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E - mail — Woodbridge.CPO@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has arisen because of the recent resignation of Judith Rixon and it is proposed to fill this vacancy by co-option at the Parish Council meeting.

The role of a parish councillor is varied and interesting as it involves many aspects of the community; it is a voluntary position involving usually only two meetings per month and the amount of any other time needed is as little or as much as you may wish to make of the role. If you are interested in helping to improve your community, perhaps you disagree with some of the things that the parish council does, or maybe you feel that your part of the parish needs better representation, please contact the Clerk who can provide further details or speak to any councillor.

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 next stage 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 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.

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.

Parking on Pavements

Several complaints have been received of vehicles parking on pavements. This is very inconsiderate and can be hazardous for all pedestrians particularly wheelchair users, pushchairs and anybody with a disability. Such parking also damages the pavement for which the council tax payers will have to pay to repair.

When parking please take care.

Meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesday 5th May and 2nd June.

*Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 12th May.

*Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 19th May.

*Finance & General Purposes Committee—Wednesday 26th May.

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

FLOWER DRIVE

**Thursday 6th May
7:30 pm
St Michael's Church Centre**

A fun evening on a floral theme with a 'Flower Drive', raffle, plant stall, light refreshments and much more.

Entrance free.

Everybody is welcome.

Summer Garden Competitions

The Garden Competition forms are now available for 2004; forms are available from the Post Office Stores (Black Tiles Lane), Merchem Pharmacy (The Square) or the secretary.

Future Event

Garden Party in the afternoon of Sunday 27th June jointly with Martlesham Community 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. 01473625196

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**on
Monday 24th May 2004
at 7:30pm
in the Parish Room, Felixstowe
Road, Martlesham
AGENDA**

1 APOLOGIES, 2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES, 3 MATTERS ARISING, 4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 5 TREASURERS REPORT, 6 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN, 7 ELECTION OF TREASURER AND SECRETARY, 8 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE, 9 OPEN DISCUSSION

Come and get an update on the progress of the multipurpose

sportshall, new village hall and changing rooms on Kronji's Piece adjoining recreation ground and youth projects.

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Looking After Our Village

The grass cutting programme has commenced and bed and footpath maintenance will shortly be underway and we are noticing that there remains the problem of some residents dumping their garden waste on MCL land. Now we have the advantage of the brown bins we would ask all residents to make good use of these bins and thus keep the woodland in good order. Fly tipping is, of course, illegal.

We would like to draw attention once again to the need for volunteers to become Directors. At the end of this year we shall be seeking a treasurer, or someone to assist the treasurer so if anyone has any leanings in that direction we should be pleased to hear.

The contact is, as usual: Voicemail 01473 612207. E-mail mcl.mh@btinternet.com or letters to 6 The Square.

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

I am pleased to inform you that the Pavilion will be open as from Tuesday 4th May. As you will see it will be a very different Pavilion from the one you left in December. I am pleased to tell you that there will be no rent increase for the foreseeable future.

As you are all aware, approximately £80,000 has been spent on the refurbishment of the Pavilion. This is reflected in very high quality of finish and workmanship that John Barrett and his construction team have achieved. I would like to thank Mr John Barrett and his team for all their hard work, and Mr Ian Smillie, our architect.

As from 1st May, our new booking secretary will be Mrs Lucy Westaway of 25 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich. IP5 3SD. Telephone 01473 621406.

Malcolm Bell is in the process

of building us a website for the Pavilion. This will be available on www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion

A great deal of time, money and effort has been put into the refurbishment of the Pavilion. All the Pavilion Management Committee members have been involved in the transformation of the Pavilion and have given their time and effort voluntarily to ensure a very high standard of accommodation is provided.

We are very grateful to the Community Fund, who have provided the majority of the finance, The Suffolk Coastal District Council, Martlesham Parish Council and John Kelso for their contributions towards the refurbishment.

I would like to thank all the management committee for their help and support over the last 6 months.

Paul Firman
Chairman

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

A new committee was elected at the AGM, held on 30th March. This is my first entry as Secretary of the Toddler Group. The new committee would like to say a big Thank You to last year's committee for all their hard work.

On May 5th we are moving back to our usual venue, the newly refurbished pavilion.

We will be having a sponsored musical walk on May 26th and 28th.

If you are a new mum/carer and fancy popping along, our sessions are on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am—11:30 am and 1:30 pm—3:30 pm in the pavilion. Drinks and biscuits are provided.

Joanne Warren (secretary)

MARTLESHAM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

During this half term the children will be enjoying various activities and crafts on the theme of 'Under the Sea'. A warm welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined us this half term.

The Playschool is collecting the computer for schools tokens from Tesco. There is a collection box in

the kitchen, so please ask your family and friends to collect also.

The group has joined an Internet shopping site, which is an exciting new fundraising initiative through which you can help us generate significant funds towards our playgroup. Simply visit the site www.buy.at/martleshampreschool 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.

The proposed date of the Fun Day this year is 26th June with a jungle theme, if you would like to have a stall or know anyone who would like a stall please contact us. Maybe you or your company would like to donate a raffle prize or some other contribution towards the event. We will be only too pleased to hear from you.

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
01394 387281

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

Thank you to Martlesham Parish Council for the grant. We have bought a photocopier for the group.

Our Table Top Sale, in March, raised £140 for the group. Thank you to all those who helped with the event and to all those who supported us on the day. The money will be used to buy new equipment for the children.

Our theme for this term is 'Animals' and role play will include Dinosaur Land, Vet Surgery, On Safari and River Boat in the Jungle. The children will also be making dinosaur cookies, a junk penguin, collage polar bear, fondant mice, beaded animals and a crab puppet.

During March we held our AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Our half term break is from Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information, please contact Claire Stockdale on 01473 610165.

Rachael Vest

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Kesgrave

The children have had a busy half term learning about "The Weather". Fortunately the weather kindly obliged by providing snow, wind, rain, hail and a bit of sun all in the space of a few weeks. The children have enjoyed exploring snow and ice and have looked at the effects of hot weather on wildlife. We have discussed appropriate clothing for all kinds of weather. They have even kept their own weather record and have made streamers to observe the strength of the wind.

Our topic next term is Mini-Beasts.

After 5.5 years I have decided that now is the right time for me to resign from Playgroup. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, committee and parents who have made my life as business manager easier. I would especially like to thank Sue White and Liz Leonard who have been a great support.

Playgroup is open to children aged 2.5 + and those in nappies are welcome. If anyone would like further details please contact Liz Leonard on 01473 635944 and leave your address.

Lisa Poole

The Three Bears Playgroup are very sorry to see the departure of Lisa. Her driving force towards a new building for the playgroup and her willingness to take on many extra roles will be sadly missed by everyone involved. We will therefore need to recruit another Business Manager for 6 hrs per week and anyone interested should contact Sue (Chair) on 01394 386940 (evenings) by 21st May.

HEATH SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

With summer fast approaching here are some important dates for your diaries. Our summer fete will take place on Saturday 12th June at 2 pm. There will be lots of attractions including the Bar-B-Q, Punch & Judy and bouncy castle.

This year the school also celebrates its 50th birthday and there are many events happening to commemorate. This includes the **SCHOOL REUNION** on Friday 25th June at 7:30 pm. This event is open to those who left Heath school between 1954 and 1994. Tickets are available at the school. Anyone who would like more details can contact me on 01473 631087.

Lisa Poole

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Annual Meal

Our annual meal with partners and friends will be on Friday 21st May at The Victoria, Felixstowe Ferry.

If you have yet to reserve a place or places, or want further details, please contact Kathy - 01473 625532.

We were all sorry to say goodbye to Ritsuko, who has returned to Japan after 3 years in Martlesham. We learn a great deal from our overseas visitors and hope we help them to make the most of their stay in Suffolk.

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

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Mrs Janet Cook came to our meeting on 19th March to give us a varied demonstration of flower arranging. Janet thanked Vera for saying it was made to look easy, as with all people who are good at their craft.

Mrs Lesley Wells gave a talk on 'Unemployment and Photography' when she came to our meeting on April 1st. Lesley had been a nurse but was forced to retire due to severe back problems. Being unemployed, she was obliged to re-think her situation.

She had always been interested in photography, so after having surgery on her back she went to classes to learn more about it and

Now produces greetings cards depicting her many varied pictures of Suffolk, which are sold at local outlets. Lesley gave us many tips on how to get the best from our cameras which added interest to her talk. Vera Pawsey thanked Lesley for all her advice and wished her well with her new venture.

At our meeting on 15th April Mrs Bullard, an antiques dealer, came to give us a talk entitled 'Let's Have a Cup of Tea'. Starting with a short history of how tea was first introduced to this country by Dutch East India Co., Mrs Bullard continued to tell us many interesting historical facts about tea. Mrs Bullard had bought some collectable items to show us, each one with a connection to tea. She then valued some objects members had bought in and answered many questions from the floor, and thanked us for showing such an interest. Once again it fell to Vera to thank our speaker for her most valued talk.

During May, our meetings will be on the 13th and 27th. Further details can be had from our Chairman on 01473 610366.

Rita Smith

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre from 12:45 to 2:30 pm on Tuesday, 4th May. Lunch will be served at around 1:00 pm after which Maureen and Sonia Burrows will talk on 'Child Friendly Gardening' - come along and find out how to create a safe place for your children to play.

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

For more details please phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Tony Hale from the Probation Service was the speaker at our March meeting and gave us much food for thought. There is now a New Criminal Management System in force. NOMS (National Offenders Management System) brings Probation and Prison closer together. While public protection must remain para-

mount, it is widely recognised that the heavier prison sentences are not working. Probation orders used to be locally centred but are now controlled from Whitehall. Sentencing is becoming more realistic with weekend or mid-week prison, or community punishment which involves small groups of prisoners working on local projects. These projects must be easy to oversee and must not jeopardise local employment. An example of work done is the painting of the railings round Christchurch Park and various cemeteries. Prisoners on probation are of both sexes and come from all age groups and all walks of life, from unemployed to business executives.

On 25th March a group of our members attended the Lady Day service at the Cathedral to support Elizabeth, Monica, Margaret Cotton and Margaret Rollins as they were commissioned in their respective MU posts for the next 3 years.

Our next meeting is on May 5th when we will be visiting Grundisburgh Church with Roy Tricker. Please ring Elizabeth or Monica if you require a lift.

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

A thought for the month - Never make a promise you may not be able to fulfill!

GOD BLESS,
SHEILA SMITH

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At the April meeting Major Ruth Stennett from Ipswich, paying her first visit to a W.I. Meeting, spoke about her life and her service in the Salvation Army. Major Stennett, together with her family, has travelled to many countries working to help people following national disasters and to help homeless people.

In the Kings Cross area of London, for example, the Salvation Army look out for youngsters wandering the streets to take them back to Salvation Army Hostels

hoping to help them to return to a normal and safe life.

The Salvation Army operates in 105 countries where they work in schools, in Children's Homes and other areas where help is needed. They have helped considerably in serious emergency situations such as the Lockerbie disaster.

Major Stennett was a most interesting speaker and the appreciation of all members was apparent in the vote of thanks.

Sylvia Harris

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The **Spring Show** was as usual a cheerful, bright and colourful event. Marjorie Manning came away with the most points on the day and Eric Rollins was presented with the Enterprise Cup for the best in Handicrafts section. Winner of the children's classes were Jennifer Bickers and Joanne Peters. But the committee would like to extend a warm well done to all the exhibitors, winners and visitors for adding to the success and enjoyment of the day. Further results and a few photographs of the displays can be found on the village website.

Plans are now underway for the **Autumn Show** to be held in September. Schedules should be available towards the summer.

On the 1st May the Association will be holding its **Spring Fayre**. This year it will be held in St. Michael's Church Extension. On sale, will be cakes and plants, which always sell very quickly, so make sure you are there to catch an early bargain when the doors open at 10 am.

Linda Mitchell, Tel. 01394 388577

Contact numbers

Chairperson Stan Harris - Tel. 01473 623427

Show Secretary Bernard Ward - Tel. 01473 626918

**Martlesham Village Produce
Association**

SPRING FAYRE

**1st May 2004
St Michaels Church Centre
Extension
Plants and cakes
Doors open 10 am**

Refreshments available

**MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT
FLOWER CLUB**

The demonstrator for April was Mrs Jill Nicholls from Manningtree and her subject was April showers. Her first arrangement was a delightful mixture of yellow cream and orange flowers including orange gerberas and "Miranda" roses. The next arrangement was a modern design with narcissus, Arum italicum pictum leaves and green sisal. "Something for a Wedding" was in a black pot with white and silver netting. With dark green foliage and cream roses, white hyacinths, chysanthemums, gerberas and broom, the result was most suitable for a wedding table arrangement. Then a wooden trug was filled with spring flowers. A black candleholder was the container for an arrangement of pink tulips, alstroemeria freesias, white genista and spray chrysanthemums.

A large green bottle had a bold design of Euphorbias, chinchinchees, green "Froggy" chrysanthemums, Aspidistra leaves, grass and green Anthuriums.

The final arrangement on a champagne bottle was in mauve and pink flowers including some mauve orchids, some of which were threaded on steel grass.

The competition was for a basket of spring flowers and was won by Mrs Ann Fraser and the novice class by Mrs Christine Gedny.

Our demonstrator for May will be Mrs M Burrows from Sudbury. Her subject will be "Over the Rainbow" and the competition will

will be "The Crock of Gold"

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at £2 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.
Margaret Forbes 01394 382209

**MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Our April meeting which was held at 8 pm in St. Michael's Church Centre was well-attended – in fact one of the largest audiences we have had!! The programme consisted of the film "Ipswich on Film" presented by Mr Francis Jacobi of the East Anglian Film Archive. It was made up of a series of short episodes, starting with a baby show in 1913 and concluding with the building and opening of the Orwell Bridge in 1981. It was interesting to see how much the town and surrounding area had changed over that considerable period of time.

The meeting in May will also be held in St. Michael's Church Centre and will consist of the **Annual General Meeting at 7:30 pm** followed by an illustrated talk by Robert Malster - "700 Years of Ipswich as a Port". Please remember that we shall need nominations for the post of Hon. Secretary at the AGM. Please note the change of the time of the meeting.

All are welcome and the admission charge is £1. Also at the May meeting we shall be having a "sign-up" sheet for those interested in taking part in the "Ipswich Guided Walk" on June 8th.
John Tyler Tel. 01473 612736

**MARTLESHAM HEATH
AVIATION SOCIETY**

Friday 2nd April and our AGM was surprisingly well attended. Our chairman, Martin Cook was able to report another very successful year. Our choice of speakers continues to be popular as evidenced by the very good attendances at our monthly meetings.

Once again it is not necessary to increase our yearly membership subscription. This has been held at £6 per annum for several years.

The Open Day, which was

held last September, proved to be very popular. Unfortunately the flying was curtailed somewhat due to a complaint to the Civil Aviation Authority. Hopefully we will resolve that problem this year as we are again proposing to hold an Open Day.

We are expecting a visit by a Spitfire and a Hurricane from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight sometime between 2 pm and 4 pm on the afternoon of 6th June. This is the 60th anniversary of "D Day" and the BBMF will be extremely busy on that day. It says something about the historic importance of Martlesham Heath's aviation history that we seem to be able so often to have a flypast by them.

Our Control Tower Museum is again open from 2 pm to 4:30 pm on Sunday afternoons. The displays have been re-arranged to try and create a little more space.

The second half of our AGM evening was taken up by the annual "Holly Hall" photographic competition. Winner was Mike Crowley, who received a cup and a plaque for a stunning shot of a formation of 9 English Electric Lightnings. Alan Powell received the runners-up plaque.

Our next meeting will be held as usual in the Community Hall and the speaker should be John 'Smudge' Smith who will give an illustrated talk entitled, "The Blenheim Restoration Project - Trials & Tribulations". The date will be Friday 7th May and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Non-members are cordially invited to come along for an entrance fee of only £2.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

BRIAN, THE CO-OP MILKMAN

Brian will be retiring this October after delivering milk to the "new village" since the first house was occupied.

Several of his customers have thought of marking the occasion with a SURPRISE celebration. If you have any ideas and/or would like to take part please contact:

Elaine Everitt
01473 622269
elaine.everitt@btinternet.com

PORTAL AVENUE
WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT /
CONSERVATION GROUP

Unfortunately we have another three reports of antisocial activity in the woodland. Over the Easter break youngsters have again been vandalising the wartime aircraft revetments that we have been trying to restore and which are the only remaining examples in Suffolk. Horses have been climbing those revetments causing damage, and one household on Deben Avenue has trimmed their conifer hedge and just dumped the cuttings on the path in the woodland along the back of Deben Avenue. Someone suggested that we should shred the cuttings and post them through the offending householder's letter box. Interesting thought but we will not stoop to their level. However, if necessary other action using the legal system will be taken.

On a brighter note, last year we completed a mammal survey in the woodland for the Mammal Trust and they have requested that we do this every year. We would be grateful if users of the woodland note any unusual mammal activity (please not rabbits or squirrels), record it and the time and day and pass it on to a committee member. We are also organising activities with Gorseland School and the local Beavers in the woodland, which will include mini-beast hunts and discussions on conservation and hopefully hands on activities. The thought is that the more youngsters we can involve the better looked after the amenity will become. This month's workday is Saturday 15th May meeting at 10 o'clock at the Force HQ Sports field gate and all are welcome.

Contacts: Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 622859, Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

MARTLESHAM
CONSERVATION GROUP

We are holding our wildlife painting competition for children again for this year, with entries invited from our local primary school age children. The theme this year is

"Hedges and Hedgerows". Hedges are a distinct feature of our landscape and have various different characters, forming important wildlife corridors that link islands of wildlife habitat together and supporting a wide range of wild creatures. Each of the three local primary schools have been invited to take part, but individual entries are also welcome. If you are interested in taking part please submit your entry to me by Tuesday 18th May at the very latest.

The exhibition and prizegiving for this competition will take place on Saturday 22nd May at 10 am in the newly renovated Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. There will be tea and coffee and you can have a chat with us about local wildlife issues. Cakes will be on sale and there will be a raffle.

For our working party on Sunday 16th May we will be walking around our local woodland on the heath, attempting to see and more particularly listen to all the birds present. Come along and join us. No previous experience is required and guidance will be provided. Please bring a pair of binoculars if possible. Meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

I am interested to hear from you about sightings of reptiles within our local area, as we are trying to build up a picture of which reptiles are present and which areas are the most important for them. If you have any sightings then please get in touch.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust Annual Plant Sale will take place on Sunday 9th May from 2 pm at Foxborough Farm, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton. Thousands of plants will be available and the plant growers promise an even better quality and wider range of plants than previous years, and all at bargain prices. There will also be a selection of gifts plus hot and cold refreshments and it will be possible to walk the nature trail. If you wish to donate any plants to the plant sale, or if

you can help either on Sunday 9th or Saturday 8th May, then please give me a call as we are in need of helpers.

Please also note Suffolk Wildlife Trust Morning Market will be at Melton Hall (near the traffic lights in Melton) on Saturday 12th June from 10 am until 12:30 pm. The gardens are beautiful and should be in peak condition. We expect the usual stalls, refreshments and pony rides. Please come along and support us. If you could donate any books, or bric-a-brac, or could make a cake for this event, then please get in touch with me.

We have a walk in search of Nightingales on Friday 7th May starting at 7:30 pm along the Phoenix trail. Meet at Rendlesham Forest car park, grid reference TM 355482. Please come along and join us, and bring a torch as it can be fairly dark on the way back!

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

After taking the main band to contest in Stevenage only a month ago, now comes the turn of three other Martlesham brass bands (and the main band again!) to test their playing against other bands from this area at the East Anglian Brass Bands Association (EABBA) Contest in Norwich on May 9th 2004.

The band have been contesting at Norwich for a number of years now in the prestigious venue of St Andrews Hall, and it is always a great challenge! But this year the band have taken on a further challenge by entering four bands to take part - with the main band in B Section, intermediate and preliminary bands competing against each other as well as others in C Section, and a youth band entering the youth competition for those under 19.

We have won trophies at Norwich before, and we truly feel that there could be success in every category entered this year.

While the playing in the band may be geared totally towards this contest, behind the scenes planning is well ahead for the many jobs and functions that are planned for this summer. There

are also plans for a band tour to Arras at some point next year. It certainly provides a new challenge for our fundraising committee!

For further information on the band, or any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Matthew Ellis - Publicity Officer on 017280 688789 or at matthew.ellis@archant.co.uk

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY **Local Group**

On Tuesday May 11th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Post-graduate Centre, Ipswich Hospital (Woodbridge Road entrance), Mr Gareth Thomas, Gynaecology Consultant, Ipswich Hospital, will be speaking on THE HRT DEBATE.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear a voice of authority on this hot topic of the moment which effects so many people - you are all welcome.

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

At last we can get on the green, weather permitting. No doubt members have seen, and appreciate, the changes that have been made last year. The trees that surround the green, and of course the green itself, have been serviced and improved.

The Parrot House is now where the score boards and all else needed for bowls will be kept. All the benches have been painted. Inside the pavilion, the doors in the serving hatch have been fitted and improve the comfort of the room. The changing area has had a 'make over' to improve things.

All this work was carried out by Capt. Brian Davey and his crew of Peter Gorham, Ernie Brooks, Gordon Lovett, Geoff Leech, George Golding and others.

The committee is hoping to arrange a Presentation Dinner at some outside venue. The provisional date is Friday 16th October, when the cups will be presented.

They are also looking into the possibility of fitting extract fans in the back wall of the pavilion.

Late News: Saturday 17th April, members gathered in the pavilion to have a chin-wag. There

were 30 to 35 present. The green was admired as well as the surrounds and work done in the Pavilion. Names were put down to play in the various leagues and competitions.

Tea and biscuits were served and enjoyed and after wishing others a good bowling season, it was off home to polish woods ready for their season ahead.

Any questions, please get in touch with our secretary Linda Brown on 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB **Recreation ground, Old Martlesham (entrance beside Spencers garage)**

**WE ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE
OUR MEMBERSHIP AND ARE
HOLDING AN OPEN AFTERNOON
ON SATURDAY 8TH MAY FROM
2—4 PM**

Whether you have played before or not, you will be most welcome. The game is for all ages so you can join as a family.

**SO COME ALONG AND FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL
BOWLS CLUB AND HAVE A GO
FOR YOURSELVES**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT LINDA BROWN
ON TEL. NO. 01394 384698**

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The club has completed a very successful winter season, and thanks to the system of rotating five teams, secured sufficient points to accompany Stutton into the First Division, as runners-up. Our run in the Joe Rice Cup came to an end in the semi-finals when, having beaten Brockley at home, we lost by a greater margin away. We also provided four players in the county finals, Chris and Doug Chamberlain, Vic Harrup and Steve Danby, but failed to take first or second place in spite of some close results.

Currently the club tournaments are taking place, although the mixed singles has been

completed, with Chris Chamberlain beating Sue Golding in the final.

We are sad to learn that John Bullock is unable to continue playing socially. We shall miss his "Barnes Wallis" bowls, launched from a stooping position with uncanny accuracy. Two other members are unwell at present and we hope they will be back playing again soon. Social bowling ends on Fridays after April 30th until the autumn, but continues on Tuesdays.

Steve Danby (Club Captain)

MARTLESHAM TABLE TENNIS

Are you someone who has dabbled with Table Tennis in the past? If so, and most people have, we have just the Club for you.

Martlesham Table Tennis Club gives you the chance to play friendly games that are not too competitive.

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 are interested, contact Steve on 01473 610177.

KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB

The Kesgrave Open Tennis Tournament 2004 will take place Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd May. The main events will be Ladies Singles, Mens Singles, Ladies Doubles, Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles. We would like to see more entries this year to keep this event running. A lot of hard work and organisation goes in to this event so please support it or we may lose it. The tournament is open to members and non-members of the tennis club, so please make a big effort to enter. For more details and an entry form please phone Mrs J Pilcher on 01473 614229.

Debbie Stebbings 01473 626919

YOUTH CLUB ON THE SQUARE

As many parents are aware, every Friday night is Youth Club at The Square. It's an hour and a half without Mum or Dad for the children, and without teachers - just a good time to let off steam with their friends and buy some sweets! I per-

sonally think Mrs Leader and Stephanie do a great job. But as there are so many children, it's getting to the stage where it's having to be cancelled because there aren't enough adults in ratio to children to be able to open. They have sent out letters asking for help but only a few parents are willing. I personally work full time, have two children (one with special needs), two dogs and a home to run but I always manage to put myself down and do my shift. If every child's parent was to do this just ONCE a year the Youth Club could continue to open every week.

The sad thing is, I think it's coming to the stage where the Youth Club leaders are at their wits end and might just close altogether. I personally think if you're willing to take your children there week after week and head off for a break, then once a year you should be prepared to give up an hour and a half to help. By not doing this you are spoiling something that has been running for years. Your children will lose the Youth club and you will lose that free time!

Deborah O'Hara

BRUSHSTROKES ART GROUP

Brushstrokes Art Group had a very good evening with Robert Coppillie last November, so much so that we have invited him back to do a Watercolour Workshop Evening. The subject will be based on landscapes.

It will take place on Thursday 27th May in the St Michaels Church annex room at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Anyone who would like to join us for the evening are most welcome. Please book a place as numbers are limited to table space. Cost is £3 - includes tea and coffee, bring your own equipment.

We have a few new members, but more are welcomed. It is a friendly group of people who like to get their brushes, pens pencils, pastels, etc. out at least once a fortnight! We all vary in ability, but most of all enjoy art, and learning from each other. You can bring your own subject to paint and once a month we have a still life session you can join into. Alan last time

brought in a gypsy caravan he had made. It was a challenging subject to draw and paint. Everyone had a different angle to it. The results were quite good and entertaining! Next time I think we will do some flowers!

Brushstrokes meet fortnightly at St Michaels annex at 7:30pm on 13th, 27th May, 10th, 24th June.

More information or to book workshop evening, contact Sue Sharman 01473 610474.

PLAYFORD ART CLUB

Annual Art Exhibition

is being held on
29th, 30th & 31st May
at
Playford Village Hall

Also

Craft stalls.....Refreshments

Doors open from 10 am to 5 pm

Everyone is welcome

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL CONCERT

To be held at 7:30 pm on
Wednesday July 7th 2004
at the Church of the Holy Family,
Kesgrave

and given by school pupils of
Stoke High School, Ipswich and
Heath Primary School, Kesgrave

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

FELIXSTOWE SPEAKERS CLUB

Our Club is a social group which meets on alternate Thursdays with the express purpose of learning how to speak effectively to others. We use a handbook which, in ten assignments, will take you through the most important aspects of speech making and ending with a 'Masterpiece' presentation. Contact Ken on 01394 213146 for further details.

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.

GARDEN OPEN

WITH
FARM WALKS
AND
VIEWS OF THE RIVER DEBEN

CREAM TEAS,
RAFFLE, CAKE STALL, GAMES
at the home of
John and Sara Symes
Hill Farm, Waldringfield Road,
Martlesham
2:30—5 pm
Admission free

In aid of the Barnabas Trust

ANGEL PLAYERS

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a musical tribute to the war years
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**THE ANGEL THEATRE
RENDELSHAM, SUFFOLK**

Thursday 20th May at 7:30 pm
Friday 21st May at 7:30 pm
Saturday 22nd May at 2:30 pm
and 7:30 pm

Ticket prices

£8.50 & £7.50 plus concessions

Box Office 01394 420272

**MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**

Black Tiles Lane

On the weekend of 7th to 9th May, the Fellowship will be at Sizewell Hall. The programme will include times of Bible teaching (by Victor Jack), and prayer. There is also time to sit and chat, to walk along the beach and to relax with friends and family. It is an opportunity to take time out, to take stock and to spend more time than one usually has to get to know people better.

Life seems so hectic for many of us, whether we are homemakers or high flying executives. We can almost have a guilt complex if we stop or even pause!

Jesus said to his disciples one day—"Come apart, away from the crowds and activity and rest for a while!" To take time out requires a certain amount of planning and discipline, whether it is to be spent with family or friends or to be alone, but the effort is well worth while.

It is even more important to spend time with God, to touch base with the Eternal, with reality, with that Kingdom which will last forever. As Matthew puts it in his Gospel, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and other things will find their rightful place"

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES IN MAY

SUNDAYS

- * Family Service and Sunspot at 10:30 am
- * Communion at 6:30 pm

TUESDAY CIRCLE May 11th at 2:00 pm (The Gipping Piano Trio)

WEDNESDAYS

- * Fun-Fit - 9:30am
- * Ladies Bible Study - 11:00 am
- * House Groups - 7:45 pm

THURSDAYS

- * Toddler Group - 10:00 am
- * Youth Club - 7:00 pm

N.B.—There will be no Services on May 9th due to the Fellowship's weekend at Sizewell.

For further information about the activities of M..C.F. please contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482)

or John Mellen (01473 624401).

Jeremy & Cynthia Walsh
invite you to
VISIT THEIR GARDEN
at 6 Warren Lane
**on Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd
May 10 am- 12:30 pm & 2 pm –
4:30 pm**

No charge for admission, but donations for the work of the Church in the shanty towns of Lima, Peru & of the Barnabas Trust, working among people with HIV/Aids in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Plant sale and light refreshments,
etc.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Praise, Saturday 29th May at 4 pm with Martlesham Brass at St Michaels with refreshments to follow. All welcome.

Gift Day, Saturday 29th May at St. Michaels from 10 am to 4pm. Everyone welcome to support YOUR Parish Church. Tea and coffee available throughout.

Open Day on Saturday 12th June at Hill Farm, Martlesham, courtesy of John and Sarah Symes. Come and enjoy a strawberry tea, stalls, games and walks by the River Deben. Starting at 2:30 pm. Admission free. All funds raised in aid of the Barnabas Trust and a project in South Africa.

BRIGHT STARS

Our services in May are on Monday 10th and Monday 24th. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michaels Church Centre for a short service aimed at pre-school children and their carers. There is a chance to meet together after the service for a drink and a chat. Do come along and join in the fun!

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

**THOUGHTS FROM YOUR
PARISH CHURCH**

Not from Mount Olympus!! - from 'YOUR' Parish Church - little mentioned but part of the fabric of our national life - it is there, it has always been there - well, maybe not the building called St. Michaels on the Heath but certainly St. Marys in Martlesham and St. John the Baptist in Brightwell.

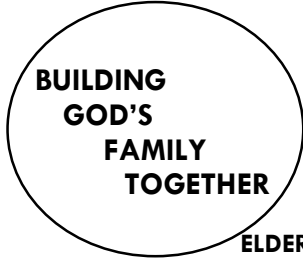
When we think of a typical village, we think of the pub, the village shop and the church - each offering a service to the community and all three patronised by the same people - give or take a body or two! The same people, facing life's ups and downs, the joys and sadness and especially the trauma of supporting Town! Thoughts from 'Your Parish Church' are from people just like you, ordinary, normal folk trying to make some sense of an increasingly fragile world where life itself seems more precarious with veiled and unveiled threats as part of the daily diet.

In April the Church remembered the Death and Resurrection of Jesus and in May we will celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church, and you are all invited to the party on 30/5/04 (see the Church notice board or the following page for details of Church Services)

Why should you accept such an invitation? Well, in case you do not have all day and because there is a limit of about 250 words - Jesus has the answer to all life's questions.

Come along - like the Teddy Bears' Picnic - you could be in for a big surprise!!

Lewis Currie



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. 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 May Easter 4	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 9th May Easter 5	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 16th May Rogation Easter 6	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Sunday School 6:30pm Informal Worship
Thursday 20th May Ascension Day			7:30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd May Easter 7	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Saturday 29th May			4pm Pentecost Praise
Sunday 30th May Pentecost	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & and Sunday School
Sunday 6th June Trinity Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

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

PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY

Pray daily for world peace and:
 8 for Suffolk Organists meeting at Martlesham today
 9 to know the Love of God
 10 for Forces Chaplains
 11 for those living far from home
 12 for the residents of Post Office Lane
 13 for the work of Christian Aid
 14 for child minders
 15 for all who are out of work
 16 welcome all who are strangers here
 17 for Hospital Chaplains
 18 for the safety of road users
 19 for the residents of Private Road
 20 for the work worldwide of Tearfund
 21 for victims of crime
 22 for craft workers everywhere
 23 for all who use St Michael's Church Centre
 24 for the farming community at Show time

25 for the United Nations
 26 for the residents of Ravens Way
 27 for continuing development through Oxfam
 28 for Prison Chaplains
 29 for the coming ministry of Ian Naylor
 30 for those suffering from addiction and their families
 31 give thanks for the delights of summer
JUNE 1 for the residents of Redwold Close
 2 for the members of the Christian Fellowship
 3 for wise use of the countryside
 4 for our village medical staff
 5 for the Diocese of Kagera in Tazmania
 6 for all our ministry team