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PC Ian Rafferty

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Mobile—07810 654145
E-mail—ian.rafferty1@ntlworld.com

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Grants

Any parish organization or society that may need financial assistance from the parish council next year (2004/05) should obtain an application form from the Clerk and submit the completed form and supporting information to the Parish Clerk by 18th November. The November meeting of the council's Finance & General Purposes Committee will be considering all such applications as part of its budget preparations.

Proposed Parking Restrictions

Valiant Road—The County Council is proposing double yellow lines in Valiant Road opposite the entrance to Birchwood School from Eagle Way to outside no. 1; the parish council welcomed this proposal as it would help reduce congestion, improve visibility on the junction and generally make this part of the road safer. Over the years there has been many complaints about the dangers posed by parked cars particularly at school times.

York Road - the County Council recently received a complaint about

access to the flats in York Road when an ambulance was delayed by cars parked in the turning area. They are suggesting a marking such as 'Keep Clear' and preferably not double yellow lines. If you have any comments please let the clerk know.

New Bus Stop

A new bus stop has been provided on Eagle Way near Parker's Place This is on trial basis and will be monitored by the bus company; if it is found to be regularly used then it could become permanent. Any comments please let the clerk know.

Cycling on Footways

Some students from Kesgrave High School are riding on the footways with no regard for pedestrians and recently an elderly lady was seen to be deliberately almost knocked over. There were also concerns over youngsters cycling in groups particularly in the Lark Rise/Swan Close/Eagle Way area. Parents should please make sure that their children, whatever age, cycle safely and are considerate to all pedestrians. The footways are for pedestrians not for cyclists.

Horse Riding

Many paths in the parish are used by horse riders and there have been several complaints about horse manure being deposited on the paths often where it is difficult for pedestrians to avoid, this has happened in the Tesco underpass as well on several well used paths. Would all horse riders take care please to prevent this happening: it can be very unpleasant!

Refuse Collection Service

Suffolk Coastal will be starting a major review of the refuse collection services because of expanding recycling needs, changes in the type and quantity of waste and household growth. Comments, views and suggestions are sought for example any preferred collection days, any access problems and any other difficulties. The Parish Council would like to hear your comments before responding or you may wish also to comment direct to Christopher, Services Manager (Waste) at Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Public Transport

Users of public transport are being urged by the County Council to get involved and help shape the future of public transport service provision. Groups are being set up across the county to give local people an opportunity to discuss both the good and poor elements of their public transport network. The contact is Danny Douglas at County hall on 01473 583338; you can also let the parish council know your views by contacting the clerk.

Budgets

The parish council will soon be preparing its budget for next year culminating in deciding its precept (i.e. money collected via the Council Tax) in December or January. The council tries to keep any increases to a minimum but with the ever increasing cost of providing the services this will be very difficult. A particularly large expenditure is on land maintenance and this will be reviewed as the current three year contract ends in March and tenders for a new contract will have to be obtained. If you have any comments about the parish council's work and expenditure please write or e-mail them to the clerk as any comments or suggestions will be useful when the budgets are being prepared.

Working Parties

There are often a number of tasks needing to be undertaken that can be safely carried 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; if you are interested please contact the Clerk for further details.

Parish Plan

The Parish Council will soon be considering whether or not to proceed with a Parish Plan. The purpose of the plan will be to consult with all residents to find out what are their views, concerns, needs and aspirations regarding all aspects of our community. We can then work to plan to fulfill or resolve these as much as we are

able and try to further improve the community and its facilities. The plan will also be very useful in our liaison with and consultations from the district and county councils and other agencies.

Anybody who has any comments or may be interested in helping with this please let the Clerk know.

Meetings

- * Parish Council - Wednesday 5th November and 3rd December
- * Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 12th November
- * Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 19th November
- * Finance & General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 26th November

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

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Registered Charity 272769)

Jumble Sale

Our apologies to all concerned but the date has been changed to the 28th February 2004, so please keep all your jumble for that date. More details in next issues.

Door-to-Door Collection

We would like to say thank you to the following people who volunteered to collect on the door-to-door collection: **Steven Copsey, Barry Cross, Tony Haddocks, Graham Clark, Sue Sharman, Robert Hoy, Peter Glenn, Bernard Andrews, Sue Dyer and Margaret Ling** for giving up their time. The

amount collected will be announced next month.

Sponsored Walk

Our thanks to those who went on the sponsored walk. It was a success and there will be another walk next year. A big thank you must also go to THE RED LION who provided soup and drinks at the end of the walk.

Small Change

Please do not throw away all those pennies and two pence pieces. Keep them until the next village day and perhaps we can fill up a football with them.

The committee is still looking for volunteers who can spare perhaps a couple of hours to assist at the odd event like a jumble sale. You do not have to attend any committee meetings or become trustees.

Any queries please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

DATES FOR POLICE ADVICE CENTRES / SURGERIES 2003

PC 387 Ian Rafferty will be at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion between 2:00—3:30 pm on the following dates this year...

Thurs. 13th November, Thurs. 27th November and Thurs. 11th December.

PC 387 Ian Rafferty
Martlesham Community Police
Officer

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Looking After Our Village

As a result of our recent appeal for more volunteers one new director has been co-opted to the Board and several people have offered to serve on one of the committees or to help in specific ways. We look forward to meeting those whom we have not already met at the next Board Meeting or at the AGM.

The proposed tree surgery list has now been drawn up and will be discussed at the next Land Maintenance Committee Meeting. It will take a while for the Committee to look at all the sites raised and thence to obtain the advice of the tree surgeon, but members who raised their concerns will be

advised of the decisions taken before any work is carried out.

All members should by now have received the leaflet outlining the history and work of MCL which we hope those less familiar with the effect MCL has on the village will find useful and informative.

REMINDER; Have you paid your levy due by 1st November? You will still be able to pay the discounted amount of £10 if you pay by 15th November.

As usual MCL can be contacted by voicemail on 01473 612207, e-mail at mcl.mh@btinternet.com or letters can be handed in at 6 the Square.

BLOOD DONOR SESSION

A Blood Donor Session is to be held in the 1st Martlesham Scout H.Q. on Thursday 20th November at the following times:

1 - 3:30 pm and 5 - 7 pm

I am still looking for someone to take on the role of Local Organiser. If you are interested or want more information then please contact me on the number below.

Kathy Greenhow 01473 623367

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The winter meetings continue and are being enjoyed by our members and friends. The evening with Rachel Sloane was especially entertaining and interesting.

The next two dates coming up are **November 28th** with Mr Goodhead on his subject of '**The Case is Altered**' and **9th January 2004** which will be the ever popular, eagerly awaited '**Quiz night**' with Mr Brian Davey.

Before these two meetings we have another entertaining event, '**The Annual General Meeting**'. This will be on the **14th November** and invitations will soon be out, but please put it in your diaries now so you don't forget.

As well as the business of electing the officers and committee members, subscriptions and Annual Dinner bookings can also be made during the evening. We then usually

look forward to the Mince Pies and refreshments that are served afterwards.

The outing to Thursford Christmas Show is being finalised and finer details should be available soon.

One piece of very useful information for all of you thinking about next year's plants, is that the seed catalogues have now arrived. They can be collected from Cyril Watson. Please give Cyril a ring, so your order can be included in the discounted seed order he co-ordinates for us every year. Telephone 622280

Should anyone wish to join our association then please contact either the Chairman Stan Harris on 01473 623427 or Linda Mitchell on 01394 388577.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our October meeting took the form of an open day, when members and friends met for lunch, before the demonstration by Mrs C Picton, a National Demonstrator. The title of her demonstration was "Phantasmagoria". My dictionary definition gives the meaning as "visual fallacy or spectacle". Mrs Picton used unusual containers to produce large and spectacular arrangements. The flowers included white and cerise orchids and scarlet anthuriums, as well as shamrock green chrysanthus, complemented by various foliage.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Picton for an enjoyable afternoon by our President Mrs C Newton.

November 19th will be our last meeting of the year. Our demonstrator will be Mrs Jackie Collings, and her subject title will be "Happy Christmas".

The competition is for a parcel decorated with either dried, sprayed, or silk flowers or foliage.

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 01473 624401

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Report of Monthly Meeting—17th October 2003

The coming festive season started early at the October meeting when members enjoyed a demonstration of Christmas decorations, natural foliage and many recycled materials were used with delightful results and the humorous anecdotes by Mrs Polley made an interesting and enjoyable evening.

The President, Mrs Audrey Burnell, gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for a collection of Autumn berries made a colourful display and from the several entries Mrs Polley awarded first place to Ann Berg and second to Pat Brown.

Muriel Willcox, Margaret Hoey and Dorothy Farahar celebrated birthdays in October and each received a birthday posie.

The annual meeting will be held on Friday 21st November at 7:30 pm in the Richard Room. The competition—"Look What I Have Made".

Sylvia Harris

W.I. COUNTRY MARKETS AT MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

We are not such a stuffy lot,
Come and see what we have got.

We cook food to please,
Our products contain no E's.

So don't just walk on by,
Our food, come in and try.
I'm sure that you will see,
Just how pleasant we can be.

Come and see what we can make,
Have a cup of tea and cake.
It's not just food we sell,
But lots of craft as well.

Fresh fruit and veg for you to try,
Plants and flowers for you to buy,
Pots of lovely honey and jam,
All you'll find at Martlesham.

A poem by Kim Villar

Orders are now being taken for Christmas cookery and presents. We will be open from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the pavilion every Tuesday until December 16th. We will be

situated in the Scout H.Q. in the New Year while the pavilion is being refurbished.

marie@whinney89.freereserve.co.uk

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Africa was very much to the fore in Martlesham during the last month. Gillian Berry came to our October branch meeting to show slides and tell us about her visit to Kenya. Along with Joyce Starling, our Diocesan President, and two other members she had flown to Nairobi to embark on a visit to each of the 5 Kenyan dioceses - Mt Kenya South, Thika, Mt Kenya Central, Kirinyaga and Mt Kenya West. They spent two or three days in each diocese, visiting up to nine different branches, being offered food at each, every day. Photographs showed large groups of smiling women, often singing and dancing and all wearing MU uniform. Attendance at meetings was huge and most had walked a considerable distance to get there.

Several of our members had encountered Gillian the previous week when we attended an Africa orientated "Action and Outreach" day at St Michael's with members from all over our diocese. During the morning and afternoon 'fun' sessions we participated in bead threading, tie-dying or the string game. All very interesting but sending out a stark message. Threading beads and tie-dying can while away the time but as a source of income..? The string game followed the lives of 10 members of an African family but at the end only 3 had survived. We enjoyed the day but it certainly gave us much food for thought.

Don't forget we are still collecting knitted hats and copies of Reader's Digest for seafarers, old spectacles for Africa, and toiletries for victims of domestic violence who have fled their homes with practically nothing.

Our next meeting is at St Michael's at 2:30 pm on November

5th for St Cecilia Day Meditations led by Helen Davy.

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

A thought for the month; North American Indians have a saying; Walk in another's moccasins one moon - then judge!

G O D B L E S S
SHEILA SMITH

THANKS

May I express my thanks to all kind friends who sent cards and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital. They were all very much appreciated.

Betty Dickinson

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

At our first meeting after the summer recess, we were introduced to Mrs Rumbold who cares for sick and abandoned hedgehogs. Mrs Rumbold had with her a baby hedgehog of four weeks that she is caring for at the moment. This will not be returned to the wild until next spring once she has bought it through the winter and it is up to its survival weight. With many details of a hedgehog's life, including the fact that their only predators are badgers (they are able to flip them over and unroll them without being hurt by the quills), it was a very informative talk; a vote of thanks was given by Myrtle Dunn.

With the Chairman and 23 members present for our meeting of September 18th, a Beetle Drive had been organised. This always elicits a great deal of laughter and this one was no exception, with Sheila Swanwick winning more than one prize!! With our usual tea and biscuits followed by the raffle, it was agreed that it had been a most enjoyable evening.

On the evening of October 2nd our guest speaker was Mrs

Brooks, who, with her friend Sue on the projector, gave us a talk and slide show about Iceland, which she entitled 'Land of Fire and Ice'. After a few questions from the floor our Chairman thanked both ladies for a most spectacular slide show and interesting talk echoed by members' appreciative applause. Mrs Brooks kindly donated her fee to C.L.I.C., our charity for this year.

Our fortnightly meetings in the Richards Rooms continue with November's being on the 13th and 27th.

Rita Smith

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Our next meeting is at 8:15 pm on Monday 17th November at Di-
anne's—26 Saddlers Place.

The Inca Trail - a talk by Mary Bolton on her recent adventures in Peru raising money for St Elizabeth's Hospice.

New members always welcome (marital status immaterial).
Contact Jenny on 01473 626253.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 4th November from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Following lunch, Sally Thompson, health visitor, will give a talk on 'The Sick Child' giving practical advice on when to see a doctor, how to care for a child who is ill and much more.

All mums, babies and toddlers are welcome to join us.

For more details please ring Brenda on 01473 625449 or Sue on 624130.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

For any of you mums/carers 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 - 11:30am 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.

As I am sure most of you are aware, the pavilion is due for refurbishment in January and is expected to last 12-15 weeks. During this time we have been fortunate to book most of our sessions in the Scout Hut behind the pavilion, on the same days and times. The sessions will be transferred to the Scout Hut from the 7th January until 23rd April.

The photographer will be attending a session on Friday 14th November. A list is up on the notice board with a few time slots left. Non-members welcome.

Toy Cleaning has been booked for the 19th November in the Pavilion at 8 pm; it would be nice to see some mums there!

We are having an evening of Pampering and Prezzies on Thursday 27th November in St Michael's Church Centre, where we are having four beauty demonstrations and there will be a variety of craft stalls. Tickets are available from the toddler sessions priced at £1.50. Ticket price will include a glass of wine and mince pie.

This year's Children's Christmas Party will be a fancy dress disco and take place on 12th December at St Michael's Church Centre, between 1—3 pm. If you wish to attend, add your name 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)

MARTLESHAM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

This half-term the children are enjoying various activities and crafts on the theme of 'Ourselves'; the children have been making a book about themselves. The children have also enjoyed making bread to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

The group has recently had its AGM where a new committee was elected, so thank you to all retiring committee members and good luck to the new!

Visitors are always welcome

to come and see us. If you would like more information about the playgroup then please contact Sarah Elmer, our bookings secretary, on Ipswich 620042.

Louisa Smith
Secretary

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Race For Life, which we supported this year, went very well and we managed to raise £1,100.00. A very big thank you to all who sponsored us and supported us on the day. Also thank you very much to Angela Wilkes for organising the event.

We have booked the tempest photographer to come and visit us on 11th November. The photos will be taken from 3—5 pm. All the pre-school children are welcome to come along for a sitting and also their friends and family.

Last year we supported 'Operation Christmas Child' which is a project run by the Samaritans' Purse Charity. It involves wrapping an empty shoebox with festive paper and filling it with gifts and toiletries. They are then sent all over the world to children who are less fortunate than some. We thought it would be a nice idea to do this each year with the children, so we are now busy collecting shoe boxes for the children to fill and send off.

Our theme for this term is 'Autumn and its Festivals'. The children will be learning about different animals that hibernate and making cakes for the birds. They will be making calendars, tree decorations and stained glass windows to take home for Christmas and this term we will also be looking at how the Jewish celebrate their festival of Hanukkah, making some stars, potato Latkes and clay night light holders.

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

Catherine Reeve

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

In October, despite the weather, the children ventured out to Rendlesham Forest for their Annual Ramble. The children enjoyed the scavenger hunt and collected a good range of natural materials. We have enjoyed our topic of Food and the children were particularly interested to investigate exotic fruits and their seeds, which prompted much discussion. Bowling drinks bottles was particularly fun and quite a lot of strikes were made (what a talented bunch). Making spaghetti patterns was another activity, which the children enjoyed along with finding out about the foods eaten in different countries.

November is a busy time for the committee at playgroup with our Annual Clairvoyant evening on November 14th at Martlesham Community Centre and our first **Christmas Fayre** (in my memory) on **15th November** at Cedarwood School, 2 – 4 pm. This will include many attractions for parents, prospective parents and children. Please come and support both these important fundraising events. Further details are available from me.

If anyone would like more information about our playgroup or would like to be added to the waiting list please give me a call.

Lisa Poole—Business Manager

01473 631087

FAIR PLAY AT CHRISTMAS?

Does Christmas shopping get you down? It is easy to criticise the commercial spirit that seems to be everywhere at Christmas, less easy to make a difference. We may decide to go along with it, or opt out completely, but if you are looking for a middle way, why not make sure that your Christmas shopping benefits people all around the world?

At the Fair Trade Shop we want to make a difference to the way we trade with the poorer nations of the world. We have a large selection of crafts, jewellery and other gifts, the common factor of all of them is that the people who produced them were paid a

fair wage for their labour. In the poorer countries of the world that is far from being a common thing - it is certainly not always the case in our own society! There are large things and small, and you do not need to spend a fortune.

We also have a good selection of Christmas cards on offer, to suit all tastes and pockets, as well as wrapping paper.

Fair trade is not just for Christmas, however, and by shopping regularly at the Fair Trade Shop you maintain the spirit of peace and goodwill which is too good to be left for one day in the year! We sell tea, coffee, (we now have decaffeinated instant for the first time) cereal and many other foodstuffs, including many organic products.

The Fair Trade Shop is open Monday - Saturday 9:30 am-4:30 pm and can be found in Orwell Place, opposite Martin & Newby.

Rachel Pennick

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At our meeting on Tuesday October 14th we had the pleasure of an illustrated talk entitled "The Story of a Family Firm" by George Paul of the BOCM-Paul company. It was very interesting to hear of the history—and tribulations—of the firm which was originally formed as corn chandlers and which developed from that into animal feed and subsequently maltsters. The company imported maize from the United States in large clipper ships from which the cargo was unloaded into Paul's own fleet of Thames barges. These vessels were used to deliver maize to various locations around the British coast and also across to the Continent.

Whilst one of the largest companies in these businesses in the UK they were the subject of aggressive takeover bids but the core business was maintained and eventually the BOCM-Paul name reappeared as the result of a management buyout and today we see the name on various mill buildings and road vehicles.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 9th

when the speaker will be the local author Robert Simper who will speak on "The Deben" - as a working river.

John Tyier Hon. Sec.
Tel. 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 3rd October and our monthly meeting was well attended to welcome our old friend from the Imperial War Museum, Brad King. The title of his illustrated talk was, "Planes, People and Politics.

The first half was devoted to the origins of the Royal Flying Corps, which was renamed the Royal Air Force in 1917.

The second half of the evening was devoted to the fledgling fighting planes of the Great War. Brad outlined how the initiative swung first to one side and then the other as developments continued apace.

Brad King was able to make the whole presentation so very interesting and humorous and the audience were most appreciative. He is a director of the Imperial War Museum and presently in charge of HMS Belfast, which is the cruiser moored on the Thames and part of the IWM.. A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be held as usual in the Community Hall and our speaker should be another old friend of the Society. Clive Denny restores the fabric of vintage aircraft and his talk is entitled, "Aircraft Restoration and Display Flying." Another humorous and entertaining speaker. Meetings start at 7:30 pm.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Every year Martlesham Heath Aviation Society organize an Armistice Day Remembrance Service which is held on the old Barrack Square in front of the twin war memorials.

The Service this year will be held on Sunday 9th November at 3 pm. It will last no longer than half an hour and we hope that many

from the village will attend.

The Service will be taken by Bishop Jeremy Walsh and the Salvation Army Band will be in attendance. Also present will be representatives from the United States Air Force and Air Sea Rescue from Wattisham. The Suffolk Army Cadets and the 356th ATC from Felix-towe will be on parade.

A cup of tea and a biscuit awaits at the Church of St Michael's and All Angels after the event.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION—OPEN DAY

Congratulations to the organisers of the above event. A most enjoyable occasion. Last year we marvelled at the spectacle of the flying displays over our garden in Deben Ave and commented on the very different circumstances the first owners of our house would have experienced when they too would have watched the aeroplanes overhead in 1939 during the Second World War. As we in this area have such strong links with the air force of those days it seems very sad and short sighted to read and hear of the complaint made about the Lancaster fly-past. We and many others who we talked to really missed this part of our past and the opportunity to pass on the experience to the present generation. Surely 5 minutes once a year of aircraft noise isn't too much to ask.

Rachel & Tim Pennick
p.s.—if anyone would care to hear the Spitfire again please log on to www.martlesham.org.uk

REGARDING AIR DISPLAY COMPLAINT

So democracy is dead and the minority vote wins!

One person complains and the flying display is cancelled, in spite of the wishes of the majority. That used to be called dictatorship and we fought a war to put an end to it. How things have changed since then!

Perhaps the person who complained should think again about living on the site of a famous wartime airfield and remove himself to

somewhere more appropriate, like the Outer Hebrides.

R. G. B. Holroyd

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday December 20th, 2003

Welcome once again to this project, to be held in St. Michael's Church Centre on the Heath, when Christmas trees will be provided, decorated, and enjoyed by groups from the three parishes.

The trees may be real or artificial, but no more than 5 feet high, and securely held in a suitable support or container

Decorations may be of any kind and perhaps illustrate the interests of the groups concerned, lights may be used, but not real candles because of the fire risk.

The trees to be brought to the Centre during Saturday morning, put up and decorated. The Festival itself will begin at 3 pm, at dusk, with the switching on of the tree lights and continue until 7 pm. The only other lights on in the building will be in the entrance, the toilets, and kitchen.

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served, for which a small charge will be made, and Christmas music will be played. It is hoped that visitors to the Festival will contribute to the Music Fund and the Children's Hospice. There will be no charge for groups taking part.

The trees will be cleared away on Sunday morning to make room for the Christingle Service at 3:30 pm.

Please contact Ann Little on 624002 as soon as possible to book your table space.

THE ORWELL SINGERS PRESENT "CHRISTMAS BELLES"

at 7:30 pm

**On Saturday 13th December 2003
At St Michael and All Angels
Church, Martlesham Heath**

**Tickets £4.00 on the door
Accompanied children 50p**

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NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

Weather permitting our next Group Walk will be on November 13th—venue to be confirmed. For details ring Olive Stowe on 01394 420489 or Anne Barnes on 01394 382534.

On Friday, November 21st at Kesgrave Community Centre, 12 Acre Approach, off Bell Lane, Kesgrave, Dr Gavin Clunie, Rheumatology Consultant, Ipswich Hospital, will be answering "Any Questions" on Osteoporosis. Don't miss this opportunity to hear all the answers!

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

presents

A Challenging Presentation of
MUSIC & MIME ARTISTRY
by Steve Murray

At the Martlesham Community Hall
Old Felixstowe Road, Martlesham
on

**Saturday 29th November
at 7:30 pm**

Cost £3 including Finger Buffet

For tickets & further information
please contact Sandra on 01473
625793 or e-mail
musicandmime@m-c-f.org

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

At our work party on Sunday 14th September we cut and cleared the grass within the glade in the woodland at the bottom end of the green on the Heath. We conduct a few work parties during the year to help to maintain the conservation value of the site.

Later in the year we will return to the woodland and work on some of the more heathy areas in an effort to retain these and so promote the diversity of wildlife.

We held a work party on Sunday 12th October on the Martlesham Heath SSSI when we cut and cleared gorse to promote more heather as in previous years. Thanks to all those who came along and helped on such a glorious day. It was a real pleasure to be out there.

Our next working party will be on Sunday November 9th. We will be working on the Martlesham Heath SSSI aiming to clear away some more gorse and other scrub and promote the growth of heather.

Please join us in this activity. We meet at 10 am outside the Douglas Bader public house. No previous knowledge or particular skill is required, all information, tools and guidance will be supplied on the day.

Our AGM is coming up on Wednesday 12th November at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion. Please make a note of it in your diary. We will be discussing our conservation activities through the year and revealing the results of our surveys.

We plan to hold a Coffee Morning in the Pavilion on Saturday 22nd November at 10 am, with cakes, raffle, plants and Suffolk Wildlife gifts. Please come along and support us and discuss conservation within our local area. If you could supply some cakes for this event I would be delighted to hear from you. We need your support to keep going.

Phil Smith – 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Thank you very much to all those who contributed to our street collection in the centre of Woodbridge on Saturday 11th October we raised £286.48. This money will be put towards furthering the conservation activities of Suffolk Wildlife Trust within our county.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20th November at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when we will have a talk from popular author/photographer/farmer Chris Knights entitled "The Wildlife of a Breckland Farm".

We have our usual Christmas Quiz coming up on Thursday 11th December at 7:30 pm in the

Woodbridge Community Hall with mince pies and mulled wine. It should be a fun evening with a chance to meet people and stretch your mind.

If you want more information about Suffolk Wildlife Trust or future events then please contact me.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

THE RED LION, MARTLESHAM

Darren's Cuban Expedition

Our Deputy Manager Darren Perry is due to undertake his 7-day bike ride covering 440km coast to coast, in Cuba. Darren is raising money for a charity close to his heart, The Alzheimer's Society. He has been in training for some time and looks fighting fit for his adventure which begins on 7th November. We would all like to wish Darren luck and we will be thinking of him while he is out there. If you would like to support Darren in his amazing efforts call him on 01394 382169 for more details and leave the legwork to him!

Great Wall of China Charity Walk

Darren's enthusiasm has rubbed off on the rest of us and landlord Charles Shelley, 58, along with barman Karl Foster, 39, and Alex Christie, 48, manager of the Shepherd and Dog Country Carvery, are planning to walk the Great Wall of China in September 2004. The walk is in aid of the Cancer Care Unit at Ipswich Hospital and we will be trying to raise funds for them over the next few months to help them on their way. Our first fundraiser will be the Christmas Raffle which will be launched soon and we have many excellent prizes up for grabs! If you see raffle tickets on sale please buy some to help the 'lads' on their way.

Sam Parnell

MR IVOR BRANCH

I very much regret that when reporting the sad death of Mr Branch in last month's edition, I mistakenly called him Ivan, when in fact his first name was Ivor. In my records I only had the initial "I" and misheard when ascertaining his details over the telephone. I am truly sorry if my mistake caused additional distress

to the family.

Roy Berridge

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Further Information: H.P.Burrows, 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3UG. Tel. 01473 625196.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

Deben Cub Pack have been visited by a model plane enthusiast and in the process made their own model aeroplanes culminating in a flying distance competition. They also practised camp stunts for our 'camp video' evening where we recreated this year's summer camp (minus the rain).

We also had a go at the County Competition where four of our cubs threw themselves into various challenges on a beautiful autumn day near Bury.

Finally we embark on three badges - a new one called Local Knowledge, the Scientist led by Kaa (our resident Physicist) and Road Safety. Look out for some

more sewing!

Beavers have been finding out about their animal namesake, and spent a muddy evening trying to make their own version of a beaver dam. Welcome to our four new Beavers who were invested on 21st October. Next half term we will be preparing for Christmas as well as finding out about the American festival of Thanksgiving.

As winter approaches, the Executive Committee has been looking at the state of repair of the HQ, which is showing its age and in need of some attention. Whilst we are looking at fundraising activities, we also welcome help and donations of goods that might be of use. High on our list are a new kitchen and sprucing up both the girls' and boys' loos. If anybody has anything to offer, please get in touch. Contacts - Scout enquires, call Keith Gleen (626506); Executive Committee (and offers of help), Bruce Mitchell (611757). Web - www.martlesham.org.uk.

BUCKLESHAM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

11 am—3 pm

**COME AND GET READY FOR
CHRISTMAS!**

Craft Stalls * Tombola

Raffle * Father Christmas

Jewellery * Win a Christmas Cake

Hamper

Food and Drink

Fun for all the family!

MARTLESHAM BRASS

This month is another busy month for Martlesham Brass players.

On 1st November we are pleased to be performing at the Kesgrave Fireworks night, which is being jointly organised by 1st Kesgrave Scouts, Gorseland, Heath and Cedarwood Primary schools.

Our preliminary section is holding its annual Tea and Tunes coffee morning concert from 10 am

until 12 noon in St Michael Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on 8th November. You are invited to come along to this informal morning of music. There will be a cake stall and raffle to raise funds for the band.

Sunday 9th November is Remembrance Sunday, and we will be parading in Woodbridge and accompanying the hymns at the service of remembrance. A section of the band will also be attending the Martlesham service of remembrance at St Mary's church, Martlesham.

Martlesham Brass is appearing at the Orwell Yacht club on Saturday 15th November for an evening of light musical entertainment.

On 29th November Martlesham Brass players make their way to Aldeburgh to play carols to mark the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. This is a favourite day out for band members, who look forward to the obligatory Aldeburgh fish and chips after playing the first Christmas carols of the festive season.

A note for your diaries: the **Martlesham Brass Christmas Concert** is being held on 20th December from 7 pm – 9:30 pm at the Martlesham Community Centre.

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

Alison Eyley

BRUSHSTROKES ART GROUP

There will be a water colour demonstration evening on 6th November at 7:30 pm with Robert Coppillie. All old, new or just interested people are welcome to come along and join us for the evening. The cost is just £3.00. Robert is a well known artist with a lot of experience in art and teaching. The evening should be very interesting and profitable in information.

On 15th November we are hiring the pavilion for an Art and Craft Exhibition. If you have a craft you would like to sell, please contact me for more information. It starts at 10:00 am and runs until

4:00pm. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available and plenty of goodies to buy for Christmas or just for yourself! Come and check us out. Sue Sharman 01473 610474

14 THE SQUARE

Accommodation: The accommodation comprises a self-contained office suite on first floor level. The suite provides for open plan layout, with perimeter trunking, category 2 lighting and has the benefit of a kitchen facility.

Terms: The premises are offered by way of a new lease, on full repairing and insuring terms. Further details available upon request.

Planning: We have been advised that the property has permission for B1 (office) use. However, we recommend that all interested parties make their own enquiries with Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Enquiries/Viewings: Contact Kevin Smith, Bidwells. Direct Dial 01473 617724.

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MARTLESHAM TABLE TENNIS

Ipswich and District Table Tennis League invites anyone interested in playing social Table Tennis to come along and play. The sessions are open to any non-league players over the age of 16. Club night will be every Friday from 7:45 to 10 pm, starting mid to late October. If you want to fill in those dark winter evenings with some exercise and social banter, please contact Steve on 01473 610177. Numbers will be initially be restricted, so don't wait too long.

MARTLESHAM LEISURE JUNIOR SQUASH

The team has been rested this month due to a lack of fixtures with the next game being at Next Generation on Sunday 19th October. Training has been well attended and the whole team have been making excellent progress, especially Mikey Tween, Thomas Gray and Ashley Scott who have done particularly well. I would like to thank Harvey Macintyre of Macintyre Transport Ltd for his support of the junior set up which is making the games possible. We have just introduced the junior membership scheme to try and increase the participation amongst children in the area. The discount memberships include full use of the squash facilities as well as the pool during regulation times. For more information or if you are interested in playing squash please contact David McConnell @ Martlesham Leisure.

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

The Thurlow Cup took place on Saturday 13th September and was won by Susan Golding, Audrey Whitbread and Russell Dickerson. Afterwards, about twenty-four members sat down to a fish and chip supper, celebrating the club's founding in 1928. Thanks were expressed to Mary, Linda and Brian for arranging it all. It is hoped by members that it will be repeated. The following Saturday was the last game for the year. It is still possible for members to go down to the green and help Brian to get the green and surrounds ready for next year.

Harry and Joan, our captains of the friendlies section, report:

We feel it has been a successful season having won all our games played. We would like to thank all members that have been able to play in these games for their support.

Unfortunately we have not been so successful in winning back the King of the River Cup. We found it hard to get players for these games.

The 100 Club

Thank you again for those members who supported us.

Tony Cooper runs the 100 Club for the benefit of members, well at least the winners, and the club. This is a monthly draw where club members are encouraged (not obliged) to buy a number for 50p per month. Half the money collected goes to the members in prize money, the other half to club funds. Tony will be at the AGM to enable new members to join.

This year the 100 Club made £134 for the club funds. It is interesting to note that in 10 years the 100 Club has raised over £1700 for the club.

Well done Tony.

The Martlesham Bowls Club's AGM is on Monday 17th November at 7:00 pm at the Martlesham Bowls Pavilion.

There are a few vacancies on the Committee that need to be filled. So come along for a good night out.

Linda Brown, our Secretary, can be contacted on 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

THE MOB

Once again the season is under way and The Mob have got off to a flier. The pre-season friendlies saw us take on three teams from divisions higher than ourselves and we won all 3 games, which has set us up nicely.

You may have read that we were tipped for relegation in the Green 'Un, probably because they knew we were losing Rene Swann. I wouldn't argue that he was a very influential player for us, scoring a mass of goals last season, but we

we are not a one man team. We have also lost (and thanks for his service) Nick Melero, our goalkeeper. Darren Thomas is back between the posts this year.

So far we have beaten Trojans 6-0, defeated Orford Town 3-1, beat Kesgrave Athletic 5-0 in the first round of the Senior Cup (Neil Simpson hat-trick), beat Rampant horse 5-3 after extra time in the other cup, lost 2-1 to Powergen and have most recently beaten Taverners Reserves 5-0 at home. I wasn't going to mention this but I'll never hear the last of it if I don't - Rory Jackson scored with a shot from about 35 or 40 yards when he astutely saw the goalkeeper off his line and passed the ball into the unguarded net from midfield. Now you owe me a drink Rory.

Fixtures for the diary:

* Oct 26th County KO away to Murray Rangers of Div 2

* Nov 2nd Home v Aquarius

* Nov 16th Home v St Johns

* Nov 23rd County KO Rnd 3 Home to Grosvenor

* Nov 30th Home v Felixstowe Customs.

Good luck, stay happy.

The Mobster

L'ARCHE

Local Project, Meeting Local Needs

L'Arche (French for 'The Ark') is an international federation of 120 communities in 30 countries, where people with and without learning disabilities choose to live together in a spirit of friendship. Since 1974, when L'Arche was founded as a registered charity in the UK, 8 communities have been established, now home to over 115 men and women with learning disabilities.

It is very exciting, therefore, that L'Arche have agreed that the next community will be in Ipswich. This is the result of thirteen years of reflection, research and dialogue with L'Arche by a group of local people. Discussions with the local authorities are already underway to ensure that the new community is properly integrated with local care policies and meets

all the required standards.

When a recent survey was conducted, more than sixty families expressed interest in L'Arche's model of residential care. This is not surprising since two of the biggest worries for parents of people with learning difficulties are: "Where will **my** child live?" and "Who will look after him/her when I am no longer able to do so?"

L'Arche Communities are based around small-scale, everyday housing, within the local neighbourhood. With an emphasis on friendships, they are places where people with learning disabilities are valued, respected, and empowered to make their own choices about every day decisions which affect their lives.

This is where the thinking behind L'Arche is so important. It is a core belief that people with learning disabilities have as many gifts and talents to offer as the assistants who live with them and support them.

In the ordinary routine of daily life, such as shopping, cooking, sharing meals and celebrating together, people with learning disabilities are able to develop mutual understanding and trust, and to grow in confidence, skills and independence according to their individual needs and potential.

To quote one member, L'Arche is "Christmas, work, shopping, Gateway Club, house group, church, steam engines, friendship, going to the pub, seeing your family, college, birthdays, walks, haircuts, going to the docks, holidays, weddings, horse riding and Easter."

L'Arche is ecumenical and rooted in the Christian tradition, but welcomes and respects people of all faiths or none.

We need friends and supporters, as well as funds, to get the house up and running within the next two years. If you are interested in finding out more about L'Arche please contact Elizabeth Serpell Tel 01473 724336 or e-mail elizabeth.serpell@btintemet.com.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

There is a great deal of talk nowadays about "trust". Can we trust Government Ministers? Can we trust the Newspapers? Can we trust friends or family? Sometimes we are let down by people very close to us.

God is always reliable! He is often referred to as a "rock", on whom we can build our lives. King David, when he was going through a difficult time, said, "When I am afraid I will trust in you." We can all follow his example.

The Thursday Youth Club continues to flourish (13 to 17 year olds), and there are plenty of vacancies in the Sunday School ("Sunspot") at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings.

Fellowship activities in November SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Studies in the book of James and Revelation.

6:30 pm—Communion.

TUESDAY CIRCLE—11th November WEDNESDAY

9:30 am—Keep Fit

10:30 am—Ladies Bible Study

7:45 pm—House Groups

THURSDAY

7:00 pm—Youth Club

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

A talk by Victor Jack on "House Groups—Advantages and Pitfalls" (7:30 pm).

29th November at Martlesham Community Hall—a special visit by Steve Murray—a Music and Mime Artist (see separate advert). Tickets for this presentation can be obtained from Sandra Hughes (01473 625793).

For information on other Fellowship activities, ring Julia Faulkner on 625482 or John Mellen on 624401.

MARTLESHAM CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On 29th November Martlesham Church Bazaar will be held in St Michael's Church Centre between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. All the usual stalls and games with refreshments will be available. Come and do some early Christmas shopping for cards, wrapping paper, etc. Admission free.

BRIGHT STARS FUN AND PRAISE!

We have decided to continue with our new day for Bright Stars. We have welcomed some new faces who have joined with our 'regulars'. We would like to invite all carers of babies, toddlers and preschoolers to a service specifically aimed to make children's worship fun and exciting. Our half hour services will be held on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month (during term time) starting at 10:30 am at St Michaels Church Centre. The service is followed by refreshments.

We look forward to welcoming you!

The dates for the our services up to

Christmas are:

10th November

24th November

8th December

We start again after Christmas on 12th January 2004!

For details call Pauline on 01473 625061 or Liz on 01473 625617.

CHURCH SERVICES

Please note that Evensong at Brightwell will be at 3 pm except for the Carol Service on 21/12/03 when it will be at 6:30 pm.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a Carol Service at St Michaels on 07/12/03 at 6:30 pm.

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Remember, remember...we do a lot of remembering in November, don't we? The month kicks off with All Saints' Day on the 1st, when we remember all those Christians who've made a difference to the world. The next day, on All Souls, we remember those who've made a difference to us: the ones we've loved, and still love, but see no more.

The noisiest remembering happens on 5th November (and the days around it!) when the fireworks go off. Gunpowder, Treason and Plot, and all that! Remember, remember—a religious dispute, pitting Catholics against Protestants? If we do remember, we give thanks that today the churches often work together. What unites us, our faith in Jesus Christ, is more important than what divides us.

There's another remembering in November, of course. On Armistice Day, 11th November, and on Remembrance Sunday, the nearest Sunday to it, we remember those who lost their lives that others might enjoy freedom and justice. We remember and we give thanks, that lessons have been learned, and more and more people are able to live in peace.

Yet there are still wars, just as there are still religious disputes. Which is why it's so important to remember something else this November - that God loves this world and each one of us. If we remember the teaching and example of his Son, we'll be able to make this world a better place, and look forward to meeting our loved ones again in the world to come.

Rev'd Heather Cooke

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?



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PLEASE NOTE if you need to contact the church here are the details—Tel: 01473 625320, Mobile no: 07947 592118 and e-mail address: lcsc@isitme.freeserve.co.uk
CLERGY: The Revd. Tim Breene, 4 Saddlers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 621 658
 The Revd. Elizabeth Corker, 12 Fairfield Avenue, Felixstowe, Tel: 01394 210793
 The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770
READERS: Carolyn Smith, 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625630
 Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320
ELDERS: Ann Little, 60 Deben Avenue Tel: 01473 624002; Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 2nd November 4th before Advent All Saints	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday 3rd before Advent	6:30pm Evensong including Remembrance Service	8am Holy Communion 10:50am Remembrance Service	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 16th November 2nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Sunday School 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 23rd November Christ the King Next before Advent	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 30th November St Andrews Day 1st in Advent	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 7th December 2nd in Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Carol Service

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St. Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 10th and Monday 24th September at 10:30am in St. Michael's Church Centre.

PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

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| 8 for all work with young people | 20 for safety on the roads | the Apostles |
| 9 Remembrance Sunday—pray for world Peace | 21 for those caring for the sick at home | 2 Mother's Union Christmas Party—for all who attend and the helpers |
| 10 for sad and lonely people | 22 for the Queen and the Royal family | 3 for the residents of Hilton Road |
| 11 for the local shops and all who use them | 23 give thanks to God's gifts to us | 4 give thanks for those who have helped us in our faith |
| 12 for the residents of Heather Close | 24 for those seeking a purpose in life | 5 for all newcomers to our parishes |
| 13 all families in difficulty | 25 for ourselves | 6 that our faith may help others in need |
| 14 for the work of the Samaritans and people who need them | 26 for the residents of Higgins Place | 7 for the local police and their work |
| 15 All who are hungry physically and in Spirit | 27 for victims of domestic violence | |
| 16 for opportunities to advance in God's service | 28 for advances of medical research | |
| 17 for all cancer sufferers | 29 Christmas Bazaar—a time of fellowship and fun | |
| 18 support for all victims of war and famine | 30 Advent Sunday—for strengthening of our faith | |
| 19 for the residents of Heathfield Mews | DEC 1 St Andrew's Day (transferred from Nov 30th) - share good news with | |