updated website at www.martleshamyouth.co.uk.

GOOD NEWS

Martlesham Brass is delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded £1000 from the 'National Foundation for Youth Music'. This has enabled us to purchase 4 new cornets, which have been issued to young players in the Intermediate Band. These cornets have been put to good use in recent practises as the Intermediate players prepare for their entry into the East Anglian Brass Band Annual Spring Contest in May. Martlesham Brass is very grateful for this grant, as the addition of new instruments not only improves the sound quality within the Intermediate band, but also releases instruments to other young players, improving standards all the way through the organisation.

"Youth Music is a charity, which was set up in 1999 with £30 million pounds of Lottery funding, through the Arts Council of England. The work of Youth Music was endorsed in July 2001 by a further £30 million to allow us to continue our work for another 3 years, up to 2005. Youth music provides music-making opportunities for children and young people up to the age of 18 who principally live in areas of social and economic need. By the end of 2001 Youth Music aims to have reached more than 1 million people, providing many of them with their first ever music-making experiences.

It is widely appreciated that involvement in music-making advances other aspects of learning and individual development, particularly where the involvement is from an early age. Youth music funds programmes and schemes which support music-making principally outside school hours, in communities, youth clubs and groups where music making can be introduced and developed amongst young people who otherwise may not have the opportunity."

Band Activities

On March 17th Martlesham Brass

Main Band will be competing at the Annual Southern Counties Area Brass Band competition in Stevenage. This will be the 3rd year the band has attended and the players are all practising very hard at the moment for this event.

Committee Changes

There have been some changes to the band's main and fund-raising committees. Details are on the website. Colin Hodge remains the main band chairman; Bruce Eyley has taken over from Elaine Ellis as the fund-raising committee chairman. Nicole Parker is the new band secretary, taking over from Liz Benyon. Martlesham Brass members would like to say a massive public thank you to Liz Benyon and Elaine Ellis for their efforts over the last 5+ years, and good luck to their replacements!

Liz remains the first point of contact for any general enquiries about the band. Tel. 01473 623276, whilst booking enquiries should be directed to Julie Clapson. Tel. 01473 620240.

If you would like more information about the band please visit the band website at

www.btinternet.com/~martleshambrass, or email us at MartleshamBrass@btinternet.com

Alison Eyley

BEACON HILL SCHOOL

Martlesham Beacon Hill School is in the progress of fund raising towards the cost of a roof over the outdoor swimming pool at the school. The pool is used for two months of the year (weather permitting !) and a roof would enable the use of the pool to be extended considerably ~ for school use and also for other local schools and organisations who would be able to benefit from a covered pool.

At a brainstorming meeting held on January 10th Stephen Stokes outlined the facts and figures required for such an operation and appointed Teams to tackle different tasks involved with the project. It is this organisation that will bring together a sense of community spirit that is essential if such a task is to be completed within the time scale.

The project will hopefully be completed by January 2003. The children from the school have put forward ideas through their own School Council on how they can best help with fund raising. Martlesham Beacon Hill Association are planning events throughout the year open to the local community so come and have some fun and help to raise the roof at the same time.

During the past few weeks the teams responsible have been extra busy putting together some of the ideas. As well as being up and running, sometime in the year we will also be abseiling, singing, swimming, surfing (the internet!), acting,

dancing, auctioning, quizzing, selling and probably after all that lot recovering! Our first event is the 24 hr sing song on Saturday 23rd March 2002 at the School. Come and join us.

Also the roof website is now on line, give us a look at www.freezingkids.org

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Our sessions are held in the Pavilion on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am, and afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Please note that over the Easter holidays there will only be one session a week, on Wednesday afternoons. For further details, either drop in to one of our sessions, or give me a call on 01473 623020. New members are always welcome, either with toddlers or with babies.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th March - See-saw clothes

Thursday 28th March - AGM in the Pavilion. Please come and give the committee your support.

June - photographer: date to be finalised.

Vivienne Midwinter (secretary)

MARTLESHAM PRE- SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

This half-term the children are enjoying various activities and crafts on the theme of Around the World. The children are looking at the different animals, food, clothing. Housing climates and traditions from five of the continents. They will also be celebrating Mothers Day and Easter with plans for an indoor picnic and an Easter Egg hunt.

Of course, visitors are always welcome to come and see us. If you would like more information about the playgroup please contact Sarah Elmer, our bookings secretary, on Ipswich 620042. Alternatively visit our web site at

www.btinternet.com/~martlesham.playgroup/index.htm

NOTA BENE CONCERT ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH CENTRE

The six voices of Nota Bene will present a programme of unaccompanied vocal music at St Michael and All Angels' Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Saturday 20th April, beginning at 7.30p.m. Nota Bene — two sopranos, alto, tenor, baritone and bass - have been entertaining audiences for some four years with their mix of music from Henry VIII to the Beatles. Tickets are £3.00, and more information is available by ringing 01473 625617

Nota Bene places the accent on

enjoyment of music of all styles. They aim to combine high standards with a light touch, to appeal to musicians and non-musicians alike.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR

"Can you sing? Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join a small and happy group of singers on a Sunday morning at St. Mary's Church, Martlesham between 11 and 12 noon? This is very much a part time choir and there is no obligation to attend every week, but we are in need of a few more "irregulars" to keep our choir going. We have a beautiful old church with a warm and friendly congregation, all set in delightful countryside. Why not come along and give us a try? What better way to start the week?

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY INTERNET FORUM

I am pleased to announce that trials of the Martlesham wireless computernetwork have begun. To participate, you will need a wireless network adaptor (available from PC world for about 65 pounds) and a USB socket on your PC. The ESSID of the access point is "www.mcforum.org.uk" If you have any problems, or you wish to know if you are within the range of the network, don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail at help@mcforum.org.uk

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

On January 24th, 40 club members journeyed by coach to the 'Crown' at Ufford for our Christmas Dinner. It was a most enjoyable occasion with good food and a lovely festive air, and a great time was had by all. Rita Dunnett gave a vote of thanks to Mine Hosts and their staff for their excellent service, to Mandy Clarke for organising it all and to Beryl Dyer for the transport arrangements.

The speaker for our meeting on January 31st was the ever amusing Linda Scholes. Her talk entitled 'Around the World in 23 Years' proved to be a 'gem'. Linda grew up on a ranch in America in the North West foothills of the Cascade mountains, it was a hard but good family life. At 18 years of age she felt that she really was 'on the shelf and was prepared to go to University and become a career woman. But travelling home by train from a trip to a drama convention she had won, they stopped at Mile City Montana, a young man got on the train and she thought 'He will do' and he did! And so she met 2nd Lieutenant Michael 'Jim' Scholes of the US Air Force, and they were married a year later. With great humour, causing much laughter from

members, Linda regaled us with many of the absurdities of the rules and regulations of service life. Their first posting was to the island of Guam. It was here that Linda gave birth to their first child, the maternity hospital was mainly staffed by young navel personnel, and by the end of her confinement she was so enjoying the antics of these ratings that she was loath to leave. Jim was then stationed for one year in Vietnam. Next came a posting to England, where they resided at Great Barton for 5 years. They so loved Great Barton that they even named their youngest son Barton! It was during a visit to Washington DC, with Jim in a wheelchair because of a broken leg, that a great discovery was made. Having a wheelchair gave them quick access, past queues of tourists, to the many sites they visited. Linda ended with this advice, 'If you go to Washington DC take a wheelchair.' And believe me, Linda can tell a good story. Doris Shute gave a vote of thanks for yet another hilarious evening, echoed by members great applause.

Our speaker for February 14th was unavailable, so our Chairman, Vera Pawsey told us of her years as a Land Army Girl. When her mother saw her uniform she said 'It's a pity you couldn't have joined something else!' And so she was off and a train took her to Bury, and then with three other girls she was taken by lorry, singing all the way, to the hostel where her life as Land Army Girl began. There then ensued a life of hedge trimming, potato riddling, sugar beet topping (not a task to be undertaken in the wet), and working with horses, which Vera loved despite being dwarfed by the animals, she also worked on a smallholding which kept goats, much nearer Vera's size! They were also sent from farm to farm during the threshing season. All these placements carried their own amusing stories to the delight of members. On Vera's first visit to a village pub she met Bob, her husband to be, he asked if he could walk her back to her hostel, and so romance blossomed. Although it had been austere and hard at times Vera said that she had enjoyed every minute of it. Vera delivered her talk with her usual good sense of humour and we thank her for stepping into the breach so admirably. We will be pleased to see any new members at our March meetings on the 14th and 28th In the Richards Rooms at 7-30pm Rita Smith.

MARTLESHAM HEATH WI. MARKET

The market is back in full swing after the Christmas break The plant stall is now revitalized with lots of spring flowers for indoors and out side. The cake stall is laden with home made pies, cakes, preserves, honey

and individual lunches. The craft stall is well stocked with seasonal cards and gifts for young and old.

The market is open every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11am at the pavilion for sales and socialising - don't forget we also serve coffee, tea, home made cakes and scones.

CALLING ALL MUMS

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday, 5th March at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. We meet for lunch at 12.45 followed by a speaker, who this month will be Sally Pryke of East Suffolk MIND talking about her work with post-natal depression sufferers.

All mums, babies and toddlers will be most welcome. For further details please ring Sue on 624130.

BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of the School Governors I wish to thank Martlesham Parish Council for the Lease Agreement, of a triangular parcel of Land known as the Jubilee Playspace, adjacent to the School Playing Field.

Our thanks, also to County Councillor John Kelso for securing a £1,500 Locality grant for providing funds, to Fence off the area complete with a lockable Gate for secure and supervised access.

The leased land will be used by the Children of Beacon Hill School during Playtime to provide a shaded area for play and chat and during lesson time for Environmental/Educational projects.

It is purposed to complete the clearance of the Brambles/Gorse and erect the fencing with the Gate by Easter, subject to the Mechanical Machinery being able to access the area, without ceasing damage to the Playing Field. Once the fencing has been completed, a seating area around the large chestnut tree will be installed, to complete a much needed shaded area for the children to enjoy.

David Embery Chairman Premises Working Party

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL MARTLESHAM HEATH

Last term, the children were learning all about different shapes. We would like to say thank you to Joy for bringing in some cardboard shapes that she had made for the children to draw round and colour.

We raised quite a bit of money last year so with some of the money we have bought some number games, picture cards, board games, a microwave oven and some equipment to help the children with the terms themes.

When the children returned after their half term break our theme was 'materials'. The children have been learning about the differences between natural and man-made materials such as wood, plastic, metal, stone, clay and material. Specifically, the children have made sock puppets, dolls from wooden spoons and plastic tub musical instruments.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information please contact Angela Wilkes on 01473 631510

Catherine Reeve

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP KESGRAVE

The playgroup children have been kept busy with a varied selection of activities as well as learning from the visitors that have joined us. All the children and Mums enjoyed the firemen who brought their engine and turntable.

The children have completed a very successful half term challenge and the money raised will be spent on some new chalkboards. We owe a big thank you for the donation of our new computer which enables us to utilise the educational learning packages available for preschool children. The children also feel very grown up being able to use a computer just like Daddy's.

As the weather turns warmer, we hope to utilise more fully our garden and begin to plant seeds in our growing areas. Our sandpit should also be ready for the sunny days.

We must also thank the Kesgrave Parish Council for their donation as proceeds from their recycling banks as we can always use additional funds to update our equipment or the activities that we provide for the children. We have recently been able to invest in a new dressing up rack, science toys, mathematical toys and multicultural toys.

Anyone wishing to know more may contact Sue White(chair) 01394 386940 or Lisa Poole (Admissions/Secretary)01473 631087

GORSELAND SCHOOL PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

By the time this is published the Key stage 2 children will have had their pre-Valentine disco and no doubt had a good time. For fairness to the younger children we are organizing an afternoon of fun and games for the Key stage I children towards the end of March.

During this term and the summer term we have some great events lined up with something to suit everyone. The first event is 2nd March when we

will be welcoming the WellMade Theatre Productions to Gorseland School. This local group of professional actors will perform four twenty minute acts of murder mystery. Before the final act your team will have the chance to answer questions and solve the murder mystery. Food will be provided and you are able to provide your own refreshments.

Future dates for your diary-27th April - Quiz evening

12th May - Car Boot Sale in the school grounds

15th June - Sports Fun Day

14th July - Gorseland Golden Jubilee Treasure Hunt

All the above dates are subject to confirmation and further details can be obtained by contacting the school, or watch out for letters in your children's book bag! Wednesday 6th March is an important date for some of the schools' musicians and choir members. They will be representing Gorsland School at Snape Maltings in the Celebration of Schools' Music 2002. We wish them good luck and hope they all have a fun evening.

Helen Theobald, Gorseland PFA

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

The subject of our February afternoon meeting was 'The Lord's Prayer'. As this was something most of us had learned by heart in our first weeks at school, if not before, I suspect most of our expectations for the afternoon were not very high. We couldn't have been more wrong.

Margaret Mellor, our speaker had prepared a programme of ten different musical settings of the prayer starting with a standard choral version that might be heard in any Cathedral. The words varied from the 'thy', 'trespasses' and temptations of the King James Bible to 'your. Holy Name', 'debts' and 'times of trial' from more modern versions of the Bible. The emphasis also varied from 'the power and the glory' in the more rumbustious 'Songs of Joy' by the Nigel Brookes Singers and the Salvation Army songsters and band rendering of a section of 'The Musical Spirit', to the reflective nature of the Taize setting and the peace and tranquility of that sung by Anthony Way, the choirboy of television fame. The mood changed again with the Carribean Calypso sung by the St Edmundsbury Guides and Rangers with a steel band accompaniment. The last item, for many the climax, was the Millennium Prayer sung by Sir Cliff Richard. The whole afternoon was a very interesting and devotional experience - a breath of fresh air.

The evening meeting was a complete contrast. We had our own 'Mardi Gras' a week late! Many of our members live alone and don't always bother to make pancakes for one. We all enjoyed the Shrove Tuesday Party

at Elizabeth's last year so she agreed to lay it on again this year - but on our usual MU night. There was a good attendance and a great time was had by all. A BIG THANK YOU to Elizabeth.

Please remember all our members and friends who are unwell, particularly Brenda, Ethel, Ena, Edwina, Nesta, Peg, and the Peacock family, and any others who come to mind.

Next month, the speaker at the afternoon meeting on 6th March will be Ted Cotton talking about the 'River Police' and instead of the evening meeting on March 21st there will be a concert by 'Musicology' in aid of MU funds. Everybody is welcome — tickets priced £3 are available at the Church and on the door. It should be a very enjoyable evening.

My thought for the month, We all know that you can't have your cake and eat it, but what happens when half has gone? Have you still got 'half left to enjoy' or have you only got half left? The way you look at things can make a difference to life.

GOD BLESS. SHEILA SMITH

Peter Barnett Writes

Over £680 was donated in memory of Betty to the British Heart Foundation. He thanks everyone who contributed to this memorial to Betty.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Two guests were welcomed at the February meeting where Mrs. Vera Pawsey gave a most interesting and amusing account of life at the Newboun Land Settlement where she lived for 30 years. Although the work on the all holding was extremely hard Mrs. Pawsey said living there was a very happy and rewarding time for her and her husband.

Members had brought several items of toiletries and small knitted blankets to be collected by Mr. George Mills at the Pakefield meeting before being transported to the Ukraine where they are urgently needed.

Plans were made for the annual outing to the Southwold Summer Theatre. Sylvia Harris and Betty Darke won the competition for a Railway Picture and the raffle was won by one of the visitors, Mrs Maureen Simpson.

At the next meeting 7.30pm in the Richards Room on Friday 15th March

Mrs. Watson will demonstrate Cake Icing and the competition will be

3 Iced Buns. Visitors and new members always welcome.

KESGRAVE & DISTRICT HELP CENTRE

With the end of the income tax year approaching (5 April) a number of folk in receipt of the State Retirement Pension have asked 'How can I tell

if I am paying too much income tax.?

A very good question. More than one and a half million people, including many elderly ones, have not claimed tax they are owed. Are you one of these? There is £300 million waiting to be claimed. Some of this may be yours.

If your personal allowance* is less than your non savings gross income** the answer is probably No.

If your personal allowance is greater than your total gross income*** and you are registered as a non taxpayer the answer is probably No.

If your personal allowance is less than your total gross income but greater than your gross non savings income the answer is probably Yes.

* Personal Allowances 2001-2002: If you are aged 65-74 £5990. If you are aged 75 or over £6260

** Your total gross income less gross interest from savings

*** Your total taxable income from all sources

If you think you may be paying more tax than is required by law and have difficulty in calculating your tax liability you should seek advice. The Help Centre can assist you. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence

The office in the Kesgrave Community Centre is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Tel: 622478 24 hour answerphone. E-mail

kesgravehelpcentre@ukonline.co.uk

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Drop in at our next coffee morning Thursday 7 March.

Ray Spratt

AN OFFER OF A FREE NEW TESTAMENT

The American Twin Towers were tragically destroyed all too easily. The Twin Towers of the Old and New Testament have also been subject to many attacks over the centuries but they still stand firm. The principles taught in the scriptures are still as relevant and up to date as they always were.

Free offers often don't add up to much—but we are so sure that the regular reading of the bible is a stabilising force in our uncertain world that we are happy to offer this valuable resource freely.

If you would like to explore the New Testament why not send for a copy (New International Version) to:

The Martlesham Christian Fellowship C/o John Mellen 43 Manor Road Martlesham Heath IP5 3SX

(Tel No 01473 624401)

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

On Monday March 25th we shall be holding a Coffee Morning at St. Andrew's Church Hall, The Street, Rushmere St. Andrew from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

There will be a raffle and a competition with a prize for the best decorated egg. The decoration should have some Easter significance and can be painted, dyed or otherwise adorned.

EXHIBITON OF ORCHIDS & PAINTINGS

**Suffolk Orchid Society
and St. Michael's Art
Group.**

**Saturday 16th March
10am - 4 pm**

**St. Michael's Church
Centre
Admission 50p
Refreshments Available**

KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB

Any one who wishes to join the Club please contact Debbie Stebbings on 01473 626919. Club evenings continue throughout the winter if you would like to play please come along between 7-10pm on a Wednesday Evening.

There are several tournaments lined up for 2002 including our annual Kesgrave Open Ratings tournament in May which is held open to all club players and local players please contact Steve Pilcher on 01394 386516 if you wish to enter.

Coaching for Juniors and Adults Juniors
Short tennis-Mini-tennis Red
Held at Kesgrave High School for ages 6-9 years old.

Tuesdays 6-7pm and Fridays 6-7pm.
Transition Tennis-Mini -tennis Orange

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 8-10 years old.
Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm.

Beginners- Mini tennis Green
Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 9-16 years old.

Wednesday 4.30-5.30pm-Girls only
Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm-Boys only
Friday 6-7pm

Improvers-Mini tennis Green
Children aged 10-16 years old
Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club
Friday 7-8pm

Adults
Beginners and Improvers

Any age from 16-80 years old
Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club
Thursday 10-12noon
Saturday 11-12noon Please phone Dick on 01394 384791 for more information.

If you would like to improve your

game, whether you are a beginner or an improver, we now have another coach who can help you with your tennis

, his name is Lee Tweed. Lee is a hilly licensed coach and will do group or individual sessions. For more information call Lee on 01473 626193 or 07787114935.

Wheelchair coaching

Wheelchair tennis coaching takes place at The Ensors County Tennis Centre phone Debbie or Dick for more details.

Wheelchair mini tennis takes place at The Maidenhall Sports Centre on Friday evenings between 8-10pm we also have a few dates booked at The Brackenbury centre in Felixstowe. For more details phone Kevin on 626265. A frill programme has been planned for 2002.

Debbie Stebbings 01473 626919

QUIET GARDEN DAYS 2002

Jeremy and Cynthia Walsh are again offering informal Quiet Days in their garden and home this year on Thursdays, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8 and September 5 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

All are welcome. Maximum of six places on each Day; booking in advance is essential. A simple lunch will be provided. Cost £4, payable on the day. Ring 01473 620797; or write to 6, Warren Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3SH; or e-mail: jandcwalsh@aol.com

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

With the Pancakes all tossed and the Valentine cards sent it seems that the next thing to look forward to is a mountain of chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies! Can festivities celebrated like this bring more than a fleeting satisfaction? There is so much to celebrate at the beginning of Spring but even more at Easter! If you would like to discover what Easter is really all about, why not drop in at any of our services or weekday activities and learn how Jesus' death reconciles us to God and His resurrection guarantees us everlasting life.

Sunday Services in March.
(3rd, 10th, 24th)
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship with Sunspot for 3-13+
6.30 p.m. Communion
Sunday 17th:

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship with Sunspot
5.00 p.m. AFTERNOON TEA and INFORMAL EASTERTIME SERVICE for our older friends and neighbours.
EASTER DAY, Sunday 31st
10.30 a.m. EASTER CELEBRATION
12.00 noon Communion.

Weekday Activities:

TUESDAY CIRCLE: 12th March. at 2.00p.m. "The Prison Fellowship" with Brenda Brown.

FUNFIT: Every WEDNESDAY (Except school holidays) 9.30a.m. A gentle workout followed by a short reading and refreshments-children welcome.

TODDLER GROUP: Every THURSDAY (not school holidays) 10.00a.m. -12

YOUTH CLUB: Every THURSDAY (not school hols.) 6.30-8.00p.m. For 11 to 13 year olds (approx!)

The church also meets for PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY at various times.

If you would like to know more about any of these activities please ring JULIA FAULKNER on 01473 625482, or call in at the Fellowship Centre, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Out of the seed that is planted in the earth comes new life. Only by dying can the seed give new life and growth to the new plant. So the Church celebrates the new life in Jesus Christ that grows out of his death on the cross. The seeming defeat of Jesus on the cross is turned into victory by God. So later this month the Church remembers Jesus death on the cross on Good Friday and his rising to new life on Easter Day. A new life that all can share in, putting away sin and death and rejoicing in the abundant life that God offers to all who put their trust in Jesus and follow his way of life. Join us in our Easter worship to celebrate this and learn more of what it all means.

Before that we shall be celebrating Mothering Sunday on 10th March. There will be a special Mothering Sunday Service for all ages at St. Michael's at 9.45am. At the 11am Service at St. Mary's Matins will be shortened and as at St. Michael's posies will be distributed.

If you can help to provide small bunches of flowers please contact Sheila Woods (01473 614777) at St. Michael's or Margaret Forbes (01394 382209) at St. Mary's.

EASTER LILIES - if you would like to give donations towards these contact Sheila or Margaret above, or Marjorie Manning for Brightwell (01473 625512).

Martlesham Annual Church Meeting takes place on Thursday 21st March in St. Michael's at 7.45pm preceded by Supper at 7pm and will be followed by discussion of the results of the Church meeting with Canon Catton in January.

Brian Lilistone, Rector

**Several items are held over thought lack of space or were submitted too late BUT they can be read (technical problems permitting !) in the Electronic Monthly on our website:-
www.martlesham-monthly.com**



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Services for The Month

Brightwell St. John

Martlesham St. Mary

Martlesham Heath St. Michael

Sunday 3rd March
Lent 3

8am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Family Communion & Sunday School

6.30pm Combined Lent Service at Newbourn Church – preacher The Rural Dean

Sunday 10th March
Lent 4
Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion
11am Matins

9.45am All Age Mothering Sunday Service

6.30pm Combined Lent Evensong at St. Mary's – preacher Walter Aldis

Sunday 17th March
Lent 5
Passion Sunday

8am Holy Communion 11am Family Communion (CW)

9.45am Worship & Sunday School

6.30pm Combined Lent Evensong at Hemley – preacher Revd. Roy Chalkley

Sunday 24th March
Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion
11am Matins

9.45am Family Communion & Sunday School

6.30pm Combined Lent Service at St. Michael's Preacher Robin Spittle (Kesgrave)

Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week
Wednesday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter Eve

7pm G.F. Service

7pm Holy Communion
10.30am G.F. Service

8pm Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

2pm An Hour at the Cross
8pm Service of Light & renewal
Baptismal Vows

Sunday 31st March
Easter Day

8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion
11am Matins
12noon Short Holy Communion

9.45am All Age Service & then Communion

Sunday April 7th
2nd Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am All Age Worship
6.30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES:- Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St. Michael's. Tues 12th 9.30am Holy Communion at 9 Angela Close; Thurs. 14th 10.30am Pram Service for Mothers & Toddlers at St. Michael's.

Brightwell Caretakers

Mrs Manning/Mrs Haycock
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Martlesham

Caretakers
Mrs & Mrs Harris
Mrs Darke/Mrs Locke
Mrs Mayhew/Mrs Still
Mrs Branch/ Mrs Cunliffe
Mrs Rollins/Mrs Wilson

Sweepers
M Zetter
S Harris/T Branch
E Still/C Hares
P Barnett/C Cobb
C Burges/J Symes

PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH 2002.

Please pray for peace and love for our worldwide neighbours and
7. For Prison Chaplains.
8. For all who run the Diocese.
9. For the church in Africa.
10. For our entire community on Mothering Sunday.
11. For the deaf
12. For all relief charities.
13. For the residents of: Holfen Close
14. For the Drop In Centre at Kesgrave.
15. For wise use of energy resources.
16. Give thanks for our local artists.
17. On Passion Sunday, remember the life of St. Patrick.

18. For understanding our Lent course
19. Give thanks for the spring.
20. For the residents of: Holly End
21. For the Annual Church Meeting.
22. For the RSPCA Centre.
23. For the installation of the Allen organ.
24. Prepare this Sunday for Holy Week.
25. For time to pray in Holy Week.
26. For the formation of fair policies at the World Summit.
27. For the residents of: Hunters Ride
28. Pray with our Lord in Gethsemane.
29. Pray for all suffering unjust

persecution.
30. Pray for all who do not know the Good News.
31. Rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord.
APRIL
1. Give thanks for the gift of laughter.
2. For the MU Quarterly Service tomorrow.
3. For the residents of: Jackson Court
4. For the work of the RNLI around our coast.
5. For Christian Aid projects worldwide.
6. For the Spring Show by the VPA.

**SUFFOLK INDEPENDENT
CUSTODY VISITING
SCHEME
SUFFOLK POLICE
AUTHORITY**

The Suffolk Independent Custody Visiting Scheme (formerly the Suffolk Lay Visiting Scheme) is now in its 11th year of operation and is currently seeking to recruit volunteers between the ages of 18 and 66. Independent Custody Visitors are appointed for an initial three year term of office, with an opportunity to continue for a further three years at the end of that period.

Independent custody visiting has a number of connected purposes. First, and most obviously, it offers an extra level of protection to detainees by providing independent scrutiny of their treatment and the conditions in which they are held. By giving approved members of the local community an opportunity to observe, comment and report on these matters; it can reassure that community improve citizen's understanding of procedures at police stations and strengthen their confidence that these are properly applied. From a police perspective, it is a clear demonstration of their commitment to transparency and openness in relation to this critical aspect of their duties.

Independent Custody Visitors work in pairs and make unannounced visits to police stations at various times of the day and night. The conditions of detention and the treatment of individual detainees are checked and, as part of the process, there will usually be discussion with custody staff and detainees. Following a visit, Custody Visitors then report back to the Police Authority, the Constabulary and their local Custody Visitor Panel. The level of commitment expected of Independent Custody Visitors will normally amount to between one and two hours each month.

The Scheme wishes to attract volunteers from all sections of Suffolk's community and it should be emphasized that no previous experience is necessary, as full training will be provided.

For more information on Independent Custody Visiting and/or an application form, please contact the Clerk to the Police Authority (FAO: June Clarke), Corporate Services, St Helen Court, County Hall, Ipswich, IP4 2JS (Tel: 01473 584119 or e-mail june.clarke@secsolr.suffolkcc.gov.uk).

LEISURE & LEARNING

MAKATON SIGNING COURSE

A new 3-day course begins with an introduction on Saturday March 9th from 10.— 4. pm at Stradbroke High School

The course introduces the signs and symbols of the Makaton language system designed to help communicate with people of all ages with learning difficulties.

It is ideal for parents, teachers, nurses, carers, classroom assistants and anyone wishing to improve their communication skills.

The course continues on April 13th and May 11th . The cost for the first 3 sessions is £52.50 per person.

Also on June 15th from 10.00 — 4.00 pm there is a one-off workshop looking at understanding ADULT DYSLEXIA. The workshop looks at understanding the problems involved, learning styles and strategies for coping. The cost for this workshop is £17.50 per person.

A further Makaton course, consisting of the first 3 workshops, will

begin in September. If you would like further information on all the courses and activities at the School please contact Dave Sumner on 01379 388 238.

**WOODBIDGE
EXCELSIOR BAND**

Woodbridge Excelsior are launching its 2002 season with an early Spring concert on 10th March at Woodbridge Community Hall at 7pm. sponsored by Woodbridge Community Council. Admission is free, as are all our Wood bridge concerts.

At the concert the Band will be premiering "Suite in B-flat", which is this years 4th Section test piece for the National Brass Band Championships, where the Band will be competing the following weekend.

This is a major turning point for the Band, marking a return to competitive music after an absence of over 8 years. With help from their Musical Director Evan Howells, the Band has gone from strength to strength over the last 2 years and is now ready to compete once again.

The rest of the season is already looking quite busy for the Band with numerous engagements to provide entertainment at Golden Jubilee celebrations in the area and the usual fetes and functions

that the Band regularly supports. The diary can be viewed online at <http://members.lvcos.co.uk/woodexcel/> and there are still slots available for early booking.

For further details please contact the Secretary Sara Norris on 01394 385749 or martin@saranorris.freeserve.co.uk

**TRADE FOR JUSTICE
CAMPAIGN**

Many of you will remember and have contributed to Jubilee 2000, the campaign to improve the conditions of the worlds poorest by reducing the debt payments their governments have to pay. Billions of dollars were cancelled and one direct result is that two years ago only 30% of Tanzanian children attended school and they had to pay. Now all children there receive free education this paid for by funds diverted from interest payments.

A World Bank spokesperson said of that campaign This is the most effective global lobbying campaign I have ever seen.'

But now is no time to rest - a new campaign is underway which aims to rebalance the way international trade affects producers in the third world.

Whats wrong with trade today?

Poor countries are getting a raw deal from the global trading system. They are being bullied and squeezed out of the global market on a scale never seen before. Of course, trade has always had winners and losers, but in the last few decades trade has become more and more polarised, with big businesses and rich countries getting richer, while poor ones find it ever-harder to compete. Poor countries are also disadvantaged by a lack of capital and technological know-how. Their share of world trade is now just 0.4 per cent and has dropped by 40 per cent since 1981. This means some of the worlds poorest people are missing out on the benefits trade can bring. For example EU fishing fleets now regually catch sardine off the coast of West Africa, this is canned in Europe and some shipped back where it is sold at prices too high for most people there.

The rules that govern trade are being made in fora such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The trouble is poor countries can hardly afford representation at it. Meanwhile huge multinational companies who increasingly dominate world trade spend millions lobbying the WTO to make sure that things stay this way.

The result is that poor countries are losing US\$700 billion from unfair trade rules 14 times what the Third World receives in aid each year and

30 times the amount it pays in debt repayments each year.

There are many ways that the current arrangements discriminate against the poor and we will be looking at some of these over the next few issues. However you can take action yourself already - support pledge cards will be handed to our MP, sign one now. They are available in all three churches or from me. I would also like to build up a panel of people who can send the occasional pre-printed postcard to world leaders.

You are invited to Westminster on June 19 to talk to your MP on these issues. A coach will be travelling from Ipswich.

'If you think you're too small to be effective you've obviously never been in bed with a mosquito.'

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Further reading at
www.tradejusticemovement.org