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www.martlesham.org.uk.

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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-mail—woodbridge.cpo@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY

We would like to inform all patients of Martlesham Heath Surgery that, following the recent implementation of the new GP contract, the surgery will close on Saturdays as from 1st October 2004.

There will, of course, be an emergency service available for urgent medical conditions and calls will be transferred directly to Suffolk Doctors on Call when you dial the surgery number.

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Martlesham Monthly are pleased to tell you that we have hired a garage in the Village for Community storage. This is available to all groups and organisations for storage of small equipment. There will be no charge for this service.

Also we have a garden Marquee for rent which is suitable for small garden and family parties. It measures 9m x 3m. The cost of hire will be £10.

Please contact Paul Firman 01473 622874.

MARTLESHAM PARISH PLAN

*** YOUR FUTURE ***

Your chance to have your say to improve life in Martlesham

During the next few weeks a questionnaire will be delivered to every household in the parish of Martlesham.

Please spare a few minutes to complete it and it will be collected a few days later.

The questionnaire and your answers will be absolutely confidential.

Your responses will be collated, a report produced and an action plan prepared. These will:-

- Highlight residents' issues and concerns.
- Provide a plan of how improvements can be achieved.
- Show what needs to be protected.
- Be a persuasive influence to other authorities.
- Help local groups provide or improve local facilities.
- Feed into Suffolk Coastal's Local Development Plan

A summary of the plan will be available when completed.

The Martlesham Parish Plan is being prepared by the Parish Plan Steering Group - over 20 people from all walks of life who want to help you improve and influence the future of Martlesham.

If you would like to help in any way (eg:- delivering/collecting questionnaires), please leave your name and contact details with Mrs Lynne Lodge, Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB, tel: 01473 612632 or e-mail: martleshampc@btclick.com.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Grants

Any parish organization or society that may need financial assistance from the parish council next year (2005/06) should obtain an application form from the Clerk and submit the completed form and supporting information to the Parish Clerk by 18th November. The November meeting of the council's Finance & General Purposes Committee will be considering all such applications as part of its budget preparations.

Recycling Centre near The Square

Many complaints had been received about its removal and we are pleased to report that a replacement recycling centre is to be provided soon.

Play Areas

The Parish Council looks after all four playgrounds in the parish - Recreation Ground, Jubilee Play-space (behind Beacon Hill School), Centenary Playspace (near Gorseland School) and the Harry Higgins Play Area (behind the Pavilion); they are there for all youngsters to enjoy. They are regularly inspected by councillors and there are two inspections a year by qualified inspectors; any repairs are arranged as soon as we are aware of them. If you do see anything damaged or broken please contact the Clerk as soon as you can.

Possible alcohol ban

There are suggestions that this should be considered as a way of helping to combat anti-social behaviour. This had been considered before though we were advised then that it would have been inappropriate. The Parish Council is finding out more information about reducing anti-social behaviour and would appreciate any help to identify any particular problems.

Working Parties

There is a working party on Saturday 25th September meeting outside the Community Hall.

Volunteers are most welcome; if you are interested please contact the Clerk for further details.

Meetings

* Parish Council - Wednesday 1st September and 6th October.

* Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 8th September.

* Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 15th September.

* Finance & General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 22nd September.

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

Garden Competitions

Thank you to the many people who have entered our competitions this year; the gardens were all colourful, interesting and to a high standard.

The results will be announced with presentation of cups and certificates at:-

The Martlesham in Bloom

Presentation Evening

Monday 27th September

7:30 pm

The Pavilion

Martlesham Heath

The evening will also include refreshments, a talk on drought garden plants, a short slide show, quiz and raffle.

**All welcome
Admission free**

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 HEATH PAVILION

To book The Martlesham Heath Pavilion please call 01473 621406, not the telephone number shown in the advert. Also the Management Committee now have some tables and chairs which can be hired at a very reasonable rate.

Please contact Paul Firman 01473 622874.

REPORTING NTL CABLE TELEVISION FAULTS

If you are having a problem with your TV reception and need to contact NTL, the number for reporting NTL TV faults is: **01582 - 893104** and you need to state that you are "calling from Martlesham Heath in the Milton Keynes region."

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that we will be giving cheques in the region of for £1000 to both St Elizabeth Hospice and Guide Dogs for the Blind, as a result of the money raised from Music on the Green 2004.

Many thanks again for your great support this year. Next year's date is 9th July 2005. If you want to keep up to date with all the latest news and photos from this year's event, visit www.musiconthegreen.com.

Thank you also to our sponsors **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, Red Lion, Chalk & Cheese, Private Properties, Martlesham Developments, Martlesham Body Repair, BT Exact, Ryan Insurance Group, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, The Property Gallery and The Martlesham Monthly**, without them "MUSIC ON THE GREEN" would not exist, and we are very grateful to them.

The Music on the Green AGM will be held at The Pavilion on Monday 4th October 2004 at 8:00 pm.

Paul Firman,
Chairman

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Registered Charity 273769)

Progress of Community Projects

We have now written off to consultants for quotes for construction of the shell for the proposed new Village Hall and changing rooms. It is hoped that we can save costs through voluntary labour to help complete the hall once the building shell is completed.

A consultant has been chosen by MCC and our partners in the Sports Hall project in Kesgrave (SPARK) to carry out a feasibility study and produce a business plan. This work is due to start on 16th August and complete on 19th November.

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

Fund Raising

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Presents a veritable medley of up and coming events—please support to get more facilities for Martlesham!!

* 11th September, Film Archive evening in St Michaels Church Centre (£4, £2.50 concessions)

* 18th September, Woodbridge Excelsior Band in Woodbridge Community Hall (£5, £4 concessions)

* 26th September, sponsored walk and quiz from the Red Lion around Martlesham Circular route - bring the family! (Cost £2 or £5 on the day - registration 10:30 - 12:00 noon at the Red Lion)

* 20th November, Jumble Sale - jumble needed!!

* 27th November, Grand Christmas draw at the Old Tyme Music Hall event

PLEASE CONTACT JACKIE ON 623007 FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TICKETS. FOR THE SPONSORED WALK, CONTACT DAVE AT dave.green@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The August Garden Party to be held at York Road was held at St Michaels Church Centre due to the showery weather. About 70 members and friends had an enjoyable afternoon visiting the various stalls and chatting with friends over tea and cake. Our thanks go to Catherine and Clifford Newton, Sheila Woods and all helpers and members who supplied goods for sale.

The Club meets at St Michaels Church Centre on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Annual subscription is £10 with visitors welcome at £2 a meeting. There are plant and flower arranging stalls and tea is served.

The next meeting is Wednesday 15th September, when Mrs Frances Chesney will give a demonstration, "The Pleasure of Flowers". The competition will be "Colour Harmony"

October 20th is our OPEN MEETING. A lunch will be followed by a demonstration by Mr D Thomson, called "Colours of My Life". There will be no competition. Tickets are on sale now from Mrs Ann Chisem, 01394 388659. All are welcome - visitors £9 and members £7.50.

Margaret Forbes 01394 382209

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The Autumn show is the next event on the MVPA calendar. The show is open to members of the MVPA and **all residents** in the parish of Martlesham. We have a few children's classes which are always popular, especially as every entry wins a prize. For children's classes, just bring your entry along before 10 am on the day.

Entering the show is easy. It can be done in two ways, either by telephoning Bernard Ward the Show Secretary on 01473 626918 or e-mailing mvpa@vikingheights.fsnet.co.uk. You could also log on to www.martlesham.org.uk and follow the link to *MartleshamVPA* where you will find all details of entry, plus rules and the schedule. After deciding what to enter you can then e-mail for

an entry form. Online entry is not yet available.

Also on the *MartleshamVPA* link are the details of the new 2004/2005 programme. The actual cards are not available as yet, so at the moment www.martlesham.org.uk is the only way to see it. Printed Programme cards will be available towards the end of next week and can be collected at the show or from Doug Steggles on 01473 610148.

If you decide that you do not wish to enter the classes, you can still take part by coming along at 2 pm and viewing the displays. At the end of the show there is always a large amount of homegrown produce available for auction.

The first event on the new 2004/2005 programme will be a Cheese and Pickle supper, to be held in the Richards Room on Friday September 24th at 7:30 pm. During the evening we have a talk on the work of SHAPA (Suffolk Horticultural And Produce Association) by Roland Castle.

Membership of the MVPA is available at only £4 a family. Please telephone/e-mail for more details.

Linda Mitchell 01394 388577

Martlesham Village Produce Association

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 11th September 2004

to be held at

**St Michael's Church Centre
Opening 2 pm**

**Auction of produce 4:30 pm
Everyone welcome**

MARTLESHAM W.I.

The next meeting on September 17th will be an open meeting when all visitors are welcome to hear Mrs Westren speak on East Anglia.

There will be a relevant quiz and a competition for a Suffolk photograph.

Members and friends enjoyed a splendid outing on Saturday 7th August. First a delicious meal at The Round House in Thorington, followed by a visit to Aldeburgh Theatre to see "Murder by Misadventure". Ann Berg's organisation of the afternoon

was much appreciated by everyone.

Sylvia Harris

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The toddler group had a stall at the Music on the Green event, and the weather was fairly kind to us. We had a very hot day on Felixstowe beach, as we hired a beach hut for the day and had picnics and a paddle. The group held its annual toy cleaning evening. So the toys are all ready for the start back after the summer hols.

Sessions resume again on Wednesday 1st September and Friday 3rd September. We hope to see everyone again then and perhaps some new faces as well!

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)

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

We look forward to the start of the new term, which commences on Tuesday 7th September and our topic will be Autumn. We have planned plenty of opportunities for the children to learn how the changing seasons affect plants and animals by exploring, making observations and group discussions. Later in the term the children will also have the opportunity to learn about a selection of different autumn festivals celebrated around the world in a variety of cultures.

We will shortly be holding one of our major fundraising events - a Clairvoyant Evening - on Friday 12th November at Martlesham Community Centre. Tickets are now available and cost £5 each.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Prospectus and a Registration Form, please contact Elizabeth Leonard (Vice-Chair) on 01473 635944.

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL Martlesham Heath

The theme for our Autumn term is

'Traditional Stories and Nursery Rhymes'. Role play will include The Three Bears' house, Rapunzel's tower and The Owl and the Pussy-cat's boat. Activities will include sequencing, finger puppets, making porridge and fairy cakes, concertina people and plaster of paris shells.

The pre-school ran a stall on Village Day and we managed to raise £157 for the group. A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported us on the day.

Race for Life, which we supported this year, went very well again and we managed to raise over £900. A very big thank you to all who sponsored us and supported us on the day.

Our half-term break is from Monday 25th - Friday 29th October.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information, please contact the pre-school on the following mobile number - 07712 506123. This number will be answered during session times (9:15 - 3:15 Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 1:15 - 3:45 Wednesday and 12:45 - 3:15 Thursday) and is available during school holidays.

Rachel Vest

WALDRINGFIELD PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

This is to inform people that our sessions are changing to Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3 pm. Each week there is a different activity for the children to take part in, plus lots of free play. Sessions will still be held in the school hall and we start back on 7th September.

Due to a reduction in numbers as children start school, we are sending out an open invitation to any parent with a pre-school child living in Waldringfield and the surrounding areas to come and join in the fun.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Ickworth Park was the venue for our Summer Outing at the end of July. The weather was kind, the gardens

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glorious and the House interesting - so a great time was had by all.

Our Annual Wave of Prayer Service was also held at the end of July and this year took place at St. Michael's rather than St. Mary's, thus enabling more members to attend. MU branches in each diocese in the UK are linked with members in several dioceses abroad. In our own diocese of St. Edmundsbury, each branch holds a service between July 21st and 25th to pray for our fellow members in Kenya, Windward Islands and Ballarat in Australia, and to learn more about them. We use a standard service sheet with input from all the different countries represented.

Our next meeting will be at 2:30 pm on September 2nd at St. Michael's. Elizabeth will be talking to us about the implications of belonging to the Mothers' Union under the title of 'Mission Unlimited'. Don't forget to bring your 'Count Your Blessings' sheets with you, along with the pennies you collected in the process (mine came to just over £5).

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

Please remember Olive Smith who is far from well, together with Betty, Lilian, Nesta, Ena, Doreen, and Peg in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month; Holding one's tongue can often be even more beneficial than holding someone's hand!

GOD BLESS, SHEILA SMITH

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich MOTHERS' UNION

invite you to a
BEETLE DRIVE

on **Saturday September 18th**
at **7 pm**

Tickets £4 including **Ploughmans
Supper**
BYOD

**For tickets phone Monica Twaits
01473 623194**

Martlesham Beacon Hill School
Presents

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**Grand
CAR BOOT SALE**
Sunday 26th September
8:00 am—Noon
on school field

£5.00 per pitch
(+£2.00 for trailers)

Adults 50p entry
(accompanying children free)

Refreshments stall available

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michaels Church Centre on Tuesday 7th September from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served around 1:00 pm followed by a talk from Maureen and Sonia Burrows on 'Child Friendly Gardening'. 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 Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Please note the AGM will now be in **September** as our planned speaker could not come until October.

Monday 20th September 8:15 pm

AGM/ Bring and Share Supper

at Margaret's - 35 Saddlers Place

Please ring Margaret on 01473 610167 (by the 18th) to let her know what food you will be bringing.

For further details contact Jenny 01473 626253.

BRIAN, THE CO-OP MILKMAN

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

There will be a SURPRISE celebration on

Sunday 17th October in St Michael's Church Centre - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (The presentation will be at 3:30 pm)

All houses on the Heath should receive a slip at the beginning of September for you to return if you wish to attend and/or contribute to a farewell collection. (Should you not receive a slip please give any donations to Glenys Owens at 14 Warren Lane.)

We hope that as many as possible of Brian's customers (past and present) will wish to join Brian and his family at this village event. Elaine Everitt - 01473 622269 elaine.everitt@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM BRUSHSTROKES ART GROUP

I would like to thank all those who contributed and helped out on the village day, hopefully we may get some new members. Thanks to St Michaels for allowing us to use some space in the main hall.

We had a very successful evening with Robert Coppillie last May and hope to repeat this later on in the year. This Autumn we will be having some talks and workshops to keep us learning! They will be open to all. More details will be in the October issue or contact the phone number below.

The Art group is having its summer break currently. We start again on 4th September.

We meet in St Michaels Church annexe fortnightly on a Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Come as little or often as you like, bring your own tools and subjects to paint or draw, in whatever medium you like. There is a mixed ability from beginners to the more experienced. Sometimes we have still life (not nudes - though we have had of-fers!) and we enjoy learning from each other, with an interval for coffee, tea and biscuits. All included in the £2.00 fee.

For more information please contact Sue Sharman 01473 610474.

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held in The Pavilion on Monday, October 18th at 8 pm. The speaker will be Mark Mitchels, the local historian and author. His subject will be "Hadrians Wall - how it was built and held by the Roman Army". Admission is £1 and all are welcome. Further details can be obtained from John Tyler - Tel. 01473 612736.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Two forthcoming events in our calendar:-

MHAS Hash and Mash 1940s Supper Evening, Saturday 11th September, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm till 10:30 pm

This is an evening being arranged by MHAS and we are hoping again this year to welcome some of our American members and their families back again. For £5 per person you will get your supper and entertainment with WWII music to dance or listen to. Numbers are limited so get your tickets from either Bob Dunnett 01473 624510, Martyn Cook 01473 614442 or Russell Bailey 01473 435104. The event is being held at the Pavilion on the Green. Please remember to bring your own drinks and glasses. **This supper is open to all, so bring your friends along for an enjoyable evening.**

Martlesham Heath Aviation Society "OPEN DAY", 12th September. Open 11:00 am till 4:00 pm

There will be many side stalls and aviation historic displays. There will be a Grand Draw with a top prize of £50. We will have our in-house music and Martlesham Brass will be playing sounds of the 40s. This year we have Mr & Mrs Radio Suffolk (Mark Murphy and Lesley Dolphin) coming to officially open the Roof Access Stairs and the Air Raid bunker. The MHAS Control Tower Museum will be open all day. **Do make a note of the time and date!**

Our September meeting is on Friday 3rd September in the Community Hall with a 7:30 pm start. This will be an illustrated talk by Mr John Cooper who was lucky to survive a 'plane crash in the Indian

Ocean when he was a National Servicemen. All are welcome with an entrance fee of just £2 for non-members.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP

Music on the Green was successful for the Group, hopefully on two counts. Through plant sales we raised a reasonable amount of money towards the Group running costs for the next year. Also 12 people showed an interest in becoming volunteers and hopefully will appear at the next workday. However, from past experience we do not count it successful until those people actually turn up! Please, if you said you will, put your feet where your mouth suggested you would!!

Two Group members attended bat and mammal courses recently and we are aiming to improve the habitats and keep annual surveys of these creatures in the woodland as part of our management plan. Other courses are available to group members and we will produce a list of these for members to consider.

The Secretary has an apology to make. In the last Monthly I said the next workday was Sunday 18th September (sorry). The next month's workday is Sunday 19th September, meeting at 10 am 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

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

On October 15th we shall have another opportunity to hear the answers to all our problems and queries regarding osteoporosis as well as hearing about new developments in the fields of prevention and treatment.

Dr Gavin Clunie, Consultant Rheumatologist at Ipswich Hospital, will be holding an "Any

PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS

Questions" session from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at St Augustines Church Hall, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich.

Written questions are acceptable if you prefer to ask anonymously and we can look forward to an exciting and instructive afternoon. So get your questions ready!

MUSIC QUIZ

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

7:30 PM FOR 7:45 PM START

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
CENTRE, MARTLESHAM HEATH**

A quiz with a difference - no singing required

* £2 a head - maximum of 6 in a team

* Bring your own drink - nibbles provided

* Coffee/tea available

* Raffle

Organised by John & Maureen Read with a great deal of help from Sue, Geoff, and Simon Lambert (quiz and music makers extraordinaire).

In February 2005 John and I will be trekking in the Himalayas raising money for East Suffolk Mind (a mental health charity). We need to raise £5000 between us (a daunting task). Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact us if you would like a table. John & Maureen - 01473 624897, or Geoff and Sue - 01473 624130.

MARTLESHAM BOWLING CLUB

This year the Keen Cup was won by Alan Malster and David Bowtle after a great game. It is regretted that there is no known winner of the Coronation Drive as well as any of the Saturday drives. The recent Wednesday Pairs winners were mother and daughter Mary Marsh and Linda Brown. There was a good turn out for the Rous Trophy this year. The winners were Harry and Joan Mogford, with Tony Cooper and Tim Bowman the runners up.

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BARN DANCE

The club has had some problems to face but in one area it is supreme - the green. It is to be doubted if any club in the various leagues has a green in better state than Martlesham. The hard work put in by "the few" last winter has paid good dividends.

Our two chefs write the following - "It was nice to receive appreciation for the preparing of the refreshments for the Wednesday Pairs, but Audrey and Susan would like to express their thanks to Barbara and Kelly for serving the food and drinks during the day. Without their help it would be very difficult to play bowls as well as serving and washing up."

Tony Cooper, the Hundred Club organiser, paid out the final prizes for this year at a recent game. Thanks to Tony the club has an extra profit of £125.25 in the accounts.

The committee has reconsidered the timing of the A.G.M.. This year it will be held at 10 am - **YES AT 10 am!**

There is a correction to last month's "Monthly". The club's dinner was shown as Saturday 7th October. It should have been on **Saturday 16th October.**

The next committee meeting will be on October 11th at 7:00 pm. Linda Brown, our secretary, can be reached on 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Alas our return match away at Old Felixstowe on 21st July resulted in a loss of 3-7. Then again another loss on 27th July at home of 2-8 against Tuddenham.

On Sunday 25th July three teams from the club, along with sixty-two other teams, entered the "Chelmondiston Open Triples" and enjoyed a day's bowling helping to raise funds in aid of arthritis care (Ipswich Branch).

Only three more matches to play now in the summer league so here's hoping for more favourable results!

The new mat has brought forth some adverse comments but, hopefully, all will settle down ready

AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE

for the winter season.

Chris Chamberlain

MARTLESHAM TABLE TENNIS

Following a short summer recess, Martlesham Table Tennis Club will be starting up again on Friday 10th September. The club gives you the chance to play friendly games that are not too competitive.

The sessions are open to anyone 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 Pavilion. If you are interested, ring 01473 610177.

KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB

Established 1947

www.kesgrave.org.uk/tennisclub

Encouraging tennis at all levels - adults, beginners, children, improvers and wheelchair.

Any one wishing to join the Tennis Club please phone Sally Bovey on 01473 253287 or come along to club night on Wednesday 7:10 pm and collect an application form.

Visit our website

Please visit our website - www.kesgrave.org.uk/tennisclub for up to date information on club activities.

Tournament

We are holding a club tournament and BBQ on Sunday 12th September.

We have a busy coaching programme for all ages and abilities. Please phone Dick McDonald for more details and to book your place on 01394 384791.

Debbie Stebbings

KESGRAVE & DISTRICT YOUTH FORUM

Work has been going on over the last few months to provide several summer activities. We hope many of our young people took part in our Barbecue fun event on August 25th and the summer evening games throughout August.

The Youth Forum will produce much better results if more people, old and young, contribute to forming ideas on how our community can be run for the benefit of everyone. The Youth Forum is a sounding

on Saturday September 25th

board for ideas which will help young people become more involved in our community.

Our next meeting will be on September 15th at Kesgrave Town Council Offices at 7:30 pm.

I look forward to meeting some new contributors!

Joyce Beale

FELIXSTOWE SPEAKERS CLUB **Public Speaking May Be Good For Your Health!**

You may think public speaking is your worst fear but then someone has to do it. Certainly you should be grateful that Ana Selby is prepared to stand up and speak up in order to drive forward improvements in health care for us all.

Ana Selby works in the National Health Service and has made strong connections with Felixstowe over the last two years, more recently leading the project *Fresher Future for Felixstowe* and consulting with the public and staff on the issues this raises. Whether moving around the hospital sites locally on foot, or further afield by car, Ana has a reputation for not hanging about. More recently she has added sailing in the Caribbean to her modes of travel and this will have stood her in good stead for navigating the choppy waters of the NHS.

Come and hear how Ana has used her communication skills to succeed. Plus see how you can take the first steps to improving your communication skills at our 'Demonstration Evening' by the 'Speakers of Felixstowe' to be held at the St Felix Church Hall, 8 Gainsborough Road, Felixstowe on Thursday 9th September, 7:15 for 7:30 pm.

If you would like more information then phone Mike on 01473 623918 or Elaine on 01473 729867 or go to: www.felixstowespeakers.org.uk

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

There has been a very strong response to the removal of the Recycling Facilities from The Square. Thank you for this. However, please find that some of your letters have been necessarily edited or even omitted in light of the information provided below by Andy Hart of Bidwells. This was an editorial decision and I hope you can understand why I felt the need to do it.

Andy Hart states that the article in the Evening Star on Wednesday 14th July 2004 misrepresented details after all the facts were given to the reporter, failing to report the real reasons as to the removal of the Facilities and tending to report about a complaint from one resident, victimising him. He says:

Firstly, neither Grainger Trust Plc (formerly Bradford Property Trust Ltd) nor Bidwells own the land at The Square, Martlesham Heath. Fordley Land Company Ltd and Suffolk Life Annuities Ltd (the Landlords) are the owners. Bidwells are the Managing Agents on the Landlords' behalf. The organisation of the Recycling Facilities was the responsibility of Martlesham Parish Council in conjunction with Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Landlords' only involvement was to grant permission for the Banks to be placed on their land.

Any complaints from tenants, whether business or residential, are taken seriously and action will be taken accordingly to resolve them. It is regrettable that the decision had to be made to remove the Recycling Facilities but, above all else, Health and Safety must come first.

The mitigating factors behind making the decision to remove the Recycling Facilities were not solely down to one complaint from a Parishioner. Health and Safety was the major factor as business tenants had informed us that children were playing on and around the Facili-

ties, and taking bottles out of the Bank and smashing them on the ground. It was only a matter of time before a child had a serious accident by falling off the Banks and onto broken glass. My clients, the Landlords, would not wish to be party to nay insurance claims or court cases for such an accident when the Banks were noting to do with them, or Bidwells.

Another factor was due to the amount of litter around the Banks from deposited bags/boxes of bottles, cans and newspapers left by Parishioners who could not be bothered to sort them into the Banks, or because the Banks were full. As the Facilities have currently been removed, people still insist on leaving cans and bottles in bags or boxes scattered all over the parking area, which is totally irresponsible of them considering that glass is still being broken by children and may cause a serious accident if fallen on. Do these people not have any conscience of what harm they may be causing to others if they fall on broken glass? Our business tenants have to pay an annual Service Charge to maintain The Square, and to keep it clean and tidy. The cost for clearance of extra rubbish is being passed onto them, and, quite rightly, I understand that they will not be happy about it, due to fly tipping by Parishioners.

All of the Banks had signs/stickers on them stating that 'they were not to be used between the hours of 8 pm and 8 am', but this was obviously being ignored.

I have investigated fully an alternative site where the Facilities could be relocated, and with residential properties surrounding the whole of The Square, there is no alternative at present. We therefore suggest that the Recycling Facilities are used at the Tesco Store at Martlesham Heath until further notice. I am still investigating a full solution to reinstating the Facilities as soon as possible, to keep all parties happy. This includes investigating new type Banks which have some sound proofing, new signage and a purpose built compound to prevent clambering onto the Banks by children.

Yours Sincerely,
Andy Hart

RECYCLING BOTTLE BANK

Last year it was the flying display cancelled, this year it is the Bottle Bank. Reinstate the Bottle Bank.

M. Goddard

We were very sorry to see the bottle banks go from The Square. We disagree with taking them away as we used them every week. Looking forward to their return soon.

Yours Faithfully,
D. Rushbrook

In response to your query in the August Monthly about the removal of the Bottle Bank, I can only say that I was disgusted to find that this was done and without any attempt to re-state the acceptable times or to find a new site. I can't see how this constitutes management on Bidwells' part: in fact, I regard this as a complete abandonment of their responsibilities.

Yours Sincerely,
Valerie Martin

I read with some dismay that the recycling bins have been moved from the car park near The Square.

This facility was put to good use by residents and the funds generated thereby helped the village.

We ask that the Recycling Facility be re-installed as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,
M.E. Pratt (Mrs)

I feel that someone acted too hastily in removing this facility. Surely we should have been advised that a complaint had been made, and given the chance to air our views.

We are being urged to recycle more, and speaking as one who is "not so young" and does not drive, I have found the bins very convenient, and I know I am not alone.

Hopefully the voices of many

will bring about a restoration.
Sincerely,
Nita Rowland

Having spent months trying to get into the habit of saving my papers, bottles and tins and not put them in with the weekly refuse, I now find that the banks have been removed. I understand this was also financially viable for the Heath as well. Might I suggest a consensus is held to have the banks replaced immediately.

Thanking you for your time,
Peter Fry

I strongly disagree with the removal of the Bottle Bank from the Square. There are no homes in the immediate vicinity, only business properties, which is presumably why the site was chosen. I would support any campaign to get the Bottle Bank restored, to enable everyone in Martlesham Heath to recycle and help the environment.

Elaine Everitt

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"God doesn't go on holiday!!"

Many people are still taking holidays (or recovering from one!) In an interesting passage in John's Gospel, Jesus talked about Himself and His Father as "always working" i.e. no rest for the Holy! In another place Paul talks of Jesus, as the Son of God, always holding everything together.

We may sometimes think that God has wound up our world like a clockwork toy, and gone away, leaving it to run its course. With so much unhappiness, violence and suffering around us, this is an understandable point of view. But God is not dead! - or even sleeping! Creation itself is proof of His vitality (e.g. Harvest).

Also many people can testify to God's strength, support, and guidance in their daily lives. The world would be so much worse, if God was not "at work", restraining evil and promoting righteousness.

The scriptures do promise a

future Sabbath Rest for God when our world is renewed and when "Justice will flow like a river and righteousness like a never failing stream" (Amos)

J.H.M

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

SUNDAYS

Family Service 10:30 am
Communion 6:30 pm

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY CIRCLE—14th September (Autumn Lunch)

WEDNESDAYS 7:45 pm

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

THURSDAYS

Toddler Group—10 am
Youth Club—7 pm

There is a SENIOR CITIZENS TEA on Sunday September 12th. Please let Ruth Mellen know on 01473 624401 if you would like to attend (transport can be arranged).

For further details of Fellowship activities, please contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482), or John Mellen (01473 624401).

CEILIDH BARN DANCE

at **St. Michaels Church Centre**

on **Saturday September 25th**
4 pm until 7:30 pm
in aid of **The Barnabas Trust.**

Tickets—**adults £5, children 6-16 £3, children 5 and under FREE.**

Price includes Ploughman's supper, sweet, etc. Bring your own drinks.

The music will be provided by the Band - '**Clutching at Straws**'.

This will be a Family event in support of a very worthwhile cause. Tickets available from St. Michaels and the Post Office at the Black Tiles.

Contact tel. nos. **01473 625320** and **01394 383410** for more information.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, MARTLESHAM

HARVEST AND FLOWER FESTIVAL,

October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Come along and support this annual time of celebration in our ancient Parish Church. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

More details can be found on the Church services page.

NOTICE FOR WALKERS IN AID OF THE BARNABAS TRUST

On October 13th there will be a short walk and a longer walk starting from St Michaels, Martlesham Heath, ending with a Ploughman's lunch in the church centre around 12:45 pm. Please make a note in your diary and for more information contact 01473 625855.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

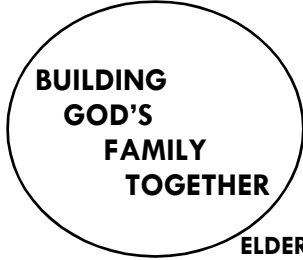
I have been working alongside clergy in this area for over ten years now and one thing I have noticed is that a high proportion of us enthusiastically support ITFC, (that is Ipswich Town Football Club). I sometimes even get asked if Richard Naylor is a relation of mine. I don't think he is.

I want ITFC to do well; I even go and cheer them on occasionally. I grew up with close ties to London; my family have always supported one London football club in particular. But the trouble is this club has been doing too well of late. I think that given the chance I would rather go and see Ipswich play rather than the Premier club, as for me this would be more exciting. More exciting, because the outcome is uncertain, (although no sporting event is ever certain). I like to support a team through its highs and lows, through its good times and difficult times. Maybe I am just too English and enjoy a bit of misery from time to time.

Church in a funny way is like a supporter and you are like the team. Because God cares for you as a unique person, and wants to be there for you through good times and bad, so does the church. God supports you and cheers you on even when times maybe hard and your home crowd seem few in number. He is there for you and cheers you on when everything is going well. But he is not just a passive well wisher—if you let him he is a very good manager and coach. He will even play alongside you.

Reverend Ian Naylor

**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

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 5th September Trinity 13	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship & Baptism
Sunday 12th September Trinity 14	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 19th September Trinity 15	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Harvest Festival 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 26th September Trinity 16	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Harvest Festival	11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 3rd October Trinity 17		8am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion BCP & Harvest Festival 6:30pm Songs of Praise	9:45am All Age Worship

Flower Festival: St Mary's—Saturday 2nd October 10am - 5pm, Sunday 3rd October 12 noon - 5pm, Monday 4th October 10am - 5pm

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 13th and 27th at St Michaels at 10:30am

PRAYER DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Pray daily for world peace, for the church, our parishes and:

- 7 for children and young people preparing to start a new school year
- 8 give thanks for Mary, the mother of Jesus; pray for mothers
- 9 for the Music Quiz in aid of East Suffolk Mind
- 10 for the residents of The Oaks
- 11 for the VPA Autumn Show
- 12 for joy and generosity in life
- 13 for Bright Stars
- 14 for local organisations beginning after the summer
- 15 for the residents of The Grove
- 16 for those in national and local government
- 17 for Martlesham in Bloom
- 18 for those being married at this time of year
- 19 for the Harvest Festival at St Michael's
- 20 for the directors of Martlesham Consultants
- 21 St Matthew: give thanks for the teaching in his gospel
- 22 for the residents of The Street and Top Street
- 23 for those gathering this weekend in Brighton for the Trade Justice Rally
- 24 for the local group of Suffolk Wildlife Trust

- 25 for fun at the Barn Dance in aid of the Barnabas Trust
- 26 for the Harvest Festival at Brightwell
- 27 for the industries of our parish
- 28 for Martlesham Christian Fellowship
- 29 give thanks for St Michael's Church on our Patronal Festival
- 30 for the residents of The Paddocks
- OCTOBER** 1 for Martlesham Brass on its 8th Anniversary
- 2 for the Flower Festival at St Mary's this weekend
- 3 St Mary's Harvest Festival: give thanks for the faithfulness of God in providing for our daily needs
- 4 St Francis: that we may care for those who are disadvantaged
- 5 for young people starting at University
- 6 for the Mother's Union