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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Budget and Precept for 2003/2004

The Parish Council has agreed a budget of £73,010 for next year and a precept (the money that it receives via the council tax) of £60,000. This precept is an in-

crease of £5000 on the current year's precept (£55,000) and although large in percentage terms it equates to an increase of about £2.30 per year for a band D property. For this you have a fully accountable parish council that undertakes a lot of work to help keep Martlesham well maintained with many facilities and acts on the parish's behalf in an increasing number of issues (that may affect the parish both directly and indirectly) that are raised through the planning process, from both central and local government and by residents.

This budget includes £2750 for grants including a grant to help keep Kesgrave Youth Club (to which many Martlesham youngsters belong) open on an extra evening each week. Much of these grants will come from the income of £2300 which the Parish Council anticipates it will receive from bank interest and recycling credits.

Working Parties

There are often a number of tasks needing to be undertaken that can be safely carried out by volunteers. It has been decided to have a monthly working party on the last Saturday each month when parish councillors and any other volunteers will be carrying out these tasks; volunteers are most welcome and if you are interested please contact the Clerk for further details.

Forthcoming Elections

On 1st May there will be elections for both the District and the Parish Councils in which both of these entire councils will be elected. There will be different arrangements regarding the new council wards and the Parish Council is hoping to provide full details of these in the Martlesham Monthly nearer the time. If anybody is interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the Clerk, who can explain what is

involved in the first instance, or speak to any parish councillor.

Litter and Dog Fouling

Martlesham is a clean and tidy place and to help keep it that way the Parish Council will soon be installing some new litter and dog dirt bins. Please use these and the many existing bins around the parish to help Martlesham continue to be clean and tidy.

County Councillors

At the moment Martlesham has one County Councillor, John Kelso, shared with Kesgrave. The Boundary Committee for England of the Electoral Commission is now reviewing the County Council's electoral arrangements and is currently seeking views, comments and suggestions; the Parish Council will be considering this at its February meeting and a main concern is that having only one councillor representing both Martlesham and Kesgrave is insufficient and this needs to be improved.

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 5th February and 5th March
- Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 12th February
- Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 19th February

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, Mart-

Ilesham Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB. Telephone or fax 01473 612632 via any councillor. E-mail: martleshampc@btclick.com
Laurence Burrows—Chairman

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The winter programme got off to a fine start with a good attendance to hear Miss Ann Berg's enjoyable presentation on her visit to Japan. The next topic will be "Autumn Colour in the Garden and Winter Interest in the Garden" to be explained by a speaker from Otley College on 14th February. Then we have that popular presenter Mr C Parfitt with a surprise subject on 28th February.

The date for the Spring Show has had to be changed and will now be on the following week on 12th April. Show schedules are now available from Mr Brian Davey (tel: 624789). The show will be open for exhibits from any resident in Martlesham as well as V.P.A. members. Please ask for details from Brian if you are interested. We will be staging a second show and this will take place on 20th September with details coming later.

Several members have booked for the Norwich coach trip and are looking forward to a pleasant day out there. I'm looking forward to better weather to be able to get onto the garden. I here some folks are cutting grass already this year! Happy gardening.
Stan Harris—tel: 623427

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

We began our new W.I. year with a meeting of 30 members plus several visitors. Our new president Kay Hall introduced the new Treasurer Ann Whelan and new Secretary Judy Smith. Kay thanked all the members for their support in making 2002 a most successful year and asked for continued support for 2003.

After a short business meeting, Kay introduced the evening's speaker Mrs Pippa Moss who was to talk on 'The Amish Quilts'.

Mrs Moss first gave a short

description of the Amish community and their lifestyle.

The Amish people are a self-supporting group who still farm and live their lives as in the 1890's and before. They have no machinery, using horses and wagons or bicycles for transport. They have no tractors but use old-fashioned ploughs in the fields. They live in a closed community, only venturing into the towns to trade their farm produce or craftwork. The children are educated in their own schools until they are 12 years old, then are expected to work the farms and homes. This practice is proving a problem with education authorities as most children attend full-time school until they are 16 years old. The Amish people still dress in old-fashioned plain serviceable clothing. They have no frills and the colours they wear are usually dark and muted. Bright colours and flowery patterns are forbidden.

So we wondered what the quilts would be like. The colours again were all fairly muted and plain with no patterned material at all. The designs were all on straight lines, for example squares, triangles and diamond shapes. But we were amazed at the beautiful finished designs and patterns on the quilt, so cleverly blended by shapes and colours. Then the hand quilting within the squares and so forth was a sight to behold. We were all thrilled with Mrs Moss's display of finished quilts.

Our next meeting will be on February 10th at 7:45 pm in the pavilion. We would welcome any visitors to join us. If you need more information please phone me, Olive Smith, on 626885.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

REPORT OF MONTHLY MEETING - 17TH JAN. 2003

At the first meeting of 2003 MR & MRS KELSEY turned a wintery evening into a summer delight with their beautiful slides of butterflies. MR & MRS Kelsey have travelled widely to study and to photograph many species of British butterflies in their own habitats. The photographs were accompanied by a lively and informative commentary combined to make a most interesting and pleasant evening. The vote of thanks was given by the President, Mrs Audrey Burnell.

The competition for a Christmas card was won jointly by Mrs Betty Darke and Mrs Maureen Simpson. Both were interesting and unusual, Maureen's being a card given to her by her Great Uncle by his sister in 1923 and Betty's being an actual photograph of garden birds at Christmas.

Birthday posies were presented to Mrs Heather Richards and Mrs Sheila Woods.

Mrs Audreen Lillistone was given a card to wish her well as she leaves Martlesham to live in Risby, near Bury St. Edmunds.

On February 21st at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room MRS SULCH will give a talk on 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes' and the competition will be a piece of rock or stone.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Contact: MRS BETTY DARKE tel: 624193.

MRS S D HARRIS

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

On the evening of January 9th our Chairman welcomed us all back after the festive break and introduced us to Mrs Westren whose East Anglian Slides and Quiz evening proved to be a winner.

Mrs Westren is an official Ipswich Town guide and was therefore very knowledgeable on her subject. We were shown many slides of various interesting places and buildings in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex, including Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich Docks and Cus-

toms House, Flatford Mill, and the monument to the Tithe Wars at Elmsett. Lovely Lavenham was not missed out and neither was the pretty village of Kersey nor the Kings Lynn Customs House. Sandringham with York House was on our 'tour' and we finally ended up at Audley End which has a Georgian set of rooms, a Jacobean Hall, State Bedrooms and rooms of the Victorian period. Its gardens were designed by Capability Brown, with a ha-ha to keep animals and humans in their own confines, and is as notable a place to visit as all those mentioned during the evening. This great slide show was followed by a quiz. Not all questions were based on what we had been told but a new slide accompanied each one. Beryl Dyer earned a prize for coming first with 31 correct answers out of 33, a notable feat. Vera Pawsey gave a vote of thanks to Mrs Westren for an absolutely super evening and for sharpening our wits with a quiz.

February meetings are on the 6th and 20th with further information obtainable from Vera Pawsey on 01473 610366.

Rita Smith

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

We welcomed Mrs Penny Stone to our meeting. Her theme was "Thanks for the Memory". Her arrangements were reminders of past holidays in places as far afield as Yorkshire and Singapore. The first piece, arranged in a rectangular iron frame using yellow irises, roses and lilies accompanied with ivy, acuba and twigs of bottlebrush reminded her of a panel of Tiffany glass seen in the Metropolitan Museum in New York. A pot in blue and white held yellow orchids, twisted willow, fern and fatshedera reminding her of holidays in Singapore. Being born in Wales she remembered the Welsh valleys and the coal mines, now no longer working. The next arrangement represented the pithead wheels using cones, mahonia leaves and cormus,

set off with green chrysanthemums, angelique tulips and angel hair to give the impression of coal dust. Singapore red orchids gave a touch of colour.

Stately homes and gardens in Yorkshire were depicted using a classic urn. Pennyused carnations, yellow irises and purple hyacinths accompanied by bronze formium, Hebe and variegated Viburnum.

From her own garden she chose a basket filled with a selection of evergreen shrubs including Lonicera, Sarcocilus, rosemary, piltosporum, garyya eliptica and Viburnum. The flowers were tulips, hyacinths and daffodils.

The last arrangement was a pedestal to represent Pompeii. Aspidistra leaves sprayed gold set off this arrangement of liatris, delphiniums, yellow lilies together with leather leaf fern, Elaeagnus and cotoneaster.

The competition "An Arrangement with a Child's Toy" was won by Margaret Forbes and the novice class by Sheila Swannage. Our next meeting will be on 19th February when Mrs Jill Clark will be our demonstrator, her subject "Dutch Design". There will be a workshop session too.

The club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Annual subscription is £9. Visitors are most welcome at £1.50 per visit. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall each meeting.

A. Chisem

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held in St. Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday February 11th at 8 pm. The speaker will be Mr Michael Weaver who will talk of "The Woodbridge Story". Mr Weaver is a member of the staff at Woodbridge School and has written several books on the history of the town and some of its notable former inhabitants.

All are welcome. Admission is £1 which includes refreshments.

If anyone has a six-foot wide folding projector screen that they

would like to dispose of, please give me a call.

John Tyler – tel: 612736

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

A Mary Sumner rosebush, named after the founder of the Mothers' Union, was presented to Canon Brian Lillistone after he had conducted his last MU quarterly service as Rector of Martlesham. He will be sadly missed but hopefully we shall still meet him in his role as MU chaplain.

In his address he told us that the MU theme for 2003 was 'Love and Service'. He referred us to the Epiphany Gospel which he had just read and reminded us that the Magi's first attempt to find the new King at the palace of King Herod was a disaster but they persevered in Love and eventually found the King they sought in Bethlehem. There they offered the King of Kings gifts which signified 'Service' to others.

The act of worship was followed by our AGM. Florence, our secretary, gave a brief summary of events in 2002 and Elizabeth, our branch leader, reminded us of some of the highlights and thanked everyone for their support in a very successful year. Margaret Rollins, our Deanery leader, thanked Elizabeth for all her hard work as branch leader.

Brian then presented a commemorative plaque to Ruby Howard to celebrate her 60 YEARS membership of the Mothers' Union. Quite an achievement!

The speaker at next month's meeting on February 5th at 2:30 pm will be Andrew Payne from the Mission To Seamen. So please keep those knitting needles clicking so that we have plenty of woolly hats to give him to keep the visiting sailors warm. Please remember Ena, Nesta, Doreen and Peg in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month - the

moment may be temporary but the memory lasts forever. GOD BLESS.

Sheila Smith

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday 4th February at St. Michael's Church Centre from 12:45 to 2:30 pm when the speaker will be Alison Davies, headteacher of Gorseland School. The last time that Alison visited us she gave much useful information on Early Education and how to prepare your child for school so we look forward to welcoming her again.

The Mums' Club is a group of mums with their young children who meet together once a month to share lunch and friendship. All mums with pre-school children are welcome - why don't you join us?

For more details please ring Brenda on 625449 or Sue on 624130.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 am and from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Drinks and biscuits are provided. Our group is aimed at children under the age of 4 and their carers. New members are always welcome, and for those with young babies there is a special area to provide some protection from the larger children. Feel free to call me on 01473 623020 if you want any further information.

Apart from our regular sessions, things are fairly quiet at the moment. If you have any ideas for events, then feel free to contact me, or any of the other committee members.

Vivienne Midwinter (secretary)

MARTLESHAM PRE- SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We hope all the new children are settling in well. This term the children are busy with activities on the topic of communication.

We would like to say a big

thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraising activities before Christmas. These raised a total of £113.50.

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.

Regards, Liz Martin

MARTLESHAM WIVES

Join us for "Sushi for Beginners", a demonstration by our new Japanese member on Monday 24th February at Jenny's—43 Westland, 8:15 pm.

New members are always welcome (marital status immaterial!) Contact Jenny (on 01473 626253) for further information or just come along on the night.

Elaine Everitt

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Registered Charity 273769)

Happy New Year to all residents – I hope this will be a year of lots of progress on our 3 main projects:

- Sports Hall project with Kesgrave SPARK.
- Sports & Social centre at Kronjies Piece next to the Recreation Ground.
- Support for the Fusion skating club and their bid for a new Skate Park.

Multi Purpose Sports Hall Update

Rumours that the Sports Centre Project is dead are false. £800,000 has been raised. How's that for a start?

In fact, with Kesgrave and, subject to further discussions with Woodbridge, Kesgrave and Rushmere as well, the Sandlings Sports Centre is planned on about 2.5 acres of land near the Farmhouse Pub roundabout, of Hartree Way, Kesgrave This first class site has been generously donated by the landowners subject to agreement that the area set aside for employment on which it stands is reduced by an equivalent amount of land

The building will consist of

two halls linked together by a central reception area with support facilities including changing rooms, fitness suite, meeting rooms and bar. On one side will be an international six-rink bowls hall. On the other side will be a multipurpose sports hall. Research into the need for a quality bowls hall has demonstrated a strong need with present waiting time to join existing clubs of up to two years.

To investigate the need for a multipurpose sports hall, meetings have been held with local and county representatives of badminton, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, netball, gymnastics, archery, fencing and short tennis.

All were enthusiastic about the proposed multipurpose hall and anticipated a ready flow of additional people being attracted to their sport.

In some cases it would allow much needed expansion, in some the setting up of new clubs, and in some it would allow participation by disabled players.

National lottery funding will be essential and at a meeting with the regional representative of Sport England, which is the distributor of lottery funds to sport, it became clear the lottery financial support for building a bowls hall is a strong possibility but that support for building a multipurpose sports hall would depend on proof that there is a shortage in the area. That is what our meetings with the various sports representatives have been about and our belief that there is a need is being borne out more and more with each succeeding meeting.

So far, against an estimated total cost, including land, of £3,700,000, we have a finance package worth well over £800,000. The second Stop Shop next to Tesco (Kesgrave) is a major contributor. The aim, along with our partners, is not just to build the Sandlings Sports Centre but to make it a centre of sporting excel-

lence with a wide range of sporting activities.

MCC may be contacted on 01473 623007 for any enquiries on this project.

Fund Raising

MCC continues to fund raise to keep monies coming in to pay for planning applications, consultants fees, insurance, etc. required to keep the projects going. Our next event is a Body Shop Party.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Invites you to a

'BODY SHOP PARTY'

8 pm, Thursday February 20th at Martlesham Heath Pavilion

Admission **£2.00** on the door including refreshments

The evening will have a 'Make Up & Facial Skin Care' theme including a talk and makeover demonstration by a Body Shop representative followed by the chance to try out testers of the products shown, receive advice and, at the end, order any products you fancy! All ages welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Another event for your diaries is a Tupperware Party to be held at the Pavilion on 12th March.

Finally a big thank you to Jackie and the Gilbert & Sullivan Society for a highly enjoyable evening before Christmas where we raised over £1000 for Martlesham Projects.

(MCC scribe), dave.green@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our first monthly meeting of the New Year was held on Friday 3rd January in the Community Hall as usual. Our speaker was Adrian Bleese from the Suffolk Police Helicopter Unit.

This talk had been postponed from November and we were all looking forward to it. Adrian explained that the involvement by the Police in surveillance by air was nothing new. The 1921 Derby Day saw the airship R33 overhead to monitor the crowds. 1936 saw the first police air unit formed and fixed wing aircraft were often used by various police forces in the post WW2 period. 1953 saw the first trials of the use of helicopters in police work.

The decision by Suffolk Police to obtain a helicopter was made in 1998. The cost of £2,000,000 was covered by a central government grant of one million pounds. A condition of the grant was that the remainder of the cost be made from efficiency savings within Suffolk Police Force. Annual running costs are in the region of £500,000.

The helicopter is based at Watisham and is the only police helicopter in the country to be based within a military site. This is ideal because security is good and Watisham is quite central in Suffolk.

The helicopter is an A99 with twin French turbojets. Both Cambridgeshire and Essex have their own helicopters and the three counties work together so that they can cover for each other when one of the helicopters has to be serviced. G-SUFF, which is, as Adrian said, a "personalised number plate", normally operates at around 1000 feet.

The high-tech equipment includes two cameras, a powerful searchlight, a 700 watt loudspeaker, a video down-link and satellite navigation equipment. One of the cameras is for daylight use and the other is a thermal imaging camera which is able to pinpoint humans on the ground by the body heat they generate. The video

down-link enables operations to be overseen by the control room at Suffolk Police Headquarters. Altogether an extremely sophisticated addition to policing in Suffolk which operates around 700 flying hours per year.

Tasks include emergency response to accidents, etc. searching for offenders and missing persons, evidence gathering, vehicle pursuits, command and control capability and traffic management.

Adrian, who is a flight observer, is ex-RAF. G-SUFF carries a civilian pilot and two police flight observers.

A vote of thanks was given by Stanley Ward and the whole audience very much appreciated the excellent presentation by Adrian Bleese.

Our meeting next month should feature an illustrated talk by Mr Ian White. The title of the talk is "Night Fighters from 1939 to 1955". Our meeting in March should feature an illustrated talk by Mr Roger Freeman who is an extremely knowledgeable author and aviation historian. Non-members are always welcome at a cost of £2 for admission. It will be held in the Community Hall and should start at 7:45 pm.

Alan Powell 622458

THE RED LION MARTLESHAM

**"It wasn't love at first sight
when I first met him
I didn't know he was rich"**

We can't change the weather this winter but hopefully we can make you chuckle. We have humorous quotes and sayings dotted around our pub, which along with the roaring log fires and mulled wine, will give you some winter cheer.

If you have any funny quotes you would like us to display please call Jane on **01394 382169** or contact us at -

www.redlionmartlesham.co.uk

**"Money isn't everything
A man with 9 million pounds
Can be just as happy
As a man with 10 million"**

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

In January our working party brought us into the woodland on the heath. It was a beautiful, bright, cold sunny day with a sharp frost and with the woodland looking lovely showing hues of brown, green and white. We worked just below the village green, clearing some of the gorse, bramble and scrubby trees from a glade in attempt to make it more open. This practice helps to reveal the heather and grasses and encourage them to re-establish. It provides more light to the ground allowing the smaller plants and shrubs to flourish with out being crowded and overshadowed. This activity is vital to the woodland as a whole as it helps to maintain a mixture of habitats, and promotes a higher diversity of wildlife species. We have attempted to manage the woodland on this basis since the inception of the group, mainly conducting working parties in mid-winter to clear out glades and cut the grassy areas in late summer and so keep a more diverse ground flora with its dependent wildlife. We have also transplanted new trees from the glades into other areas to provide additional tree cover and so provide a succession of trees of varied age and structure.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 9th February. Meet at 10 am outside the Douglas Bader or give me a call to find out the exact location. We will be working on the Martlesham Heath site of special scientific interest, following up some of the excellent work done last year. Please come along and give us a hand. Fresh air, exercise, conversation and hopefully wildlife are on offer.

Phil Smith – 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

The Woodbridge group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust continues its winter programme of meetings on Thursday 20th February at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall with a talk on "Wildlife of the River Orwell" by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Warden Mick Wright. Please

come along and join us for the evening. Everyone is welcome.

Our meeting in March will be on Thursday 20th March at the earlier time of 7:15 pm when we will have a talk on "Welney Wildfowl Refuge" by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust warden Mark Mitchell. We will also hold our brief AGM.

We are also planning a talk for some time in April, probably at Wickham Market village hall - more details to follow in due course.

Phil Smith - 625630

PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP

Martlesham Heath

The Group would like to thank all our volunteers for ensuring that last year we accomplished over 800 hours of voluntary work in the woodland. Hopefully this year we can improve on this figure, although it will be difficult. The next working day is Sunday the 16th of February and as always we meet at the Force HQ Sports Field entrance at 10 am for a two hour session. The 16th is the start of Bird Box Week and one task we shall be undertaking will be mounting Group produced boxes throughout the woodland. Also, dependent upon the turnout, we need to carry on with the never-ending tasks of chipping branches, path improvements, revetment repair and TLC for our 140 metre hedge. Projects planned for later in the year are the production and mounting of bat boxes. To this end the Chairman had a bat expert visit the woodland who has given advice on construction, siting, etc. of the boxes and promised to revisit if more advice is required. We will also be constructing wooden pyramids, using varying lengths of trunks of trees sunk into the ground next to each other, to form rotting wood habitats for, in particular, stag beetles which we identified in the woodland last year.

We still have the phantom

tree seedling destroyer who unfortunately has started on the hedge along the A1214, and is also probably the chipping path destroyer. He/she is being very careful as to when he/she acts and any information from woodland users would be gratefully received. How we will explain to young school children that trees they have planted are being wantonly destroyed is beyond me.

The other work days for your diaries are the 15th March, 20th April, 17th May, 15th June and the 19th July. We are always on the look out for more helpers from youngsters up to pensioners like myself, and if you feel like a bit of fresh air and exercise (as much or little as you can manage) then anyone is welcome. If you require more information Group contacts are:
Chairman - Duncan Sweeting 01473 622859
Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291

THE OAKS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Including Pine Bank & Holly End

On Saturday January 4th we held our first social event of the year, namely a cheese and wine evening.

Glasses were 'charged' and Mr Mortlock made a brief speech of welcome to the 30 or so members present and on behalf of the NHW coordinators, wished everyone a Happy New Year.

We thank our new police officer—Ian Rafferty, his wife and his family for attending. It was an ideal way of meeting those members present.

We have to thank Elizabeth Mortlock for organizing and providing such a splendid table. We hear that Elizabeth has since received some 'Thank You' cards—richly deserved.

A final thanks to all members that attended this function and for the excellent raffle prizes that were donated.

HOSPICE DANCE

A Dance/Social evening has been arranged at the Martlesham Community Centre on Saturday March 15th, 7:30 to 11:30 pm. Tickets £7 per head, to include a Ploughmans supper, tea/coffee. No bar. Bring your own drinks. The music will be 40s/50s Big Band sounds. Don't worry if you think your dancing days are long gone, come and listen, and enjoy an evening of nostalgia. We are having a grand raffle with all proceeds going to St. Elizabeth Hospice. Tickets from P.O. Stores, Black Tiles Lane, or ring Norman Rose on 01473 625236.

SAINT ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS & FOREIGN COINS APPEAL

Firstly may I say a great big THANK YOU to all of you who have collected used stamps for me over the Christmas period. Last month I was able to take FOUR bags stuffed full of stamps to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich. You may not consider that your small donation makes much difference to the hospice - but as one supermarket not far from here says "every little helps"!

Can I remind you that the hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich also collects old British and foreign coins. They are able to exchange them for much needed funds to help them in their essential work.

I collect stamps and old and foreign coins all year round - not just for Christmas! So please keep bringing them to me so we can help the Hospice - it's the best form of recycling there is!

Bev Read

15 Demesne Gardens

Martlesham Heath Tel: 622721

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Band AGM

Martlesham Brass is holding its AGM on Friday 7th February at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath.

East Anglian Brass Band Association - Youth Training Project

On Saturday 8th February our Preliminary and Intermediate Bands

are participating in the East Anglian Brass Band Association Youth Training Project, with a training session to be led by Composer and Conductor Stuart Johnson; he will be assisted by the country's leading brass ensemble 'Sonar Brass'.

The study piece will be 'A Sutton Hoo Suite' by Stuart Johnson. This is a new work, recently commissioned by the EABBA.

The session on Saturday 8th will take place at St Michael's Church Centre, with open rehearsals between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm and again from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. There will then be a Sonar Brass recital from 4 pm until 6 pm. There will be free admission throughout the day, with a retiring silver collection towards band funds. Everyone is welcome.

Final Christmas Fundraising Figures

Firstly a big thank you to all of you who gave to our collections over Christmas and to those who came to our Christmas concert. Special thanks also go to Tesco at Copdock, Kesgrave and Martlesham, and Sainsburys, Warren Heath. Our bands raised the fabulous sum of £2345 with street and supermarket collections, and the concert raised £535. This has enabled us to donate £240 to each of our four chosen charities, these being Hope House Kesgrave, Sargent Cancer Care for Children (Suffolk), PITPAT (Ipswich and Suffolk), and The Leprosy Mission. Hope House will also benefit from the donation of our fee for the Kesgrave Wine Circle concert. This gives a grand total for Martlesham Brass charity donations this Christmas of £1160. Fantastic!

If you wish to book one of our bands, please phone Julie on 01473 620240, for general information about the band please phone Nicol on 01473 404472, or log on to our website www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk Alison Eyley
Martlesham Brass Publicity Officer

MARTLESHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The season has come to its mid-point and all 10 of our teams play-

ing league football are having their usual mixed bag of results. In terms of the future of the club its very pleasing to see that we now have two U7 age groups (making 12 teams in all) with a second group having started just before Christmas. It's quite inspiring to turn up on the Village Green on a Saturday morning and see so many boys playing football. We continue to look to make improvements in our infrastructure and have now installed the container at the Western Corridor (which is a vast improvement on the portacabin it replaces). We continue to make improvements to the fencing around our two 11-a-side pitches with the Western Corridor being a particular challenge as it is a regular subject of vandalism.

On the playing front there is not much to report due to the Christmas and New Year period. The new U7 age group has started training on a Saturday morning with a very good turn out with more than 20 attending the sessions so far, keeping new coach Howard busy. The U10 teams have been busier than most over the period, with 3 matches played over the festive season with 4-0 and 2-1 defeats respectively to Kesgrave in the league cup followed by both the 'A' and 'B' teams recording 3-0 victories in the same competition against a spirited Framlingham team a week later. Finally the 'A' team started the New Year with a fine 5-2 away win at Brantham, while an under par 'B' team went down 3-1. The next fixture is away at Kirton on January 25th. Meanwhile the U14 team has had a topsy-turvy season with many games being closely fought but going the way of their opponents. However, things are better in the cup with two fine wins against Woodbridge Res. 14-0 and Headingham Hawks 2-0. Back next month with hopefully more to report.

Latest info. on teams and club matters can be found on the club's website at <http://www>.

THE MOB

So what have you missed in the last few weeks? Well not too much actually. Due to the weather and Christmas we have had four weeks off. Rory Jackson and Tom Wells came back from their scouting mission to Brazil with no new players but a healthy tan and a taste for South American / German lager. We'll just have to send someone else next time. Tom has now taken employment in London which means he may well have played his last game for The MOB. If that proves to be so, we all want to thank him for everything he did while he was with us - he will be missed. Our last game before Christmas was at home to Pauls Reserves which we duly won 9-1. Since then, as I've said, the weather has taken its toll and today (19th January) is the first we've played since then. This was the quarter-final of the Junior Cup and we won that 5-2 against a very strong Trinity side to progress to our first ever semi-final. Keep your fingers crossed that we can turn that into our first final appearance. The draw has yet to be made so we don't know against whom or where we will play but the date is 23 March.

It has been proposed that we start a reserve side for next season. Now to do that we will need to sign on in the region of 14 or so new players. Ideally we would like to offer the chance to those lads finishing their playing time with Martlesham Youth Football Club's oldest age group. We also need to take on an adult with the time and interest to run the reserve side along the same lines and with the same approach to the game as the first team. If anyone out there is interested as a player, or as the team manager then please ring either Ivor on Ipswich 623430 or Rory Jackson on 611170.

Well, like I said earlier, there isn't much football to report on this time but watch this space for news of the semi-final of the cup and our progress in the league. This could be our season.

**MARTLESHAM WANDERERS
FOOTBALL CLUB
JUMBLE SALE**
TO BE HELD AT
**THE PAVILION, MARTLESHAM
HEATH**
ON **SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**
AT **2:00 PM**
ADMISSION 20p

**JUMBLE REQUIRED—CAN BE
DROPPED OFF AT THE PAVILION
ON THE MORNING OR IF YOU
WOULD LIKE IT COLLECTED PLEASE
PHONE **BRENDA CHANDLER**
01473 611066 OR **ALAN**
WARNER 07747115311**

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

Woodbridge Probus Club meets at Martlesham Leisure Club, Gloster Road, at 1 pm on the first Monday in every month. Lunch is taken first, followed by a talk given either by a member or a visiting speaker. The Meeting is usually over by 2:45 pm. At the Meeting on 6th January, an interesting and amusing talk was given by the Revd. John Cotton on the Suffolk dialect. The AGM will take place on Monday 3rd February, and on March 3rd there will be a talk given by Brian Care of the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Prospective new members are welcome to attend as guests in the first instance. Please contact the Secretary, Ron Fisher, 5 Bader Court, Martlesham Heath (01473 631347).

KESGRAVE & DISTRICT HELP CENTRE

Sadly Betty Ling, our Joint Organiser, passed peacefully away in Ipswich Hospital on Christmas Day. Betty was first appointed in 1997 and despite recently failing health continued to work tirelessly on the administration of the Help Centre. Our thoughts are with David, Jemima and Sheila. We shall all miss Betty greatly.

Over forty prizes were awarded to the winners in our 2002 Grand Christmas Prize Draw held at the Help Centre Christmas

Lunch at St Audrey's Sports and Social Club, Melton. Our popular Vicar, Revd. Robin Spittle, officiated at the Draw and our special guest Norman Howard, Chairman of the Kesgrave Community Centre, drew the winning tickets. Many of the prizes were donated by local organisations including BBC Radio Suffolk, Kingpin Martlesham, Orwell Veterinary Group and Tesco.

By popular request we are currently arranging two further outings to the Red Cross Centre, Felixstowe, probably for May and September. Details to follow.

Coffee mornings continue each Thursday in the Kesgrave Community Centre. The Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am to noon. Requests for our transport service may also be made on 01473 622574 (24 hour answer phone) or by e-mail—kesgravehelpcentre@ukonline.co.uk
Ray Spratt 01473 624604

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HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CASH COLLECTION IN OLD MARTLESHAM AND MARTLESHAM VILLAGE

2003 found the Animal Home in Martlesham very full with so many creatures in need of new and caring homes. This situation will fluctuate during the year. Nevertheless, the supply is always greater than the demand, caused by annual increases in abandonments, cases of ill-treatment and various other incidents that occur when families break up, or the pet no longer fits in with their present circumstances. The lucky animals will find care and comfort at Martlesham Home, if accommodation permits. Some will be "short stay" before being adopted into a new home. Others, perhaps elderly, not so attractive, or in need of special understanding, could remain in the Home for many months. No creature is ever "put to sleep" at Martlesham unless terminally ill or proven of unsound temperament. All, eventually, will find the right home. We must be thankful for this ruling, but both money and space is required to put it into practice.

It is necessary to consider a new and larger cattery, isolation block and proper accommodation for small mammals. Improvements such as these depend on public funding, Charity and fund raising. It is accepted that one of the greatest sources of revenue comes from Door-to-Door Cash Collections, which over the years has sadly seen a decreasing total from Martlesham Village. This is not because of any lack of generosity from the residents, as their willing donations increase annually. The reason is the "Collectors" decreasing from ten to only four. That has resulted in a vast area of Martlesham Village remaining "uncollected" during 2002 and many would-be-generous donations have remained u n t a p p e d .

Old Martlesham has seen an increase from two to four Collectors, but more are needed to cover the area adequately. Collections can be made during light evenings or at weekends throughout the year. A little of your TIME is their greatest gift. I appeal particularly to the good people who have adopted a pet from the Home and others who enjoy unconditional loyalty which an animal gives. Please spare a thought for the needs of creatures who must wait for such a privilege and ring 01394 284605 - volunteer your help.

A happy and successful New Year to you all. My special gratitude for all involved in the running of Martlesham Home, the Clinic, the continuous support of the residents of all Martlesham and most of all for the few Collectors, without whose help the following list would not exist.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE - £390.44: Mrs Ann Bartholmew, Mrs Caroline Hawkes and Eleanor, Mrs Sandra Martin and Mrs Nikki Rackham (leaving District).

OLD MARTLESHAM - £280.86: Mrs Jackie Coates, Mrs Ann Fenton, Mrs Mary Harlott and Mrs Sue Whitbread.

OVERALL MARTLESHAM TOTAL: £ 6 7 1 . 3 0
OVERALL BRANCH TOTAL: £12,162.82

Patricia N.M. Monk 01394 284605

House-to-House Collections Organiser Suffolk East and Ipswich Branch RSPCA

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

Our first event of the New Year will be on February 20th at the Fred Reynolds Centre, Churchill Close, Woodbridge at 10:00 am. This will be a presentation on 'Living with a Long-term Condition' by Bob Wake, Senior Tutor Expert Patients' Plan, and Josephine Walpole who has attended one of his courses.

The Expert Patients' Plan is designed for sufferers from any chronic condition, disease or illness, not just Osteoporosis, and is already proving its worth to an increasing number of people.

2003 will be a big fund raising year for us so if you have any brilliant ideas or are willing to help, do please let us know - 01473 625246 or 01473 624474. We are helping to raise the last £13,000 still required to provide a DXA scanner for Ipswich Hospital - for those who do not already know, this scanner is for checking the bone density of those with or at risk of Osteoporosis.

LEISURE & LEARNING

"Arts Experience" Weekend Workshops

A full weekend of Art, Drama and Music workshops for all the family will be available at the 24th "Arts Experience" workshops over the weekend of 1st and 2nd March at Stradbroke High School.

These are enjoyably informal workshops with professional artists and tutors giving demonstrations, and individual help, in different areas of the arts including watercolours, sculpture, stained glass, marbling, silk painting, printmaking, linoprints, wire sculpture and willow weaving.

The Roughcast Theatre Company offers informal workshops working with members of the group, exploring and discovering different aspects of drama.

There will also be music and singing workshops available.

If you would like further information and booking forms please contact Dave Sumner on 01379 388238.

KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB

Dates for your 2003 diary

- The annual ratings/Kesgrave Open Tournament will take place starting 15th May.
- AGM will take place 26th March.
- Play Tennis Day is on 10th May.

Winners of the Mulled Wine Tournament held in December were Jim Royal and Jenny Ware. The runners-up were Andrew Brunning and Trevor Wright.

Anyone who wishes to join the Club please contact Debbie Stebbings on 01473 626919, leave your name and address and I will send you an application form and details.

Club evenings are all year round on a Wednesday evening 7—10 pm. If you would like to play please come along and join in.

Coaching courses for Juniors and Adults

JUNIORS

Short Tennis—Mini-Tennis Red

Held at Kesgrave High School for ages 6-9 years old.
 Tuesdays 6-7 pm and Fridays 6-7 pm.

Transition Tennis—Mini-Tennis Orange

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 8-10 years old.
 Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Beginners—Mini-Tennis Green

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 9-16 years old.
 Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm—Girls only.
 Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm—Boys only.
 Fridays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Improvers—Mini-Tennis Green

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 10-16 years old.
 Friday 7:30-9:30 pm.

ADULTS

Beginners and Improvers

Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for any age from 16-80 years old. Thursdays 10-12 noon. Saturdays 11-12 noon.

Please phone Dick on 01394 384791 for more information.

Wheelchair coaching

We are now playing at Ensors Tennis Centre at Henley Road, Ipswich on 2nd February and 2nd March. Starting outdoors end of March depending on the weather.

FELIXSTOWE SPEAKERS CLUB

Wedding Plans?

If you are looking forward to a wedding this year then the chances are that you have already started preparation. The planning will be meticulous as you will not want to leave anything to chance.

How many times have you been asked to be a best man at a wedding? Most people only get one chance but do you want to leave it to chance to get it right? Our club can help you - you might even enjoy the wedding breakfast!

Felixstowe Club will be hosting the East Anglian Area Speech contests on Friday 28th February at the Cotman Hall starting at 7:30 pm. If you would like to see just what can be achieved with a little preparation and practise then come and join us.

If you would like to practise what we preach at our regular meetings then contact Ken on 01394 213148 or Peggy on 01394 284649 for a warm welcome and free introductory visit, or e-mail: felixstowe.speakers.club@btinternet.com

WOODBIDGE EXCELSIOR BAND

Est. 1846

President: Stuart Whiteley
Secretary: Sara Norris
Musical Director: Evan Howells

Woodbridge Excelsior Band is already busy preparing for the 2003 season following a very successful Christmas. The Band's festive season began in early December with a concert, which proved very popular with its audience. The two weeks leading up to Christmas was spent carolling outside superstores and playing in Woodbridge Thoroughfare. The proceeds totalled over £2300 of which 20% will be paid to St Elizabeth's Hospice in Ipswich. The Band would like to thank collectors Richard and Barbara Horne and Morten Lamoey for their help without which none of this would be possible.

Preparations for this year include rehearsals for the Boosey & Hawkes National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain Area Qualifiers in Stevenage in March. Last year the Band came 5th out of 28 Bands in the 4th Section. This year it is hoped to not only move up into the 3rd Section but to also qualify to represent the South of England in Dundee at the National Finals in September.

The Band's progress and diary of events can be viewed online at <http://members.lycos.co.uk/woodexcel/> and there are still slots available for early booking.

If anyone is interested in joining either the main Band or the Training Band (all ages & abilities welcome) please contact Band Secretary Sara Norris on 01394 3 8 5 7 4 9 .
Yours Faithfully, Sara Norris
Band Secretary

AN OFFER OF A FREE NEW TESTAMENT

The new testament is an exciting book! It starts with panoramic views of the life of Jesus Christ, by four of his disciples. This is followed by accounts of the rapid growth of the Early Church, including several letters from the Apostle Paul, written whilst he was in prison.

We are convinced that this is helpful, wise and relevant reading for today's society and are happy to send a free copy on request.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
C/o John Mellen
43 Manor Road
Martlesham Heath
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BARN DANCE

DANCING TO THE "JIGSAWS"

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH
STARTING AT 8 PM
AT **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**
OLD FELIXSTOWE ROAD

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MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

Did you know that there are regular meetings and activities going on in the pavilion for at least 24 hours each week?

Each week there are –

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Weightwatchers meetings
- WI market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club

Every two weeks there are –

- Cross-Stitch classes

Every month there are -

- WI meetings
- Police surgeries

Occasionally there are -

- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- National Childbirth Trust classes
- Childminding Group meetings
- Martlesham in Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Village Produce Association meetings

During the summer there are –

- cricket matches

Did you know that there is some time available if you want to start a new club or society? For more information on any of these, please contact Paul Firman on 01473 622874

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Have you got the winter blues? Are you worrying about the threat of terrorism? Is "war and the rumour of war" preying on your mind? We believe that Jesus Christ can give "peace which passes all understanding" in every circumstance of life. If you would like to discover this peace for yourself, we invite you to come along to our services or other activities this month. We would be happy to talk to you about the things we believe and answer your questions.

SUNDAY SERVICES

10:30-11:45 am - Family Worship with Sunspot/Bible-Class.
6:30 pm - Communion.

Except last Sunday in the month (23rd): **10:30 am**—All-age Family Service including Communion.

WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Circle: Feb. 11th at 2.00pm - "Tools with a Mission" - a talk by Des Stevens.

Feb 18th at 8:00 pm - American Male Voice—a fun singing group for men! Ring for venue.
Tuesday Evening

Feb 25th at 8:00 pm - Martlesham Singers—a fun singing group for men and women! Ring for venue.

Funfit—every Wednesday in term-time from 9:00am—workout starts at 9:30 followed by a short reading and refreshments. (Children welcome.)

New Ladies Bible Study Group Wednesdays - coffee from 10:30 am. Study/discussion from 11:00-12:00. This would be an ideal opportunity for anyone who would like to explore what the Bible is really all about. We are an informal group and everyone is free to sit back and listen or to participate more actively according to your wishes.

Toddler Group - Thursdays 10:00 am - 12.00.

Teens Club - Thursdays 7:00-8.30 pm

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Barn Dance in aid of Chengelo School, Zambia - Saturday 8th February at 8:00 pm, in the Martlesham Community Hall. See main advert for more details.

QUIET DAY

St. Michael's Church Centre on Saturday March 8th from 10 am to 4 pm. All welcome, more details available from notices in the churches or tel: 01394 385333

RECEIVING FREEVIEW DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TV

on Martlesham Heath

My interest in amateur radio led me to write a brief article on this subject which might benefit readers who are also DIY/TV enthusiasts. Several of my friends have asked me about it. The digital TV signal from the Sudbury transmitter is lower power than the conventional analogue one, so receiving an adequate quality signal represents quite a challenge on the Heath where we are confined to indoor/loft antennas and are out of range by postcode. If you visit -

<http://www.geocities.com/faulkndw/digitalTV.htm>

you will find out how I did it with inexpensive commercially available parts. Depending upon your house's situation it may be possible to receive Freeview on the Heath. Good luck if you try the DIY approach.
davidwfaulkner@yahoo.co.uk

St. Michael's Church Centre is open daily on weekdays from 10 am—12 noon for tea, coffee, information, etc. Why not drop in to meet friends old and new?

**CANON BRIAN
LILLISTONE,
RECTOR OF MARTLESHAM WITH
BRIGHTWELL FOR OVER 25
YEARS: AN APPRECIATION**

(by Edwin Still, retired Reader)

After Canon George Taylor retired in 1974, drastic changes took place in the church life of Martlesham. The Rectory and Glebe Cottage were sold, and Martlesham was to join with Brightwell to become a new benefice in a different Deanery (Colney's).

In May 1976 Brian Lillistone, the new Rector, arrived in Martlesham with his young wife and son and daughter to give leadership in this new situation! Dudley Burgess, former Church warden and tenor extraordinary, tells me the parishioners were suddenly confronted with a human dynamo!

It was two years later that the "Martlesham experience" began for my wife and myself, when we also moved into Viking Heights. Yes, for a few months Brian and Audreen lived at the far end of "our" road, and proved kindly and helpful near-neighbours. Then the Rectory was switched over to the Heath, which clearly was to become the main centre of population within the area.

From that time on, Brian worked ably and hard with his Parochial Church Council to set up a centre for worship on the new Heath estate. At first we worshipped in the Pavilion, but by the end of a decade Brian's quiet determination and ability to empathise with people's varied needs had paid off. A congregation coming from widely differing church traditions - and none - had grown steadily, and at last it had its own permanent Church Centre. Now in Martlesham and Brightwell the Benefice was able to offer a very wide range of services, from more formal ones at St. Marys' and Brightwell to less formal ones at the new Centre, St. Michael's.

In keeping with Brian's ability

to empathise with other traditions was his frequently expressed warm appreciation of the witness and work of our neighbours in the Black Tiles Fellowship. More, he set an example to the rest of us not only in that way, but also in the way he saw the role of his congregations as extending to the wider community. As he made clear in his preaching, we were here to serve all those living in our area by being the best neighbours we could. Brian's work over the years with the Parish Magazine, which is not a church production but serves everyone in our area, is an example of his ideal in practice.

Brian Lillistone was a man of many parts. His skill as a chef was considerable. Halfway through a portion of his Mississippi Mud Pie, I could never call to mind whether gluttony was one of the seven deadly sins, and fervently hoped it was not! I am sure he helped build community by his culinary efforts, and certainly gained good causes a lot of money!

Brian was a fine scholar, but he did not flaunt his scholarship. It came out naturally in his well-crafted and thoughtful sermons. Otherwise, if you wanted to know, you had to ask. And then he would quietly give an answer that helped, and sometimes push the right book in your direction as well!

Brian had a staunch and able companion in Audreen. Her gentle manner belied a keen business brain. For a number of years in Martlesham we saw her mainly as a caring mother bringing up her children. But she also held a top-quality secretarial post with an Ipswich firm, and she showed us these other skills when she organized with calm efficiency the financial side of our recent parish trip to Iona.

I must add a lighter note: Audreen also has a sporting side to her. In earlier years we used to go on parish picnics in Walberswick. After the meal we played rounders, and in these games Audreen would astonish both parish and wildlife by

the ease with which she kept clouting the ball vast distances!

To sum up: we shall miss them both sorely, but must be grateful for the foundation which they both, with God's help, have provided for us for future worship and witness in the Benefice. We wish them Godspeed in their future life together!

THE RECTOR WRITES

Bishop Jeremy Walsh writes

It's dark when we go to work. It's dark when we get home. How we long for light during the dark days of winter.

There's darkness in the world, too. Threats of terror, and talk of war. We hope for light at the end of the tunnel.

On February 2nd, we celebrate Candlemas. It's a festival of Light. We remember when Jesus' parents took their baby Child to the Temple in Jerusalem "to present Him to the Lord". There, an old man, Simeon, was looking out for them. He welcomed Jesus as the Saviour. He called Him "the Light of the World".

Candlemas is a celebration of Jesus the Light. Light in all our lives, and Light in the world.

Brian Lillistone leaves Martlesham this month. As he and Audreen move on to retirement in their new home in Risby, may Jesus be their Light.

The Church in Martlesham and Brightwell looks back on their work here with great thanksgiving. Now we too move on. May Jesus be our Light as we look to the future.

And in the world? What will the coming months bring? How we need Jesus' light. May He be the Light of leaders and statesmen. And may He guide us all into the ways of peace.