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DELIVERERS FOR DEBEN AVENUE AND CARLFORD CLOSE

I should like to thank Mrs Mortimer and Mrs McConnell for responding to my appeal last month. They will now be delivering in Lancaster Drive and Forest Lane respectively.

However, I must make a fresh appeal for deliverers to Deben Avenue and Carlford Close. We are very grateful to Rachel Pennick and George and Ann Kirby who have been making these deliveries for a long time, but circumstances have forced them to give up. We would especially like to wish Ann a speedy and complete recovery from her recent illness.

If you can find the time to make either of these deliveries once a month please contact me on the number below.

Roy Berridge 01473 611624

CAN YOU SPARE A SHORT TIME EACH MONTH?

We urgently require volunteers to deliver the **MARTLESHAM MONTHLY** to the following areas:

DEBEN AVENUE CARLFORD CLOSE

RESERVES TO COVER FOR SICK-NESS AND HOLIDAYS

The MARTLESHAM MONTHLY is your Community Magazine, and without your help there would be no magazine to deliver. So please, if you can spare a little time each month, it would ensure its continued delivery to every home in the Martlesham area.

If you can help please contact Roy Berridge on 01473 611624. Thank you.

POLICE

Community Police Officer PC Ian Rafferty

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency

situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Rafferty on the following numbers for non-urgent matters: Office—01473 383487

E - m a i l — <u>W o o d b r i d g e .</u> <u>CPO@suffolk.pnn.police.uk</u>

POLICE NOTICE

We have had many reports of people using local ATMs and later discovering substantial funds withdrawn from their accounts whilst still in possession of their cards. Basically a card reader has been used to collect card information at these ATMs and a person nearby has recorded PIN numbers. The card information is then transferred onto a blank card and cash is withdrawn using the PIN numbers taken at the time! This release has been in the EADT and Evening Star already but we have had further more recent reports of this happening, in Martlesham particularly.

Many thanks,

PC 387 Ian Rafferty, Martlesham Community Police Officer

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Notice Boards

There are 12 notice boards provided throughout Martlesham by the parish council. They are needed for parish council notices but notices, posters, etc. for Martlesham organisations and events are permitted provided they are no larger than A4 and not put up too far in advance (up to two weeks beforehand). The clerk regularly visits the boards to put up new notices and tidy existing displays. Any commercial advertising, for sale notices, etc. are not allowed and will be removed; similarly notices of a political nature are not permitted and will also be removed.

If you have any queries about the use of the boards please contact the clerk.

Parish Plan

The Parish Council is preparing ideas for a Martlesham Parish Plan and is currently finding out what existing facilities, services, societies, etc. there are within Martlesham.

The purpose of the plan will be to consult with all residents to find out what their views are, 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 help give us a stronger voice in our liaison with and consultations from the district and county councils, and other agencies.

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

League of Friends of Ipswich Hospital

They are extending their hospital visiting service into the community with the intention of following up appropriate patients when they return home. They want to enroll a member or two to "The Friends" in each parish, with the intention that they might follow up on any simple requests from an ex-patient. This will not impinge on Social Services and any members enrolled would be trained, vetted and be in regular contact with their supervisor.

If anybody is interested or would like further information please contact their Parish Projects Coordinator, Hayley Batterham, 40 Hazel Rise, Claydon, Ipswich, IP6 ODB or the Parish Clerk.

For further details about the League of Friends (e.g. membership or how you can help) please contact them at The Friends of Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Ipswich, IP4 5PD, on 01473 702168 or email lof@ipswichhospital.nhs.uk

Working Parties

There are often a number of tasks needing to be undertaken that can be safely carried by volunteers. There is 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.

Meetinas

* Parish Council - Wednesday 4th February and 3rd March

- * Development Plans Committee -Wednesday 11th February
- * Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 18th February

All meetings are at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road but please check the notice boards for further details of the above and other meetings.

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

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk, 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 IN BLOOM Millennium Drought Garden

After many years of planning and work, planting of the final shrubs and plants will take place during the next few weeks leading up to the:-

MARTLESHAM MILLENNIUM DROUGHT GARDEN

GRAND OPENING 3:00 pm Sunday 29th February 2004 Everybody welcome

Refreshments afterwards in the Church Centre

We would like anyone whose birthday is on February 29th and who lives in the parish of Martlesham to contact us as soon as possible as they may be able to help with the opening of the garden.

Until the Grand Opening the orange netting will have to remain a round the site to help protect the plants from theft or damage.

The planting is being carried out by volunteers and the plants paid for by donations from individuals, funds raised by the Martlesham in Bloom Committee

and grants from Suffolk Environmental Trust and the Parish Council.

If you would like information on the above or any Martlesham in Bloom activity, please contact-J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary), 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath. Tel. 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Registered Charity 273769) Progress of Community Projects:

We came to our first meeting of the New Year refreshed after the Christmas break and ready to push on with our three main community projects (new village hall and changing rooms, Sports Hall with Kesgrave and supporting the fledgling Friction Skate Club). We were delighted to welcome a new committee member and also an Evening Star reporter to help us publicise the projects and help support fund raising efforts.

Final touches have been made to the plans for the proposed new village hall and changing rooms. This is the year that we submit the business plan to get grants and hopefully launch the project into implementation!! If anyone would like to find out more about this project, you are welcome to come along to a committee meeting (second Monday of the month) or contact Jackie on 623007.

Background on all the projects can also be found on the Martlesham Community web site at http://www.martlesham.org.uk
Fund Raisina:

We have planned a number of fund raising events to keep the money coming in to help move the projects forward and continue to help publicise them, and hopefully attract more help (!). Our proposed events include:

- Giant Jumble Sale (confirmed for 28th February in the Richards Room behind Tesco's – any jumble please ring Jackie on 623007)
- Brass band concert (to be confirmed)
- Village day stall to include 'Pennies for the Sports Hall' – please start saving!!

- in Bloom confirmed 27th June
- Film archive evening (confirmed September 11th in St Michaels Church Centre
- Martlesham Circular sponsored walk - probably 26th Septem-

MARTLESHAM COMMNUNITY COUNCIL

(REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 276739)

JUMBLE SALE

IN MARTLESHAM AT THE RICHARDS ROOM, FELIXSTOWE ROAD, (BEHIND MARTLESHAM **TESCO'S STOP ON ROUTE 66)**

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

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Looking After Our Village

As there has been no Board Meetsince before Christmas there is little to report. Arrangements are well in hand for the annual tree surgery and it is hoped all the work will be completed within the next few weeks. Those residents who highlighted specific problems will be advised by letter of the proposed action.

As usual the contact numbers Voicemail 01473 612207, e-mail mclmh@btinternet.com and letters to 6 The Square.

'FRICTION' SKATEPARK ASSOCIATION

Many thanks to Todd and David for all the hard work they did collecting signatures in support of the Skatepark. They were able to present their survey to the Youth Forum discussions at a meeting in early December, to let everybody know we are still here!

Congratulations also to Max, who successfully premiered his fourth skateboarding video at the Corn Exchange in November, and to Chandos, who has been offered sponsorship to skate for 'Father', from Flipswich, in town.

We took 27 members and

Garden Party with Martlesham friends to Great Yarmouth on 29th December, to visit the indoor Skate- longiflora lilies, Aspidistra leaves, park there. It was a great day, and golden Fatzia leaves and tng-tang we hope to run another trip at Easter, were tied and put in a tall glass In the meantime we will be joining vase, which was very striking. forces with the Kesgrave and District have more to report next month. In gregii and lilies. the meantime, have fun and skate safe...

Rosy Scott

KESGRAVE AND DISTRICT YOUTH FORUM

grave and District Youth Forum was Novice cup by Mrs Sheila Swannick. officially set up to try to solve some of the problems caused by the lack February 18th, is a workshop when of youth facilities in the area. A members will be doing a Continental ple, including youth workers, local 01394 382209), or members can councillors, community police officers just watch. and parents have volunteered to help our young people lead projects Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm which will provide facilities and ac- in St Michaels Church Centre, Marttivities throughout the area. We have lesham Heath. Annual subscription is several task groups working to pro- £10 with visitors welcome at £2 per vide a drop-in centre, a skatepark, session. There is a plant and flower youth shelters, dirt-jumps, and a pro- arrangers stall at each meeting. All gram of activities for those interested welcome. in the Arts. This is an exciting initiative, which will bring about positive change, so if you would like to be a part of it, please contact Rosy Scott At the January meeting the President, on 01473 610440, mailto: rosy. Mrs Audrey Burnell, was pleased to scott@talk21.com or join us at the welcome new members Mrs Pauline next meeting on Wednesday, March Fisher and Mrs Thora Kirkwood. 24th at 7:15 pm in the Conference Room of Kesgrave War Memorial act as delegate at the forthcoming Community Centre.

Rosy Scott

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT **FLOWER CLUB**

The first meeting of the 2004 was a demonstration entitled "Valentine Thoughts" by Martlesham resident Mrs Irene Packard. She brightened a very dull damp day with six delightful arrangements in different styles.

The first featured two placechrysanthemums.

The next was a modern design with twisted bamboo, interesting foliage with yellow orchids.

A simple arrangement of

A white arrangement was next Youth Forum to try to find another and then a continental design with site for the Skatepark. We hope to curled Phormium leaves, Senecio

> The last was in a box lined with cellophane with dark red passion roses—a suitable gift for Valentines Day.

The competition for a "Candlelight Supper" arangement At a meeting on 7th January the Kes- was won by Mrs Ann Fraser and the

The next meeting, Wednesday group of keen and enthusiastic peo- arrangement (for further details ring

The club meets on the

Margaret Forbes

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Mrs Joan Locke volunteered to AGM at Pakefield where Johnny Ball will be the main speaker.

Members enjoyed a "Royal Year" when Mr Stone showed slides of many occasions at which members of our Royal family were present. Mr Stone's interesting slides which accompanied his commentary included many of the lesser known members of the Royal family.

The competition for a Royal Souvenir attracted several interesting ments of red carnations, tulips and and varied entries. The speaker deep red passion roses with white chose Pat Brown's hand embroidered design commemorating the Queen's Golden Jubilee as the first and, in second place, Audrey Burnell's delightful china cup and saucer which had been presented to her mother at Copdock on the occasion of the Coronation of King Edward VII in 1901.

Two members, Mrs Heather Richards and Mrs Sheila Woods, received birthday posies.

At the next meeting at 7:30 pm in the Richard Room on Friday February 20th the speaker will be Mr Stein of the Chocolate Shop in Woodbridge.

Visitors and new members welcome.

Contact:- Mrs Betty Darke 01473 624193

Sylvia Harris

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

For Martlesham MU, 2004 started with a Communion Service led by our leader Elizabeth. It was well attended and at the AGM that followed we learned much to make us glad to belong to such an active Branch. 2003 was a very successful year which included a visit to Martlesham by our World Wide Leader, a breathtaking trip down the River Orwell and a record number of guests at our Christmas Party.

We now have three members who hold office as Diocesan Trustees - Monica, who has already served for 3 years in charge of Action and Outreach, Elizabeth, in charge of Prayer and Spirituality, and Margaret Cotton, in charge of the 'Away From It All' project. Audrey Lillistone, who used to be our treasurer, is now Diocesan Treasurer and Margaret Rollins is in her second term of office as Deanery Leader.

Our February meeting will be at lunch time on Wednesday 4th to raise money for MU overseas projects. Everybody is welcome. Lunches will be on sale from 12:30 pm and there will be various stalls.

Don't forget that any toiletries you are unable to use will be welcomed by the victims of domestic violence and that seafarers are still anxious to receive copies of Reader's Digest and are still welcoming our knitted hats.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Brenda Cochrane and also to Peg after the death of her beloved Fred. Also, please remember Betty Dickinson, Olive Smith, Lillian French, Nesta, Ena, Doreen, and Ethel in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month - A good friend is a treasure beyond price.

GOD BLESS, SHEILA SMITH

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

For our first meeting of the New Year we were taken on a fascinating trip through China, by way of a slide show and talk given by Vicki Westren. Starting in Beijing we saw lovely pictures of the Great Wall, buildings, and tombs, many with the traditional terracotta roofs with spikes. These spikes were to prevent the Devil from landing. Vicki gave us an account of the discovery of the Terracotta Army and pictures of the differing types of clothing and artefacts that they were wearing and carrying, each one different from the next. We continued our journey through many towns and historic sights finally ending in Hong Kong, with its skyscrapers and teeming population. Rita Dunnett thanked Vicki for such an interesting talk with members applause echoing their appreciation.

Arrangements for our Christmas Dinner at Seckford Hall on the 29th are well under way with members looking forward to the event with anticipation.

Our February meetings are on the 5th and 19th. More details can be obtained from our Chairman on 01473 610366.

Rita Smith

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Our next meeting is at 8:15 pm on Monday 23rd February at Kathy's, 46 Forest Lane.

"Massage & Make-up"

A talk, with short demonstration, by Pat Lucking.

New members are always welcome (marital status immaterial!) - contact Jenny 01473 626253.

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CALLING ALL MUMS...

The February meeting of the Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday 10th February at St Michael's Church Centre from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served around 1:00 pm after which a practice nurse from the Surgery will lead a discussion on 'Aspects of Being a Well Woman'. All mums, babies and toddlers are welcome to join us - why not come along and find out how to take care of yourself?

For more details please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND 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. At present we run our sessions in the Martlesham Heath Scout Hut on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am — 11:30 am and 1:30 pm — 3:30 pm. In May we will resume sessions in the newly refurbished Pavilion. 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.

We are looking for somebody to run our Wednesday sessions, which would include setting up, collecting money, making tea and coffee and clearing away. A wage would be paid at the minimum rate. If you are interested or would like any further information about the post please contact Sarah Till 01394 276489.

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 will be enjoying various activities and crafts on the theme of Music and Drama.

The group has recently joined an Internet shopping site, which is an exciting new fundraising initiative that you can help us with in generating significant funds towards our playgroup. Simply visit

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the site <u>www.buy.at/</u>
<u>martleshampreschool</u> and then
you can shop at high street shops
such as Marks and Spencer, Index,
Comet, MFI and many more and the
group earns commission. Please use
this shop and recommend your
friends and family to use it as well.

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

Louisa Smith, Secretary

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

On 13th February Mr and Mrs Kelsey will be telling us about 'Discovering Butterflies' just in time before the first ones start appearing in the garden.

On 27th February there will be a talk on 'Antarctica' by Mr A Gooding. Let's hope the weather does not match the talk.

All the meetings are held in the Richards Room (Martlesham Community Centre) and begin at 7:30 pm. Admission is free and refreshments available.

The new committee are discussing plans for possible outings this year so if any members or potential members would like to make suggestions then they will be glad to hear from you.

Cyril Watson is currently collating the Seed order. There is still a little time left to get yours in, ready for the growing season. Call Cyril on 01473 622280.

Our programme should now be on the Martlesham Portal website www.martlesham.org.uk 'community calendar'. Hopes are that in the near future we can place some information about the Association on the site together with photographs of events.

Should you like further information about the MVPA or want to support or help with any of our events, please contact the chairman Mr Stan Harris on 01473 623427.

Secretary Linda Mitchell Wood 01394 388577.

MARTLESHAM WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2:00 PM THE SCOUT HUT, MARTLESHAM HEATH

ADMISSION 20p

JUMBLE REQUIRED

CAN BE DROPPED INTO THE SCOUT HUT ON THE MORNING OF THE SALE. FOR COLLECTION PLEASE CONTACT: BRENDA CHANDLER 01473 611066

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our first meeting of 2004 will be held at St Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday February 10th at 8 pm when Michael Weaver will speak on "The Seckford Foundation". This will be an illustrated talk which Michael assures me will be filled with controversy! I am not too sure what that might mean but I can assure you that he is a complete source of information regarding all things to do with Woodbridge!

I have not exactly been inundated with volunteers to succeed me as Hon. Secretary following the AGM in May 2004 but it would be preferable to have a replacement "in harness" before that date. It is not a terribly onerous task and I will be happy to provide any assistance to get the new incumbent up to speed. Please let me know if you would like further details of what is involved in taking on this very worthwhile function.

John Tyler Hon. Sec. Tel. 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday January 2nd was our first monthly meeting in 2004. It had previously been advertised that we were to have a talk by someone who took part in the hazardous Peenemunde raid. However, Mr Alan Bryant, who was due to give the talk, was unable to be present. Our own member, Tony Errington had stepped in to fill the gap but the flu bug caught up with him and we were therefore left to our own devices!

In the event a most interesting evening developed. Another of our members, Cliff Caley, gave a brief talk about a raid on the Baltic port of Stettin. This was in the same area as Peenemunde and involved a flight time in the region of eight hours. Cliff was a Flight Engineer on Lancasters and his account of this and other raids far into Germany and Poland was listened to by an audience who appreciated the immense danger of these long distance sorties.

Gordon Kinsey spoke of various local WW2 Radar installations and heavy gun sites.

Several members of the audience contributed to the discussion and showed just how knowledgeable many of our members are. A most interesting evening.

Our next meeting will be held as usual in the Community Hall. This will be on Friday 6th February starting at 7:30 pm and a talk will be given by Mr Jeff Errington. He will talk about aircraft recovery from the sea. It promises to be another interesting evening. Visitors are always welcome for an admission price of just £2.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

At Januray's meeting in the Church Extension the members were wished a Happy and Prosperous New Year by their President, Kay Hall. A report on the local W.l. Resolutions meeting was given by Lis Copeland, who also gave an update on the situation with regard to the Pavilion Refurbishment Programme. Members were asked to participate in the petitioning of M.E.Ps about concerns re. 'Childrens Diets'; also to participate in 'Big Birdwatch' for just one hour on January 24th/25th.

Our most interesting speaker told of her hobby, walking along

the tow-paths of England, alone and with the minimum of requirements in her knapsack, plus the thoughts of an already arranged Bed and Breakfast spot ahead of her. The flora and fauna add to her interest, as do the antics of the holiday makers on the hire-boats, with gongoozaling (observing the goings on in the locks) now listed as one of her delights too.

Next month? A lady from the 'Make a Wish Foundation'. We look forward to welcoming any interested visitors at 7:45 pm in the Extension.

BARN DANCE

At Martlesham Community Hall, Old Felixstowe Road

> March 6th 2004 8—11:30 PM

Dancing to the Jigsaws

Tickets £6 including refreshments from 01473 624401

All profits to Chengelo School, Zambia

THE OAKS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME (INCLUDING HOLLY END AND PINE BANK)

Our first function of the year was held on the 4th January, namely a cheese and wine evening and although not as well attended as last year, we had 27 members and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening

Glasses were charged at 7:30 pm and Tony Mortlock welcomed everyone present wishing them a happy, prosperous and safe New Year.

We would like to thank those members who were not able to attend, but sent along a prize for the raffle. Thank you.

Finally, our thanks to Betty for providing the venue and again making an excellent job 'catering'.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

We held our first work party of 2004 in our local woodland at the bottom of the green. We cleared out a glade in the 'valley' to let in more sunlight and to stimulate more grassland and heather and encourage a greater diversity of wildlife. We were lucky as it rained hard before the event and afterwards but we had sunshine most of the time whilst we were working. Many thanks to all those who came along and achieved so much in a short time.

Since the turn of the year with the progression towards spring many of our native birds have already begun to make their presence felt by their song. Please listen out as you walk around. As we proceed further into the year these native birds will be joined by migrants arriving here to breed over the summer months whilst winter visitors will return to more northerly lands for the summer.

We intend to hold a work party this month on Sunday 8th February, meeting outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am. We will be returning to the SSSI area on the western corridor, clearing more scrubby areas and trying to promote more heather growth to the benefit of the special wildlife that we have on our heath. Please come along and help your local wildlife. All equipment provided, no previous experience necessary.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

At our last meeting on Thursday 15th January we enjoyed an excellent talk from Barry-Kaufman-Wright on the work of a "Wildlife Police Officer". Barry took us through just a fraction of his experiences whilst working for 30 years for the police. He has dealt with many types of wildlife and animal crime all the way from cases of neglect to trade in endangered species. He received an award for 'WWF Wildlife Law Enforcer of the year' in 2003.

On Thursday 19th February

at 7:30 pm we take things to a different scale with a talk by Nick Woods entitled "Larger than Life", fascinating close up photography, in the Woodbridge Community Hall.

On Thursday 18th March at 7:15 pm we are joined by our very own Guy Ackers who will tell us all about the tremendous progress made on the "Suffolk Hedgerow Survey", also in the Woodbridge Community Hall.

Please come along and join us for these terrific talks. Entrance is only $\pounds 1.50$ and non-members very welcome.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath

AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

Given by the Pupils of Helen P.
Burrows

Profit to The Children's Society

Reg. Charity No. 221124

3pm, SATURDAY 6th MARCH

Further information: Burrows Tel. 01473 625196

Admission: Adults £2.00, Children 50p

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

Our special event for February falls on Tuesday February 17th 10:30 am to 12 noon.

There will be a Coffee Morning at St. Augustine's Church Hall. Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, incorporating a talk by Gwyneth Lewis interestingly entitled "Cows, Calcium and Copper".

There will also be a Raffle and a sale of "nearly new" items. Everyone is welcome to come and ioin us.

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Final figures are now in and we are pleased to announce that our Christmas fundraising at supermarkets and around the local area raised the magnificent sum of £1830.06. Martlesham Brass would like to thank all of you who gave so generously; the money raised will go towards funding the band's activities throughout 2004 as well as supporting charities nominated by some of our members (see below).

Martlesham Brass Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 13th February in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath at 7:30 pm. During the meeting there will be a presentation of donations of £265 from Martlesham Brass to representatives of the three charities we chose to share our Christmas fundraising proceeds with, those being the British Heart Foundation, the Malawi Rehabilitation School (formerly referred to as the Malawi Physio Project - apologies for any confusion), and Breast Cancer research.

On Saturday 28th February we are holding our annual Solo Competition, which gives all members of the band a chance to compete for cups, shields and medals in their particular section of the band. This is a popular event amongst the players, although for many it does take a great deal of courage to take part. It is something all players are encouraged to do, as a bit of focused practising never does a player any harm!

If you wish to find out more about the band, visit our website at www.martleshambrass.btinternet.co.uk

For booking any of our bands please contact our booking secretary Julie on 01473 620240.

For general enquiries contact our band secretary Nicol on 01473 404472.

Alison Eyley

FRED HUNTER

Everyone connected with the Martlesham Monthly would like to express their great sadness at the news of Fred's passing in early January.

Our thoughts are with Peg and her family at this time.

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

On January 5th we heard of the sad loss to us all of Fred Hunter. He

was a very active member of our club and if he said he would do something, it was as good as done. He always made a great effort to take part in the club games when he could, because Fred had so many commitments to help people in many ways.

He will be sadly missed by lots of organisations in the parish who had great benefit from knowing Fred.

The officers and Committee on behalf of all club members offer our sincere sympathy to his muchloved Peg and the family that he was so proud of.

We are well into 2004 and it is now a time for bills and payments of subs!.

Brian and his few helpers are working hard to get the green in a good condition for the season. Could you spare a few hours on Monday mornings?

Have you just retired? Come and see if you would enjoy bowls. (It is not essential to be retired.)

Our Secretary, Linda Brown on 01394 34698, can answer all your questions.

Jack Cot

MARTLESHAM TABLE TENNIS

After a successful start for the Martlesham Table Tennis Club, we are able to open up membership to people who may have missed the first advertisement.

The sessions are open to any non-league players over the age of 16, or age 11+ if accompanied by an adult. Club night is every Friday from 7:45 to 10 pm, currently in the Scout Hut.

If you want to fill those dark winter evenings with some exercise and social banter, please contact Steve on 01473 610177.

Please note: there is some restriction to the number of people per table, so don't wait too long.

WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

(Chartered 1982)

Through your publication, on behalf of Woodbridge and District Lions Club, I should like to express our grateful thanks to all those who contributed to our Christmas Parcel Appeal.

The following amounts were collected:-

Turban Centre, Woodbridge, 6th December £293.77

Tesco, Martlesham, 19th and 20th December £929.25

The Appeal was supported locally by the Co-op, Budgens, Tesco, Finches Fruity Family, Duncans Bakery and a special mention to the staff and pupils of Farlingaye High School for their magnificent contribution.

This combined effort enabled the Lions to distribute some 150 grocery Christmas parcels to individuals, families and welfare groups in Woodbridge and the surrounding area. Thank you.

Michael Curtis, Secretary

SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir will be giving a Concert at All Saints Church, Kesgrave on Saturday 28th February 2004 at 7:30 pm, in aid of church funds.

Tickets will be £5 and concessions £4 obtainable in advance from MICHAEL RAYMENT tel. 01473 623486 or at the door on the night.

Mr R Adams, Choir Member and Organiser

NEW YEAR, NEW SKILLS....

Would you like to learn how to use a computer to write a short letter, send an e-mail message or find some information on the World Wide Web? Perhaps you want to 'keep up with the children' and make better use of your home computer to help them with homework? Then read on!

Key In, Learn On is a new daytime course for people who want to work on their English skills, such as spelling, grammar and letter writing, and to learn some of the basics of IT and computing. Our groups are small and informal, with plenty of help available should you need it.

Key In, Learn On is running on Monday mornings, starting at

9:45 am, at the Basic Skills Centre, Highfield Road, Ipswich (at the top of Norwich Road) and at several other venues in the town. There is also a daytime class in Felixstowe. The course, organised by Suffolk Basic Skills, is FREE and is suitable for complete beginners as well as those with some computer experience.

If you are interested in this group, or other local classes to help you improve English and maths skills, then please phone the Basic Skills Centre on 01473 749837 and ask for Angela.

VILLAGE VIEWS

The chance for you to write in and have your say...

...and please do take that chance! Whether you want to express an opinion, comment upon a certain issue, congratulate or commiserate, we are waiting to hear from you!

DOG FOULING

Further to Lucy Westaway's letter in the January issue on doa fouling. I wish to ask all Martlesham residents to help with combating the increasing amount of dog fouling in our parish. The ignorant dog owners who allow their dogs to foul and not clean up after them need to be reported. Please remember this is against the law and prosecution can lead to a heavy fine. Unless we get together, the mess will continue. The path from Swan Close/Avocet Lane is disgusting. This is a path used by many school children and the person not clearing up the mess is not only making it horrible to walk down but risking spreading disease that can cause blindness. There are no excuses on this issue—your dog is your responsibility and with so many poop bins around it is easy to clear up the mess. Through your help we can stop this. I realise that these dog owners generally go out after dark but if you do see or know of anyone allowing their dog to foul please report them.

Thank you, Rob Smith

THE MARTLESHAM VILLAGES WEBSITE

I am very pleased to report that the Martlesham website is growing both in size and in popularity! We now have a number of regular visitors who contribute to the on-line discussion forums and who submit news items for publication. Each month the on-line village calendar is updated with any events that we get to hear about and is an excellent place to publicise your forthcoming activities.

The Scout Group and the Guides are now using the website to publish their programmes, and we are hoping that other groups who meet regularly in the villages will take up space on the site very soon. If you are the secretary or publicity officer for a club or society in the area please get in touch with us if you would like your own web pages. These could be designed for you, or after a couple of hours training you could be designing and publishing these pages yourself through your own computer's web browser. The next training course will be run on either a Saturday or Sunday in February. We already have a few people interested in attending so this would be an ideal time to launch your club onto the internet. Please use the contact details at the end of this article if you are interested in finding out more.

The local business community also appears on the village website - we now have a Business Directory and for a small donation to support the development of the site we can offer your enterprise a full page advertisement, compete with colour pictures and details of your services. As an increasing number of people now use the internet when looking for traders, don't miss out on this opportunity to place your business on-line. Contact us via the special e-mail address: business@martlesham.org.uk if you are interested in further details.

Finally, a reminder that the on-line version of the Martlesham Monthly is hosted on the website, and is usually available at the beginning of each calendar month.

Approximately ten days later the talking version of this magazine is also accessible through the website, so you can listen to the news as you get on with other tasks at your desk! We believe this is the first time a talking community magazine has been made available on the internet anywhere in the country, and it is in keeping with the "cutting edge" traditions of the area!

New or regular visitors are invited to join us on-line by surfing to www.martlesham.org.uk

To get in touch about any of the exciting offers in this bulletin either send an e-mail to webmas-ter@martlesham.org.uk or call me on 01473 610073 (evenings only).

Malcolm Bell

2ND MARTLESHAM HEATH GUIDES & 1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the people that supported our Christmas Handbellringing collection outside the Tesco's Superstore on the Heath, on a wet and blustery evening on 23rd December 2003.

The Sum of £54.55 was raised, to be split between the Unit's funds.

Jo Dixon

1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

Are you a young woman aged 14-25, looking for a challenge and wanting to socialise with a group of like minded individuals? Then perhaps Rangers could be for you.

We are part of the Senior Section of Girlguiding UK and offer you the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of activities.

At present we are looking to work for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which is a nationally recognised qualification.

We meet once a fortnight on a Thursday night, during term time.

For more information telephone 01473 622160.

Jo Dixon

HAVE YOU FOUR HOURS A **WEEK TO SPARE?**

The Disability Advice Service in Woodbridge needs to recruit volunteers who are willing to be trained to help people of all ages with illness and disabilities. By helping people access services and financial help to which they are entitled you will improve their lives. Our training course includes interview and telephone skills, researching information and completing benefit claim forms. The reward is the satisfaction of giving your time to make a difference. Please ring Jason Whittaker on 01394 387070 to discuss what is involved.

Suffolk East and Ipswich Branch of THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO **ANIMALS**

Annual House-to-House Cash Collection 2003

The start of 2004 saw Martlesham Animal Home "bursting at the seams" with a variety of animals, all in need of the right adoptive owners. Fortunately, mainly for the cats and dogs, there are quite a number of caring people coming forward offering new and happy homes for the majority. You could say the "turnover" is good, but for every animal that goes out of the Home there is another bewildered creature coming in. There is a waiting list for places. Owners for varying reasons finding they can no longer keep their pet. There are other smaller animals as well looking for human companionship and love. Rabbits, guinea pigs and gerbils "Right are waiting for that Family" to come along. Then, places must be kept for any unfortunate animal involved in a cruelty case, or luckless abandoned creatures found within the Branch boundaries. The $_{
m N}$ £11,691.81 Home is perpetually in need of replacements or extensions if it is to

great financial assistance. The $^{\mbox{\scriptsize C}}$ Branch of the RSPCA RSPCA is run entirely by Charity, N the Branch has to support both the A Animal Home and the Clinic in lps- L At our last meeting at Ufford Park wich, where veterinary treatment Leisure Centre, one of our newer for the pets of the unemployed and C those on very low income is avail-S

those living within the boundaries, E rist, gave an illustrated talk about

tions are proven one of the greatest P was devoted to answering memsources of income for the Home and C bers' questions about this fascinat-Clinic. Donations from the generous Ring subject. There are over 250 residents of Martlesham increase C species of the native bee although annually, so much so the 2003 total S some of these are becoming rarer topped that of 2002! Yet, a large I because of modern agricultural area did not see a Collector during g methods with fewer wild flowers 2003. There are no longer enough and suitable nest sites being availvolunteers to cover the whole g able. This, together with the probdistrict. When, usually through Clems caused by the Varroa mite, is change of circumstances one gives \overline{C} causing serious difficulties for many up, there is seldom a new Volunteer \overline{I} traditional beekeepers. taking their place. Four more willing $\frac{1}{E}$ Our next meeting will be on people are urgently needed. $\frac{1}{T}$ Monday 19th January when an-Volunteers can choose a time to suit $\frac{1}{Y}$ other member of our group, John themselves, annually between early Craigie, will be giving the second Spring and late Summer. Collection $_{\rm L}$ part of his talk about "Albert Carboxes are delivered to your home. $^{\rm L}$ rie" - the old Southwold Lifeboat Please ring 01394 284605 for ⁰ which has been associated with his more information. There are so ^C family for a number of years. many untapped donations waiting $^{\rm a}$ for YOUR knock at the door.

myself, I thank the residents of G retirement age and over. For fur-Martlesham for their continued sup- r ther information about the Deben port. My personal thanks to Glen o Probus Club, please contact : Waland Gill and their Staff at the u ter Gormer (Secretary) on 01473 Home, the hardworking crew at the p 252294 or Maurice Clinic and to the local RSPCA In- (Chairman) on 01394 386380. spectors, without whom so much cruelty would remain undetected and unpunished. Lastly, my special gratitude for Martlesham's Volunteer Collectors - but for their dedication these recorded funds would have been lost.

MARTLESHAM HEATH - Ann Barthalomew, Caroline Hawkes, Sandra Martin and Denise Roberts

OLD MARTLESHAM - Sheila Botting, Jackie Coates, Ann Fenton, Mary Harlott and Mr & Mrs Witbread

TOTAL MARTLESHAM COL-LECTION—£845.12 OVERALL BRANCH TOTAL—

A Patricia N M Monk, 01394 284605 T House-to-House Cash Collection None is possible without I Organiser, Suffolk East and Ipswich

DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

able on a donation scheme for T members, who is an amateur apia-House-to-House Cash Collec-Chis hobby. A large part of his time

We are always keen to have $^{\mathrm{l}}$ new members – the club is open to On behalf of the Branch and any professional or business man of

B. J. Austin

WOODBRIDGE EXCELSIOR BAND

Woodbridge Excelsior Band is giving another of its free concerts in Woodbridge Community Hall on Sunday 29th February at 7 pm.

Raffle & Refreshments available.

Sponsored by Woodbridge Community Council.

> Sara Norris **Band Secretary** 01394 385749

FELIXSTOWE SPEAKERS CLUB

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves: "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?" Actually, who are you not to be?

Your playing small does not serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do.....lt's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." Nelson Mandela, President South Africa.

What is your greatest fear? 90% of people say speaking to groups of people. It does not have to be that way. We can show you a way to overcome your fear.

Remember - learning to swim you need water, learning to speak you need an audience. Speakers club will give you a sympathetic attentive audience. Will you put in the practise to succeed?

Our first meeting of the New Year is Thursday 15th January 2004, starting at 7:45 pm.

If you would like to make a start at being more confident at any level of speaking, be it a wedding speech, chairing a meeting or an interview situation, then please come along or phone Mike on 01473 623918 or Elaine on 01473 729867 or e-mail: felixstowe.speakers.club@btinternet.com

Mike Saucede

FRESSINGFIELD 10TH ANNIVERSARY DOG WALK NEWS

New Years Day 2004 saw over thirty dogs accompanied by no less than one hundred and two supporters, set off on the 10th Anniversary Fressingfield Sponsored Charity Dog Walk. On a damp and chilly morning everyone completed the five-mile circular course safely and repaired to the Fressingfield Sports & Social Club Pavilion for Bonios and water while owners and supporters enjoyed hot soup and other appropriate refreshments.

Organiser Carol Wyatt said: "Once again we owe a huge vote of thanks to the dogs, and their supporters and sponsors from Fressingfield and the surrounding villages. Special thanks are also due to **Budgens of Harleston** for supplying

treats for the dogs, and ingredients and bread for the hot soup. We are well on our way to our target of raising £5000 for Macmillan Cancer Relief to mark our 10th Anniversary. We will then have raised £25,000 over the 10 years!"

It is not too late to donate to the Dog Walk and help reach our target...Dog Walk HQ is at Quilter House, Fressingfield, Eye, IP21 5PE. 01379 586225, <u>quilter-house@lineone.co.uk</u> or <u>www.fdw.org.uk</u>

LEISURE & LEARNING

"Arts experience workshops" for all...

The 27th "Arts Experience" workshops are being held at Stradbroke High School on Saturday 28th February.

A full day of enjoyably informal workshops for all ages and abilities. Professional artists and tutors offering demonstrations and individual help to develop skills in a range of arts activities including mosaics, wire sculpture, stained glass, willow weaving, printmaking, black sand sculpture, watercolours, African drumming, jazz and street dance, and creative writing...

Other weekend workshops this term include writers' workshops, drums & percussion, belly dancing, the game of "GO", drawing cartoons, ceilidh dancing, Indian head massage, and a reading group looking at 20th century writers.

For further information on all the different courses and activities at the School please contact Dave Sumner on 01379 388238.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The "Drop-in" Centre in St Michael's Church Centre extension commenced on January 17th. Called the "End", it will cater for young people of ages 12 to 16 from Martlesham and Kesgrave, providing a variety of activities and contact with Christian leaders. It is an example of churches working together.

Passing on the Christian faith

to the next generation is never easy, but is a vital responsibility of older Christians. We remember the Lord's words: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples and baptise them."

We welcome you to the following activities in FEBRUARY:

SUNDAYS 10:30 am—Family Service

6:30 pm—Communion

TUESDAY Circle—10th February, 2:00 pm

WEDNESDAY
9:30 am—Keep Fit

10:30 am-Ladies Bible Studies

7:45 pm—House Groups

THURSDAY
10:00 am—Mother and Toddlers

7:00 pm—Youth Club (13 +)

SATURDAY
Drop-in Centre at St Michael's
Church 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

For further details of any of the above, please ring either Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482 or John Mellen on 01473 624401.

QUIET DAY

All are welcome to the QUIET DAY on Saturday February 21st 2004 at St. Michael's Church Centre. Canon Adrian Esdaile will be leading us for a second year. Our day starts at 10 o'clock, and ends at 4 o'clock with a cup of tea. More details are on the notice boards of both St. Michaels and St. Marys Martlesham, or from Rosemary Still on 01394 385333.

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

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

Each week there are -

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

Every two weeks there are -

Cross-Stitch classes

Every month there are -

- WI meetings
- Police surgeries

Occasionally there are -

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

During the summer there are -

cricket matches

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

A MESSAGE FROM PEG HUNTER

Together with my daughter, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all my friends in Martlesham for the love and support they have shown towards me during Fred's recent illness and since his death on January 5th.

I have been touched by all the letters of condolence and cards I have received. It is a great comfort to know the high regard in which Fred was held. My thanks to you all.

Peg

BRIGHT STARSFun and Praise!

We would like to invite all babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their carers to a service specifically aimed to make children's worship fun and exciting. Our half hour services are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (during term time) starting at 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre. The service is followed by refreshments.

Our services this month are on February 9th and February 23rd. We look forward to welcoming you!

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

At

St. Michael's and All Angela's Church

on

Friday March 5th 2004, 10:30 am

"In Faith—Women Shape the Future"

Speaker; Mrs Marianne Fellows

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME

Details of other services to be held locally in March Martlesham Monthly

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

After the spectacular colours of Autumn, the joy and excitement of Christmas and the onset of a New Year, we now find ourselves in the bleak mid-winter! Still, the heads of the first snowdrops are already poking through and the primroses will not be far behind.

The 24th of this month will be Shrove Tuesday, and is also the Feast of St. Matthew. No doubt most of us will consume at least one pancake but that will be the sum total of celebration in this country, whilst in most Catholic countries there will be processions of children in fancy dress, and in New Orleans a spectacular Mardi Gras festival.

The original reason for the celebration was to feast in preparation for fasting which would commence on the next day, which is Ash Wednesday, and last throughout Lent. Many Christians still make the effort to do without some luxuries until Easter Day and most Churches lay on house groups or other special meetings so that members can discuss their beliefs and their life in general in the light of the events leading up to Easter Day.

There are notices about all Lent and Easter Services at all the local Churches in the Martlesham Monthly and you will receive a warm welcome at any one of them should you wish to join in.

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

BUILDING
GOD'S
FAMILY
TOGETHER

PLEASE NOTE if you need to contact the church here are the details—Tel: 01473 625320, Mobile no: 07947 592118 and e-mail address: <a href="Lose: Lose: Lose:

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	Martlesham	Martlesham Heath
	St. John's	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Sunday 1st February	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship
Presentation of Christ		BCP	6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 8th February	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9:45am Family Holy Communion and
3rd before Lent		11am Matins	Sunday School
Sunday 15th February	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy	9:45am Worship and Sunday School
2nd before Lent		Communion	6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 22nd February	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9:45am Family Holy Communion and
Sunday before Lent		11am Matins	Sunday School
Sunday 29th February	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9:45am Family Holy Communion and
1st in Lent		11am Matins	Sunday School
Sunday 7th March	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Commuinion	9:45am All Age Worship
2nd in Lent		BCP	No Informal Worship during Lent

On 07/03/04 Evensong at Newbourne Parish Church at 6:30 pm when we join with Newbourne, Waldringfield and Hemley. A full list will appear in the March issue.

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars on Monday 9th and 23rd February at 10:30am in St Michael's Church Centre.

PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Please pray daily for peace, and subjects and people on the Sunday sheet, and for the following:

8 all teachers and lecturers (education Sunday)

9 the work of general synod

10 all emergency workers

11 those living in Manor Road

12 those involved in the selection of a new priest for the

benifice

13 MU marriage projects

14 thanks for the gift of love

15 praise Christ for His victory over sin and death

16 integrity in our justice system

17 Christians living in hostile places

18 those who live in Mayfield

19 social workers and families with problems

20 those new to this area

21 all attending the Quiet Day at St Michael's

22 those without work (unemployment Sunday)

23 understanding of other faiths

24 our preparation for Lent

25 that we may consider our faith during Lent

(Ash Wednesday)

26 those who live in Mayfield Lane

27 Christian poets and journalists

28 for the success of The EnD

29 that we may know Christ's power in our lives

MAR 1 our Welsh friends (St David's day)

2 for missionaries

3 those who live in Milano Avenue

4 the work of libraries (world book day)

5 women's world day of prayer—local services

6 for all training for ministry

7 insight into Christ's transfiguration

8 all attending Bright Stars