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## DELIVERER URGENTLY REQUIRED

Martlesham Monthly urgently needs  
a volunteer to deliver the magazine  
to addresses in California on the  
border with Woodbridge.

The lady who has been do-  
ing this delivery has had to give it  
up on account of ill health. We are  
very grateful to Mrs Fairhead and  
thank her for all her past efforts.

At present all other roads in  
Martlesham are covered by our  
regular deliverers, but we do have  
a list of reserves, so that we have  
cover for holidays, illness etc. This  
list is very small and we would wel-  
come some more names. If you  
wouldn't mind stepping in to help us  
maintain our deliveries we should  
be very grateful.

Roy Berridge 611624

## "MUSIC ON THE GREEN" 12TH JULY 2003

**12 hours of non-stop music and  
it's FREE!**

Twelve hours of non-stop music will  
be the main feature of this years  
exiting "Music on the Green", with  
over 15 bands performing on two  
stages throughout the day.

Some of the bands perform-  
ing will be Words & Music by Len-  
non/McCartney Live, Soul Kitchen,  
Lightbody, Luminos, and Plush.  
There will be bands to suit all tastes  
including Beatles, Light Pop, Soul,  
Rock, Punk, Classical and Brass. Just  
as last year there will be a large  
covered area for watching the  
bands perform so, wet or dry, the  
show will go on. This area will also  
accommodate the bar. The first  
band will perform at 10:30 am  
with the final band finishing at  
10:30 pm (see programme in Mart-  
lesham Monthly).

There will also be many stalls

and sideshows including a Chil-  
dren's Corner. In the Pavilion there  
will be non-stop FREE children's en-  
tertainment from midday until 5:00  
pm.

As usual, the very popular  
Car Boot Sale will be running from  
8:00 am throughout the day. No  
booking is necessary - buyers and  
sellers just turn up on the day.

There will be many different  
types of refreshments available in-  
cluding a Hog Roast or bring a pic-  
nic for a family day out. There is  
seven acres of Village Green so  
there will be plenty of room for  
everyone.

This year the charities which  
will benefit from this day will be St  
Elizabeth's Hospice and the Guide  
Dogs for the Blind.

This is a fantastic community  
event, attended by thousands of  
people, for whom admission is  
**FREE.**

For all enquiries please con-  
tact Paul Firman 01473 622874

**Visit our website for the updates**  
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## MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

There is a vacancy for a parish  
councillor which provides an oppor-  
tunity for someone to help and con-  
tribute to the Martlesham commu-  
nity.

The role of a parish council-  
lor is varied and interesting as it  
involves many aspects of the com-  
munity; it is a voluntary position in-  
volving 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,  
perhaps you disagree with some of  
the things that the parish council  
does, or maybe you feel that your  
part of the parish needs better  
representation, please contact the  
Clerk who can provide further de-  
tails or speak to any councillor.

### **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.

#### **New Parish Councillor**

A new councillor, Mr C J Blundell, was coopted at the June Parish Council meeting.

#### **Felixstowe Road**

For several years we have been pressing the County Council to provide a kerbed footway along the whole length of Felixstowe Road and last month a representative gave a presentation to us on their proposals. There are several schemes including a footway only, or schemes that had both a footway and cycle lanes. The plans are on display in the Parish Room and anybody is welcome to look at them by arrangement with the Clerk. **We welcome any views or comments on these plans.**

#### **Park & Ride**

The County Council's Project Manager for the Park & Ride scheme was at our recent Development Plans Committee where he gave us details of the programme of works and heard many comments on the traffic problems that were being experienced. We hope that our comments will be considered by him and the contractor.

Works within the highway should be completed by the end of July with a few night time closures of Main Road in mid-July. Street lighting and traffic signals will not be completed until late summer/early autumn. The Park & Ride site should be completed by the end of October.

Contact details for day to day site issues - Ian Richardson - SCC site representative at the site office 01473 636951; all other matters - Simon Curl 01473 583031 (at County Hall).

#### **Meetings**

\* Parish Council - Wednesday 2nd July and 6th August

\* Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 9th July

\* Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 16th July

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, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax 01473 612632

via any councillor.

E-mail: [martleshampc@btclick.com](mailto:martleshampc@btclick.com)

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

#### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

**Garden Competitions for Martlesham Parishioners and Businesses to enter. Entry is free.**

Forms can be obtained from:-

Merchem Pharmacy, 9 The Square, Martlesham Heath. The Post Office Stores, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham or from the address at the end of this article.

##### **(A) Most Attractive Front Garden**

Sponsored by Home Meadows Nursery Ltd. (The Meadhome Cup)

##### **B) Most Colourful Hanging**

**Basket(s) and/or Containers in the Front Garden**  
Sponsored by Windmills Florist, Woodbridge (Windmill's Florist Cup)

##### **(C) An Interesting Low Maintenance Garden**

Sponsored by Chris Ling's Garden Scene. (The Garden Scene Cup)

##### **(D) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at Public Houses, Restaurants and Small Retail Outlets**

##### **(E) Best Floral or Planting Display at an Industrial/Commercial Unit or Large Retail Outlet**

#### **(F) Best Kept Road, Place, Close, Square, Lane or Street *et al* in the Parish of Martlesham**

For competitions (D), (E) and (F), certificates will be presented by **Martlesham in Bloom.**

Special awards may be made for gardens that have been outstanding in the past years.

**Village Day Saturday 12th July— Please visit our stall where we will have plants for sale and competition entry forms.**

If you would like information on any of the above please contact:- J Maureen Burrows (Secretary), 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, tel. 01473 625196.

#### **MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

Everything in the garden is well on the move now in mid-June after some appreciable rain and warm conditions generally making for ideal growing weather

We will be on site at "Music on the Green" day with information about our V.P.A. activities for anyone who would like to know more (or just to stop for a chat).

Our Autumn Show schedules will be available as will the programme cards for our forthcoming meetings in the Autumn and through to Spring.

The Show on the 20th September in St Michaels Church Centre will be open for entries from any resident in the parish as well as members. There is no charge for exhibiting an entry. Entries in the childrens' classes will be particularly welcome.

On the 8th August we have a coach trip to the R.H.S. gardens at Wisley leaving here at 8 am and returning about 7 pm. The cost will be £10 for members and £14 for visitors (this includes coach and entry to gardens). There should be a few spare seats if anyone would like to join the party, bookings to me by 12th July please.

#### **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

On June 10th several members and friends enjoyed an afternoon in the garden of Mrs Norma Jessup where they were able to buy plants, and

cakes, and admire her garden. This event raised over £60.00 for flower club funds.

Our Demonstrator for June Mrs Jill Nicholls was unable to come but Mrs Brenda Leman kindly stepped in at the last moment and gave us a lovely afternoon. Her arrangements were varied and colourful, and ranged from a massed grouping of garden flowers which included sweet peas, cornflowers, antirrhinums and alchmilla mollis, to a garden trug with lime green conifer, orange lilies, Choisya "sundance" foliage and orange mini gerberas. Another arrangement in a beautifully shaped pot had pink anthuriums and hosta leaves as the main features. A vote of thanks was given by the Chairman Mrs Margaret Forbes, and competition winners were Ann Chisem, Jean Smith, and Ann Berg.

Our demonstrator for July will be Mrs M Burrows. Her subject will be "Over the Rainbow" and the competition will be a multicoloured arrangement.

The August meeting will be a garden party at 25 York Road, Martlesham Heath by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Newton, and Mrs Sheila Woods.

The club meets at St Michael's Church centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. Annual subscription is £10.00 with visitors welcome at £2.00 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

Ruth Mellen 624401

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

The President, Mrs Audrey Burnell, was pleased to welcome Mrs Linda Leigh, Chairman of Suffolk East Women's Institutes, to the Group Meeting held in St Michael's Church Centre on Monday 2nd June at which Martlesham W.I. were hosts.

The meeting was attended by 60 members and was a most enjoyable occasion.

Entertainment by the Belstead Ladies Choir was a delightful mixture of songs from the Shows interspersed with recitations, monologues, a mini pantomime and an

excellent, pianoforte medley by the 17 year old pianist.

On July 18th at 7:30 pm in the Richard Room Mr Cooper will talk about "The Abbeyfields Society" and the competition will be a photograph of Granny or Granddad.

Visitors and members always welcome. Contact:- Betty Darke 624193

Mrs Sylvia Harris

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

The meeting on Monday June 9th was planned as an Open Meeting, with each member being asked to bring a guest with them so we had a larger group. Kay, our President, took a short business meeting reminding members we needed help to run our stall on Village Day and asked for donations of cakes etc. Notices of a visit to Bury St Edmunds and the Flower Festival at Levington were given.

Our original speaker for the evening had to cancel on medical advice, but Mrs Whitmore from Essex kindly came along at short notice.

Mrs Whitmore belongs to a group of friends who are dedicated to the history of every aspect of life in the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries. They have researched and explored many areas of this period. Mrs Whitmore had a special interest in the dress and clothes and her talk was based on this. There were examples of clothes she had made and a dance demonstration to a piece of music recorded by other members of the group in which they played instruments of the period.

Altogether this was a wonderfully entertaining and informative evening with Mrs Whitmore an inspired speaker.

Our next meeting will be on July 14th at 7:45 pm in the pavilion. Please phone me on 626885 if you would like to join us.

Mrs Olive E Smith

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I. AT "MUSIC ON THE GREEN"**

We look forward to meeting customers old and new on our stall at Martlesham Heath Green on Saturday 12th July from 10:30 am. We will be selling our usual selection of home baked goods Jams, honey, plants and homegrown fruit and vegetables.

Don't forget we are open every Tuesday from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the Pavilion on Martlesham Heath and also sell refreshments.

As a new venture we are now willing to deliver home baked goods locally if you are not able to visit the market and we can also cater for functions. Please contact Marie for more details.

Further details tel. 623764

[marie@whinney89.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:marie@whinney89.freeseve.co.uk)

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

At our meeting on May 15th we were introduced to Diane Smith of Crafty Candles, a small business set up in 1981 to provide an alternative to mass produced candles. Diane told us about the ingredients that went into the making of this specialised commodity. There were candles of all shapes and sizes from scented tea lights, shapes of creatures to pillar candles. Several members bought items and the commission raised was donated to our charity. Vera Pawsey gave a vote of thanks for such a well presented, perfumed evening and for the charity donation.

P.C. Fox of the Suffolk Constabulary Air Operations Unit gave us a talk at our May 29th meeting, which proved to be very absorbing. Vera thanked Robi for a detailed and interesting talk, to the usual applause of members. Without a chargeable fee, the club made a donation to CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young, a charity which Robi is closely associated with.

On the evening of June 12th Valerie Donovan, the Tourism and Resort Manager of Suffolk Coastal District Council,

came to give us a talk about the work of her Department and that of the Tourism Centres located in the area. Doris Shute gave a vote of thanks for a very informative talk and for the most helpful brochures and leaflets she had left for us.

Although we do have events going on through the summer, our COFFEE MORNING on the 26th July to name but one, we now recess until September 4th.

Rita Smith.

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

**are holding their Annual  
COFFEE MORNING**

**at 341 Main Road,  
Martlesham Heath on  
SATURDAY JULY 26TH  
10 am—12 noon**

**Cake Stall, Tombola, Raffle,  
Plants, Bric-a-Brac, etc.  
Admission 50p inc. refreshments**

**Proceeds to CLIC  
(Challenging Cancer & Leukaemia  
in Childhood)**

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHER'S UNION**

It was "full house" at St. Mary's for our annual June Communion Service. We even ran out of service books. It was great to see so many friends from other branches joining with us. Bucklesham MU's loss was our gain, as their garden party was rained off and they decided to join us instead.

Thanks are due to St Mary's organist Sid Oldfield who came along to play, to Margaret Rollins who read the epistle and to Monica who led the intercessions and of course to our leader who led worship.

It was the week of the 50th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation and in her address, our leader Elizabeth Corker suggested that the young Queen Elizabeth must have felt much as Christ's disciples did when Jesus was taken from them and they were left to carry on the

work of the new Christian Church. Ail had stepped out in faith and in the strength of the spirit to do God's work as best they could.

Elizabeth thanked all who had helped in raising £261 for overseas at our May meeting and also thanked Sheila Richardson for organising the recent very successful Deanery Festival which so many of us had enjoyed. Heavy rain before the service made alfresco refreshments impossible but we rallied round at the back of the Church, finally running out of cups and milk!!

Our next meeting will be on July 2nd at 12 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, FELIXSTOWE for more MU and more tea. If you require transport please contact Ann Berg on 01394 387049.

Please remember Lillian French, Ena, Doreen, Ethel, Brenda and Peg in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month; sometimes it is better to forget and be happy - rather than to remember and be sad! GOD BLESS!

SHEILA SMITH

### **CALLING ALL MUMS...**

The Mums' Club meets for a bring and share pic-nic on Tuesday 1st July at St Michael's Church Centre (on the green if fine) from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Please bring a small quantity of food to share and a rug or blanket to sit on. All mums, babies and toddlers are welcome to join us.

Please note there will be no meeting of the Mums' Club in August. We meet again on Tuesday 9th September.

For more details please 'phone Sue on 624130.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

For any of you mums with young children ageing from birth to pre-school, you would be made most welcome at any of our sessions. We run our sessions in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesday and Fridays from 9:30 am – 11:30 am and 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Drinks and biscuits are provided. There is an area for those with very young babies where they can play with some protection from the larger children.

During the month of July we will be having a stall at Village Day, on the 12th, and therefore any volunteers to help man the stall during the day would be greatly appreciated. There is a timeslot list at the toddler group. We will also be having our Teddy Bears Picnic on the 23rd, where we will have an entertainer, bouncy castle and ball pool. Tickets for this are priced at £1.50 and are available at any of the toddler sessions.

We are having a social event for the whole group. This has been booked for the Black Tiles on 26th June 2003 at 8 pm. Anyone who would like to come along should add their names to the list on the notice board at Toddlers.

Please call me on 01394 387281 if you would like any further information.

Louisa Smith (secretary)

### **ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL MARTLESHAM HEATH**

This year our Pre-School Annual Outing is on Friday 11 July and we are visiting The Suffolk Wildlife Park. We will be travelling by coach to Kessingland and taking a picnic. The children will have the opportunity to see a variety of animals including rare and endangered species, as well as enjoying the playground and, of course, an ice cream.

Martlesham Heath Village Day is on Saturday 12 July and members of the committee, staff and parents will be running a stall to raise money for the group. There will be a children's tombola, Pick A Lolly and Throw the Bean Bag games, as well as face paint-

ing. Please come and visit our stall and help raise funds for new toys and equipment.

To celebrate the end of summer term the Pre-School are holding an end of term disco on Sunday 20 July for the children and parents to enjoy.

We return to Pre-School on Monday 8 September. Our half term break is from 27 October - 31 October and we finish for Christmas on 12 December.

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

Rachael Vest

### **THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP**

Our topic this term is 'My Neighbourhood/shopping' and the children have enjoyed learning about features of the Park in their neighbourhood.

We have experimented with different materials for building a slide and looking at the types of animals that live in and around the Park and finding out more about their homes.

To introduce "shopping" we have investigated bags and their uses and have been looking at the properties and purpose of different types of packaging.

If you would like more information and/or you would like your child's name added to the waiting list please contact me on Ipswich 631087.

Lisa Poole  
Business manager

### **MARTLESHAM WIVES**

Our next meeting is at 8:15 pm on Monday 21st July at 43 Westland - 01473 626253.

**"Face Reading"** a talk by Glenna Trout (ex-police interrogator with the American Police Force). New members are always welcome (marital status immaterial!) - contact Jenny 01473 626253.

Elaine

### **MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

There was a good turnout for the meeting on June 10th. They heard a fascinating illustrated talk by Dr Sam Newton entitled "Raedwald, the Saxon King". Raedwald was the first East Anglian king to adopt Christianity and ultimately became king of most of what was then England. He is believed to have been buried, together with a ninety foot wooden ship, at Sutton Hoo. The extent of his riches can be gauged from the jewelled gold artefacts discovered at the site. Raedwald is known to have had a palace at what subsequently became Rendlesham Hall

The proposed group visit to Otley Hall has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12th when the speaker will be Robert Malster whose subject will be "Is there history in Ipswich?" The title is deliberately provocative as Mr Malster has written several books on just this topic!?

At the AGM in May the decision was made to discontinue the provision of refreshments at our meetings. This decision can be reviewed if someone is prepared to take on the task on a regular basis.

John Tyler tel. 612736

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our June meeting held as usual on the first Friday of the month at the Community Hall. Our guest speaker was Mr Alan Crouchman. Alan is General Manager of North Weald Flying Services Ltd, but he was not present to talk of the history of that famous Battle of Britain aerodrome. His talk was entitled "Marauders".

The Martin B26 Marauder was first introduced into the Pacific theatre of war but then brought over to England and was present in Essex in considerable numbers with the USAAF Ninth Air Force. It was powered by two Pratt and Whitney radial engines of the same type that powered the P47 Thunderbolt fighter which was based at Martlesham. It had an extremely high wing load and initially had a fearsome reputation with the men

who flew it.

As the Germans and the British had both found out to their cost, daylight bombing was extremely hazardous and only the Americans persisted with it. Indeed the Marauder and the American heavy bomber such as the B17 Flying Fortress could not have continued had it not been for a heavy fighter escort. The Marauder, as with all other planes, whether bombing occupied Europe by day or night, were vulnerable to flak.

Alan Crouchman was very knowledgeable and the evening was mainly given up to rare colour film footage that has been transferred to video. A vote of thanks was given by our member. Tony Errington.

The Society is planning another Open Day for Sunday 14th September between 11 am and 4 pm. We expect to have a flying demonstration by the "Battle of Britain Memorial Flight" Spitfire and hopefully will again have the acrobatic Yak 52. The programme has not been finalised but it promises to be an event not to be missed!

Our next meeting will be on Friday 4th July, when Mr Peter Verney will talk about the De Havilland Mosquito. It is a 7:30 pm start.

Alan Powell 622458

### **The Red Lion Village Day Hog Roast**

We are really looking forward to the village day this year as we are trying something different with a Hog Roast. Rolls filled with succulent slow roasted pork with apple sauce will be on sale at our stand all day and hopefully into the evening (if we don't sell out!!!). Keep an eye out for our stand or should I say nose as the smell will be tantalizing!!! Come along and see us on the day and have a taste!

**MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**(Registered Charity 273769)**

**AGM**

As might have been expected, our AGM was not very well supported but thanks to those brave souls who did support us! If you are interested in the proposed new Sports Hall, Skate Park or Village Hall at the Recreation Ground/Kronjies Piece, please consider giving us your support by coming on the committee. As a summary of the last year, the Chairman's report is reproduced below:

During this year steady progress has been made on our three projects to benefit the community.

The development on the Recreation Ground has undergone a metamorphosis. Firstly, because of high build costs it was decided to change from traditional brick to timber frame construction. Secondly, with the pending closure of the present outdated Village Hall, joint discussions took place with it's Committee to use any proceeds from the sale of their site to help fund a combined Meeting Hall and Sports Changing facility with full disabled compliance. Improved plans have been drawn, consultations with the Local Authority Planners are progressing and a business plan is being formulated.

A joint working party, made up of MCC and SPARK committee members, have established a need for a local leisure centre, now to be named the 'Sandlings Sports Centre' incorporating an Indoor Bowling Hall and large multipurpose Sports Hall. Land in Bugsby Way, Kesgrave has been donated and finance promised by the Kesgrave Covenant Trust. Architects have been appointed and an application for Lottery Grant Funding from Sport England is planned. Local Sports Associations and Clubs have been invited to attend our joint project meetings to express their interest in participating in this major project. Considerable amount of capital has already been raised to match the Sport England grant, but serious fund raising will still be needed.

MCC, Kesgrave Town Council and SPARK have supported the affiliated 'Friction Skatepark Association' in their plans to provide a skatepark for teenagers in the Kesgrave/Martlesham area. A site is earmarked, an Architect appointed, acoustic tests are being carried out and the Association is attracting a growing number of enthusiastic young people who are receiving First Aid and Safety Training and enjoy visits to other established skateparks.

Community Council finances remain healthy, supported by local authority grants and business donations, and funds have recently contributed to a Drought Garden near the Village Centre. Fund raising events have also been successful. A notable highlight being a recent Gilbert and Sullivan musical evening held in St. Michael's Church Hall.

Unfortunately, committee membership continues to fall and administrative responsibility remains with a stalwart few. With many more fund raising events and a house to house collection planned in October, new members or helpers are urgently needed. It is hoped to publicise our activities again on 'Village Day' and in regular insertions in the Martlesham Monthly in the hope of encouraging new members.

**Fund Raising**

A reminder of our fund raising events for the rest of the year:

\* 12th July Village day. We have booked 2 pitches to communicate the project plans and progress & raise some money. There will be a penny collection to fill in some large sports shapes to promote and advertise the joint MCC/Kesgrave SPARK Sandlings Sports Hall project. Please call in with your spare pennies and have a chat about the projects being pursued on your behalf!!

\* 28th September (provisional) for a sponsored walk round the Martlesham Circular route using the Red Lion as a base. This will be a 50/50 walk with 50% to MCC projects and 50% to a charity of the

walker's choice. Registration will be £2 per sponsor form or you can just turn up on the day and pay £5 that will go to MCC projects. There will be a treasure hunt quiz to keep you looking as you go round. Look out for further details or contact yours truly.

31st October confirmed for a house-to-house collection. This is our big fund raising chance and an opportunity to communicate more about the projects that are progressing on your behalf. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

If you can help, please contact Jackie Bear on 623007 or e-mail at [jacque.bear@btinternet.com](mailto:jacque.bear@btinternet.com)  
\* 18th October in the Community Centre, Giant Jumble sale.

Dave Green

(MCC scribe), [dave.green@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.green@btinternet.com)

**SPORTS, AMENITIES & RECREATION in KESGRAVE (SPARK)**

**(Charity No 1077587)**

**SANGLINGS SPORTS CENTRE**

I, as Secretary of the joint Martlesham Community Council and SPARK (Sports, Amenities & Recreation in Kesgrave) project committee, wish to inform Martlesham Parish Magazine readers of the developments regarding the proposed Sandlings Sports Centre on land adjacent to Hartree Way Kesgrave.

The concept of having a Sports Centre in our area had its origins in the demise of the old hangar adjacent to the RAF Martlesham Heath control tower. It was envisaged then to provide a suitable building for indoor sports on this site but unfortunately ran into planning difficulties. At this point a Martlesham & Kesgrave partnership was formed to pursue the Sandlings Sports Centre Project.

The only problem to this was a difficulty in identifying a site that was central to the area and here Kesgrave Covenants Ltd offered to contribute a site on Hartree Way which forms part of an area set aside for employment.

The growth of the Grange Farm Estate and Martlesham with its new

developments bringing in the younger generation of families, the amenities such as a Sports Centre would have to reflect their requirements.

The proposed building will consist of two halls linked together by a central reception with support facilities including changing rooms, a fitness suite, meeting rooms and a bar. On one side would be a 6-rink Indoor Rink Bowls hall and on the other will be a multipurpose sports hall.

Over the past twelve months the project committee has invited Organisations and Suffolk Associations to attend their meetings to discuss their involvement in the project. The response from these discussions has been overwhelming that a Sports Centre in the Martlesham/Kesgrave catchment area is a requirement.

The following are some of the Sports representatives that have taken part in our discussions during the past winter months: Deben Archery – Suffolk Keep Fit – Martlesham Youth Football – Suffolk Volleyball – Kesgrave Tennis & Table Tennis Clubs – Suffolk Basketball – Suffolk Badminton – Kesgrave Kestrals Football Club and others. With these sports bodies on board the age spectrum from juveniles to the over 60's would be covered.

The Indoor Bowls Club is an important factor as well as the Sports hall. The Committee has written to all the catchment area outdoor bowling clubs along with the Suffolk Indoor Bowling Association and the Suffolk County Bowls Association and from the replies, a favourable response has been received. There are only two Indoor Clubs within a twelve-mile radius of Kesgrave. Ipswich has only one six rink Indoor Club which has a waiting list to join and Felixstowe with its own catchment area is the other comparing with six Clubs if you live in the Norwich area.

Bowls is no longer an "old mans game". The younger generation has now come into the sport and most Clubs have active juvenile sections along with many under 25 players. Participation of father and

son, and mother and daughter competitions is now making bowls a family sport and this is what the committee wants to see here at Kesgrave.

It is hoped from this report that the proposals being drawn up by the Joint Committee will give the present residents of Kesgrave and Martlesham a Centre of Excellence to which they will be proud of not only now but for future generations. A sports complex of this calibre does not come cheaply; some funds are available but not enough to see this project through. An application for lottery funding through Sport England would have to be made. Martlesham Community Council is organising several fund raising activities for the project during the summer months so please support them. They will duly be advertised where and when.

If you shop at the Kesgrave Shopping Mall in Ropes Drive West, why not visit the 2nd Stop Charity Shop next to Tesco's. Profits from the taking are shared jointly between SPARK and the local Scouts Association. If anyone would like to put on a fund raising event the Committee would be very pleased to hear from you.

The Martlesham Secretary (Miss Jacque Bear) can be contacted at "Jaydene" Main Road Martlesham Woodbridge IP12 4NS.or telephone no. 01473 623007.

Stuart Pope  
Project Secretary

### **DOG FOULING**

Oh no, not another complaint about dog fouling, you may sigh! But I feel compelled to write my first ever missive to a publication.

As the mother of two children and owner of two dogs I can empathise with both sides of the divide, and readily hold up my Tesco carrier-bagged hand and admit that if one of my four legged darlings does disappear into the undergrowth to deposit , I do not clamber through to scoop it up.

However, how can any dog

owner not feel some shame walking away from a fresh pile of excrement in the middle of the path or playing field? I am one of the Saturday morning football sideline Martlesham mothers proudly watching my son doing his bit to become the next David Beckham and am horrified to see piles of dog excrement on and around the football pitch. Before any training session can commence, someone has to go round bag in hand picking it all up. And it beggars belief that on one morning in mid match one West Highland Terrier owner allowed his dog to defecate right beside the pitch and walked off!!!

I do not need to go through the dangers to children of dog faeces—it has been well documented over and over again. I can only put the unpicked up piles down to ignorance and/or selfishness!

Most annoyed,  
Borderline Kesgrave/Martlesham resident

### **MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

#### **Looking After Your Village**

During the past few weeks we have had several complaints from residents about the standard of the grass cutting this season. These problems have arisen because we now have a different grass cutter. The same contractor is doing the work but there has been a change in staff who was not familiar with the many separate areas of grass in the village. We have been working closely with the contractor and hope that all the problems have now been resolved.

We are grateful to residents for their calls and would like you to continue to keep a watchful eye and let us know if any areas are missed. Messages left on the number given below are passed on to the Land Maintenance Committee for action.

Only one of our primary schools is taking part in the painting competition on Village Day but the competition is open to all Martlesham children of primary school age. Competitors are invited to de-

sign a poster showing the wildlife on the Western Corridor. This should be on A4 paper and your name, age, and home telephone number should be written on the reverse. Entries should be brought to the MCL stand on Village Day between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded to two age groups, 5 - 7 and 8 - 11 years.

We hope lots of members will call at the stand for a chat during the afternoon.

Don't forget that the MCL Board meets at St. Michaels Church Centre on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 pm and members are very welcome to attend these meetings. Alternatively you can leave a voicemail message on 01473 612207 or e-mail [mcl.mh@btinternet.com](mailto:mcl.mh@btinternet.com)

### **BRUSHSTROKES ART GROUP**

We have all been busy getting paintings done for local art exhibitions, or just doodling for the fun of it! From the success of last year, we are having another stall at the village day, and hope to promote our group and sell some paintings and cards. We have a few members entering the watercolor challenge and wish them all the best. Over the next few months we hope to get another demonstration evening in and towards Autumn we will be holding another art and craft fare in the Pavilion. We would like to see more people painting or craft making, especially those mums who can't get out during the day but would like a couple of hours in the evening. The group is made up of all sorts who just like to paint and share any tips. All you need to do is bring your own painting or craft gear and do it, have a coffee and enjoy a bit of time out! Brushstrokes is still meeting fortnightly on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Church annex/playgroup room. For more information please contact Sue Sharman 610474.

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Many thanks to all those children who took part in our painting competition in May which featured "Mammals". We would also like to

thank all the parents and teachers for their support. We were impressed by all the entries, especially from the younger age group. Thanks also go to everyone who came along to the exhibition of paintings in the Pavilion on the 17th May. Congratulations go to the winners Audrey McBride, Joseph Whinney, James Clapson, Kalum Winters, Alison Byam, Jonathan Western and Laura Williams, all from Gorseland School.

On Sunday 13th July we will be undertaking our annual survey of the Silver Studded Blue butterfly population on Martlesham Heath SSSI. If you wish to come along and help with the survey, then please join us at 10 am outside the Douglas Bader public house. No previous knowledge or particular skill is required, all information and guidance will be supplied on the day.

The Silver Studded Blue butterfly is a nationally rare species of butterfly and Martlesham Heath is one of its best sites in East Anglia. We are fortunate to have it so close at hand. It is truly beautiful and we should value and look after it. Please join us for a couple of hours on Sunday 13th July at 10 am or come along and chat to us about local wildlife at our stall on village day - Music on the Green on the 12th July.

Phil Smith – 625630

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

Many thanks to those who came along to the Morning Market at Melton Hall on Saturday 14th June the event raised £638 towards the work of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in protecting Suffolk's wildlife.

The Woodbridge Group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust have an evening walk at Hazelwood marshes in search of migrant waders at 7 pm on Friday 8th August. Meet in the reserve car park grid reference TM435575. The car park is located on the road into Aldeburgh just before the golf club. All are welcome along. Admission is free.

Phil Smith, Chairman Woodbridge Group - 625630

### **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

#### **Birthday celebrations at MB**

On 9th June Martlesham Brass celebrated the 90th birthday of our oldest member, Bill Bell. Bill joined the band in September last year, as an 'almost' beginner, after a 75 break in his brass band career! His commitment and regular attendance to band practices, contests and engagements has gained Bill a swift promotion to First Cornet in the Preliminary band. We wanted to acknowledge Bill's landmark birthday, as we felt it was an inspiration to all those people young and old who would like to learn to play. It proves you are never too old to have fun making music!

#### **Review of June's band engagements**

On the first weekend in June we participated in the Pentecost Songs of Praise service at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath. This event involved all the groups who use the church facilities. They came together in a service of celebration, with each group choosing one of the hymns. Martlesham Brass provided some of the musical accompaniment for the service, before participating in the lovely tea and cakes provided after the service. On the same afternoon our Preliminary band went to the Tuddenham village fete, which was also a most enjoyable event.

Martlesham Brass held our Summer Fair on 21st June. This was a major fund-raising event for the band, and was followed by a barbecue for family and friends. The final amounts raised on the day will appear in next month's report.

The last weekend in June saw the Preliminary band at the Martlesham Control Tower for the playgroup fun day, and the Intermediate band appearing at Norwood residential home in Ipswich.

#### **July's diary of events**

We are appearing at the following local events as well as holding our own summer concert.

July 5th - Main band is appearing at Kesgrave Fun Day

July 6th—12 players are doing the Ipswich Maternity block abseil for band funds

July 12th—All sections of the band



are participating in Martlesham 'Music on the Green'

July 13th—Main band is accompanying the 'Service on the Green' Martlesham Heath

July 19th—Preliminaries are playing at Chelmondiston Fete

**July 19th Martlesham Brass Summer Concert, St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath**

The concert starts at 7 pm. It will feature performances by each of our four band sections, and during the concert there will be a presentation of awards to players. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy an evening of brass band music. Tickets are now on sale and can be ordered by telephoning Alison on 01473 611578 (ansaphone).

If you would like to know more about Martlesham Brass please visit our website at [www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk) or telephone our band secretary Nicol, on 01473 404472.

Alison Eyley  
Martlesham Brass Publicity Officer

**MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

The first club game, the Frost Drive, was won by Ernie Brooks (also known as 'you old goat').

Wednesday 4th June started off dry and cloudy and everybody looked forward to a great "Wednesday Pairs" but it was not to be. After three games the heavens opened and we were soaked. In the evening Martlesham played Christchurch, on a perfect green and a bright evening!

Members Ken Seager and Gordon Levitt are not able to play at present as they are attending hospital. All the members wish them well and hope they will soon be able to join us again and enjoy the rest of the bowling season.

Some of the Captains are having a job getting a team together for matches. This means frantic 'phone calls for the players. Recently our Friendlies Captain Harry had to cancel a game as he was unable to field a full team.

Two dates for your diary, Saturday 5th June Thurlow Cup at 2:00 pm and Saturday 9th August at 2:00 pm the Keen Cup (pairs).

SPARK, this stands for Sports Amenities and Recreation in Kesgrave, are organising the 'Sandlings' Indoor Bowling Club. A mailing list for bowlers who are interested in joining the new indoor club at the Sandlings on Grange Farm is on the notice board in the Pavilion. If interested, please sign up. Further information will be sent to those who have signed up.

This opportunity is also open to non-Martlesham Bowls Club members. They should get in touch with Stuart Pope, Project Secretary at 7 Helston Close, Kesgrave, IP5 1ST.

Next Committee meeting is on Monday 7th July at 7:00 pm

Linda Brown our Secretary can be contacted on 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

**MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY WEB PORTAL**

[www.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.martlesham.org.uk)

After several months of hard work I am pleased to announce that the Martlesham Community internet web portal is now live. For the first time residents can submit village events and news for live publication on the internet, and add public meetings to the on-line community calendar. There is a live forum where you can exchange news and views, and place adverts for items you are trying to sell. There are even picture galleries of local scenes!

The portal contains links to many other on-line village facilities, including the local secondary schools and clubs. The number of businesses registering their own websites is also growing. If you are looking for a local link your ideal starting point is [www.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.martlesham.org.uk)

Why not visit the site today and look at the facilities available? Registration is straightforward and completely free – and this enables you to contribute news items and other useful information.

This site is not static – we wish to grow it to allow all community

interests to be represented on the internet. One of the first groups to recognise this potential has been The Martlesham Community Council who have their own web pages as part of the portal with full details of their on-going projects and meetings. We can offer this facility to any other group in the area – as well as providing links to any already established web sites.

This site has been set up and run by a small number of volunteers locally, and has been designed to grow to meet new community requirements! If you are interested in getting involved or would like your special interest or business to be represented then please get in touch either through the portal or e-mail: [webmaster@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@martlesham.org.uk)

Malcolm Bell - 610073

**MARTLESHAM ART GROUP**

Martlesham Art Group will be holding an exhibition and sale of members' work on Saturday 12th July from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in St Michael's Church Annexe, with 20% of the proceeds being donated to the church. Entrance will be free and refreshments will be available.

**MARTLESHAM HEATH BLOOD DONOR SESSION**

A session is to be held in the 1st Martlesham Scout H.Q. on Monday 14th July at the following times:

1 - 3:30 pm and 5 - 7 pm

Kathy Greenhow (Local Organiser)  
623367

**MARIAN ANNA STALLARD**

Marian Anna Stallard, formerly of 25 York Road, Martlesham Heath, passed away peacefully on Saturday June 7th 2003 at Brooke House Nursing Home in Norfolk.

Jane Stallard

## MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

At the AGM, Tony Strange finished his tenure as Executive Committee Chair after 4 years (thanks and well done Tony) and Bruce Mitchell has taken over (welcome Bruce). The committee comprises parents and leaders, and helps to ensure the group runs smoothly by supporting the leaders in their activities. The group as a whole is running balanced finances. A few more helping hands would be very welcome on the committee as would general support from parents for the scouting activities.

The Quiz night on the 20th June was a fun affair (the new chairman's team won!) and the event raised a few pounds in support of the group.

On 28th June we had the annual Fun Day held at Dan's Meadow.

Dates for the diary—  
12th July Village Day  
26th July Canadian Camp.

Any scouting enquires, please contact your son's leader as the first point of call or the Group Scout Leader, Keith Gleen. If you would like to support the Executive Committee please contact Tony ( 6 2 5 4 6 0 ) .

## MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**J U L Y 2 0 0 3**

We invite you to join us this month, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. If you are still searching we would be happy to answer your questions; for those who have already discovered that Jesus Christ is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" we offer Biblical teaching, opportunities for worship as well as fellowship, to help you grow in **SUNDAY SERVICES** 10:30-11:45 am, Family Worship with **Sunspoyour faith. t / Bible - C l a s s .** 6:30 pm, Communion. **SPECIAL JOINT SERVICE** with St. Michael's Church will take place on Sunday 13th in the marquee on The Green instead of our normal morning service. Except last Sunday in the month ( 2 7 t h ) : 10:30 am All-age Family Service including Communion.

## WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Circle (ladies group) July 8th, 2:00 pm. "Shoes Galore"- a light-hearted afternoon with Margaret Townsend. Funfit—We will be taking a break from Funfit until the Autumn. **NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP**- Wednesday- 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- Thursday: 10:00 am - 12 : 0 0 . Teens Club - Thursday 7:00—8:30 pm.

There are other opportunities for Prayer, Bible-Study, Music Groups etc. If you require further information about any of the Fellowship's activities, beliefs or practices, please ring Julia Faulkner on 0 1 4 7 3 6 2 5 4 8 2 . The Fellowship Centre is in Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** The Churches in Martlesham present a joint Holiday Club. **"OUT OF THE TOYBOX"** with John Hardwick August 12-13 at The Fellowship Centre, Black Tiles Lane. August 14-15 at St Michael's Church Centre. Contact: Carolyn Smith: 625630 or Julia Faulkner: 625482

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2003

We have finally finished counting the contents of all the many envelopes, and are pleased to be able to report that the total collected in Martlesham and Brightwell this year is £3074.35. This is a wonderful total! Your contributions will make a real difference to the lives of many ordinary people in desperate need, so a very big thank you to all who donated and all the volunteers who collected. As this year's posters said, you **are** helping to change the world!  
Carolyn Smith & Rosemary Still 625630

## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

"Thoughts from your Parish Church," this column calls itself. Which church? The lovely old one above the Creek or the smart new one on the Green? The answer is: both ... and neither. Because the parish church of Martlesham isn't a building, but people.

Legally, the parish church is the one dedicated to St Mary the Virgin, in Church Lane. Once the centre of the village, surrounded by homes, it was where everyone came together to worship God. The new building, St Michael and All Angels on the Green, is a "daughter" church, nearer the main centre of population today.

We are greatly blessed in having both: the traditional and the modern. This is reflected in the wide variety of services, from Prayer Book Matins to Informal Worship with guitars and drums. Something for everyone.

But my favourite image of the "church" in Martlesham is on Village Day, now called "Music on the Green". On Saturday 12 July, you'll see all the doors of St Michael's open, and churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike coming in for refreshments.

In a very real sense, our doors are always open. Which ever the building, it's your church. Come and join us for some spiritual refreshment, the rest of the year!

PS - Don't forget the Service on the Green, Sunday 13th July, 10:30 am.

Revd Heather Cooke

## SERVICE ON THE GREEN

On Sunday July 13th 2003 at 10:30 am Martlesham Parish Church will join with the Martlesham Christian Fellowship for a Service in the Marquee on the Green.

A warm welcome is guaranteed. After the Service (weather permitting) we are hoping that folks will bring a picnic lunch and share in some fun and games.

Any questions please contact Lewis Currie on 625320.



**THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 6th July Trinity 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th July Trinity 4	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	10:30am Service on the Green
Sunday 20th July Trinity 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship and Sunday School 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 27th July Trinity 6	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St. Michael's. BRIGHT STARS on 10/07/03 and 24/07/03 at St. Michael's 10:30am.

**PRAYER DIARY FOR JULY**

Pray daily for world peace, our parish and:  
 8 for all who work to heal others  
 9 for the residents of Coopers Road  
 10 for leaders, children & carers at Bright Stars  
 11 for all in a hospice today  
 12 for music & fun at 'Music on the Green'  
 13 for our Christian witness in Martlesham  
 14 for the work of the Mission to Seafarers  
 15 for prisoners & their families  
 16 for the residents of Crane Close  
 17 for victims of crime  
 18 for all engaged in voluntary work  
 19 give thanks for leisure time  
 20 for those who do not know God's love

21 for all who work in Martlesham  
 22 Mary Magdalene—give thanks for forgive  
 23 for the residents of Crown Close  
 24 for our local police officers  
 25 James the Apostle—give thanks for his witness  
 26 for children, parents & teachers at the start of the school holidays  
 27 be still & know God  
 28 for all travelling today  
 29 for carers  
 30 for the residents of De Brink on the Green  
 31 for our local health visitors  
**AUGUST 1** for our local parish councillors  
 2 give thanks for the bounty of creation  
 3 for Sunday School leaders and members  
 4 for all who work on the land  
 5 for grandparents  
 6 for the residents of Deben Avenue  
 7 that we may recognise Jesus as our Lord and Saviour