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## **COMMUNITY RESPONDERS**

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 7 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills.

We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail [Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk](mailto:Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk)), or see our web pages on [www.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.martlesham.org.uk).

## **MUSIC ON THE GREEN 2006**

### **Thank You 5000 Times**

Yes, we will be giving at least £5000 to our two charities - The Ipswich Children's Hospice and the Martlesham Responders. On their behalf, THANK YOU.

What a fantastic day once again! 'Music on the Green' is now firmly established in the music calendar of East Anglia and, with the support of BBC Radio Suffolk, can only go from strength to strength.

As always a day like this cannot happen without the support and help of a large number of people. As such we would like to heartily thank all of the following: **Our Sponsors** - their financial support allows us to stage this splendid event and in doing so ensures that the maximum amount goes to the charities.

**The Bands** - every single band played for free - 24 of them turned up exactly when we asked

Lowestoft, Cambridge and London.

**The Stand Holders** - both the commercial as well as the village stand holders. We know that many hundreds of pounds were raised for their chosen organisations and we had a record number of stands this year. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for much needed causes.

**The Car Booters** - again their support contributes greatly to the day as a whole.

**The Committee and its Band of Helpers** - a whole year's planning goes into organising a day like this, and it would be impossible without all the help and support received from many individuals and organisations.

**"The Punters"** - as Foz described the lovely audience who turned out to watch the bands, get a bargain from the Car Boot Sale, have a go at the stalls and generally enjoy the glorious day.

**The Raffle** - organising the raffle, selling tickets and donating prizes is the main way that the crowd can give something back to the charities during our free event. Again another record year in contributions.

**The Weather** - yet again it graced us with a brilliant day.

We would like to apologise to any residents who were inconvenienced in anyway during 'Music on the Green'. We realise that a lot of extra parking occurs in the roads during the day but we are sure you will look at this as a one day a year event which gives a lot of enjoyment to a lot of people and raises a lot of money for charity.

Congratulations to Caroline and David from Main Road. Caroline went into labour on the Green during 'Music on the Green'. They have a beautiful baby daughter called Ellen.

We are again indebted to our sponsors as without them the day would not be possible. On behalf of the whole village we would like to thank - **BT, BBC Radio Suffolk, The Evening Star, East Anglian Daily Times, Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, RDP Partnership, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print, Duncan's**

**Martlesham Body Repair Centre, Booth (Tarmacadam) Limited, Suffolk County Council Locality Budget, Garnett Electrical and The Martlesham Monthly.**

Make a note in your diary for next year's 'Music on the Green' - **SATURDAY 7th JULY 2007**

### **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

There is still a **vacancy for one councillor**. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and are aged 21 or over, please contact the clerk or any councillor for information. We will be pleased to hear from you.

#### **New route for Felixstowe bus service**

The service from Martlesham Heath to Felixstowe has been altered such that the bus now goes round Eagle Way the same way as the 66 route. It is hoped that the revised timetable will be displayed at the bus stops soon. However, you can now use the bus stops/shelters for this service.

#### **Travellers**

The Parish Council has taken action regarding the travellers who gained access to the Common from the Tesco car park. There are however legal processes which have to be followed and it has not been possible to short cut them.

#### **Changes to refuse & recycling services**

If you have any comments on the new service, the Parish Council would be pleased to hear from you so that informed discussions can take place with Suffolk Coastal.

#### **Bus stop opposite Portal Avenue**

It has been noted that this bus stop is well used and the Council would be pleased to hear from you if you believe there is a need for a bus shelter at this location.

#### **Forthcoming meetings**

\*Parish Council – Wednesday 2nd August and Wednesday 6th September

\*Recreation & Amenities committee – Wednesday 9th August

\*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 16th August

All meetings are at 7:30 pm

in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

#### **Contacting the Council**

In writing to the Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax: 01473 612632  
e-mail: [clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk)

### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

#### **Anglia in Bloom**

The Anglia in Bloom judges visited Martlesham on Friday 14th July. They were shown around the parish and were impressed and very interested everywhere they went and with everything they saw. We would like to say thank you to everybody who helped in any way on the day and have kept the Parish clean, tidy and attractive.

#### **Summer Garden Competitions**

We have had a lot of entries and by the time you read this article they will hopefully all have been judged. Thank you to all who entered our competitions. The results will be announced at our Presentation Evening, planned for later in the year, further details in September's Monthly.

#### **Hanging Baskets and Containers**

The hanging baskets in the Square look very attractive and we are grateful to the many sponsors, viz: Fraser-Hann, RDP Partnership, Martlesham Heath Dental Practice, Duncan's, Dr. Schurr & Partners, Martlesham Heath Surgery, Dummett Copp, Martlesham Consultants Ltd, Martlesham Monthly, Jacobs Babbie, Mrs M. Barrett, The Douglas Bader, The Property Gallery, Grainger Residential Management Ltd, A4D Baby, Martlesham Community Council.

Our thanks also to Bidwells who have arranged to regularly water the hanging baskets.

We are also grateful to the Martlesham Heath Dental Practice, HPB Productions & Publications and the Post Office Stores for sponsoring planted containers elsewhere in the parish.

If you would like information

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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 HALL**

To contact Martlesham Community Hall or Richards Room for details of booking them, or any other reason, please use any of the following methods:

- phone and leave a message on the answer phone. The number is 01473 623203.

- e-mail [martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com](mailto:martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com)

- send post to Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

(Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

### **ST MICHAELS CHURCH CENTRE**

St Michaels Church Centre and the centre's extension are available for hire both during the day and in the evenings subject to the requirements of the church. It has competitive hire rates, reduced for Martlesham residents and organisations.

The Centre has excellent facilities including a recently refurbished kitchen in the Church Centre.

For further information and hire charges contact Elaine Everitt on 01473 622269

### **NTL PHONE NUMBER**

We are still trying to establish a telephone number that we can call for all enquiries about the NTL Cable service here at Martlesham Heath.

For the time being can you call Paul Keane on 01206 507473. Paul is a manager with NTL and is trying his best to help us. He is based at Colchester is as frustrated as we are. So please call him for all your problems and hopefully he will sort them out.

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Griffiths produced six very different and colourful designs entitled 'Summer Miscellany'. She used a large 'cupid' container for her first arrangement and then produced a giant wicker basket adding greenery for an outline with Canterbury bells, stargazer lilies, peonies, roses and red and white carnations to complete the next arrangement. Using a lobster pot for her third display, Ms Griffiths included different greenery to depict seaweed with a variety of flowers depicting the sea, shrimps, sea urchins, sea anemones and surf. A large piece of driftwood formed the basis of an elegant fourth design and a green vase containing a piece of thick twisted willow mounted horizontally was used in her next arrangement. Lastly she produced a tall copper container and added copper beech and greenery using a variety of different flowers to illustrate the sky and a 'sunset'.

The competition was won by Ruth Mellen with Gillian Mayling winning the novice class.

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting. The next meeting will be on 16th August. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Mrs Barbara Bown  
01394 383033

**MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT  
FLOWER CLUB  
INDOOR 'GARDEN'  
PARTY**

**AT  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
CENTRE  
2:30 pm 16th AUGUST  
Cream teas, Plant & Craft  
stalls, Tombola, Bric-a-brac,  
etc., etc.**

**MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.**

At the July meeting members enjoyed hearing Edna Martin

insight to their origins and uses both culinary and medicinal. Edna had brought several small flower decorations with her, all based on herbs or aromatic plants and whilst she spoke, her friend produced a lovely flower arrangement composed of even more flowers and aromatic plants. On a warm evening the aroma of the herbs was fairly intense. After her talk she encouraged members to come and feel the herbs to release their often quite pungent smell.

Being WI, we did have a short business session, a raffle and of course tea. We will be staying with our WI tradition next month, when our more 'crafty members' are bringing some of their work for display, in the hope of inspiring others to try their hand at a craft new to them. Why not come along? You can always contact Kay Hall on 01473 626169.

**MARTLESHAM W.I.**

At the meeting on Friday 16th June, Mrs Jessic Whittle from Waldringfield W.I., our link delegate at the National A.G.M. held in Cardiff, gave an extremely detailed and comprehensive report of the meeting, leaving copies of the report for our records.

Mrs Whittle was thanked by the President, Mrs Joan Locke, for representing us at such an important meeting. Mrs Locke asked all members to show their concern at the huge amount of plastic packaging used by supermarkets, asking members to use their own shopping bags rather than ones provided at the stores, thus reducing the amount of unnecessary and often non-degradable materials.

Mrs K Lacey, our speaker for the evening, gave a very lively account of her changing lifestyle when she decided to grow herbs on a commercial scale. Members learnt about various herbs, some everyday, some unusual, and were able to purchase specimen plants to grow in their own gardens. Members were invited to visit 'K.PLANTS', Mrs Lacey's nursey, at Monk Soham on Saturday 5th August which will be her first 'OPEN DAY'.

The competition for a Bouquet

Garni was well supported and the winners were Margaret Forbes and Pat Jackson.

SYLVIA HARRIS - 01473 623427

**MARTLESHAM MOTHERS'  
UNION**

Some of us have just come back from Dublin where we attended the Mothers' Union Annual Meeting, and it was well worth the trip across the Irish Sea. Some of us even tried a glass of Guinness in Ballykissangel - or rather Avoca.

We were inspired by our World-Wide President and by our speaker Dr Marion Gibson, an Irish lady who heads the Trauma Management Team that was there for the Tsunami victims and the victims of the July bombings in London last year - what she deals with is unimaginable. She is a Mothers' Union member, and what a member!

We also heard about our newest branch. It has just started in the 77th country where there is Mothers' Union - can you guess where? It is Iraq, where it is not only difficult to be a woman but to be a Christian woman too. The first day there were 100 members enrolled and the next day another 400 - how's that for growth? They immediately set up a parenting course - it makes you think doesn't it?

Want to know more about the Mothers' Union? Phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

**MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY &  
TODDLER GROUP**

A very big thank you to all who helped at our stand on Village Day and everyone who came along to visit us. We had a really good day and raised a good sum for the group.

We will shortly be holding the draw of the 100 Squares World Cup game and the winner will be announced in next month's edition. Thank you to everyone who 'bought' a player and good luck with the draw!

Coming up in August, we have our annual day out to Felixstowe beach on Friday 18th August from 11 am onwards. We will be meeting

at 11 am opposite the Tourist Information Centre on Felixstowe front. Please do come along and remember to bring your own refreshments/picnic.

As it is now school holidays, we are running just the one session on Wednesday afternoons at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. Normal sessions resume in September when the new school term begins.

If you would like to join us, please do come along to our Wednesday afternoon sessions this month. The first session is free and you are assured of a warm welcome. For further information, please contact Dawn on 01473 610188.

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

As promised, I can now report that the FUN DAY was an enormous success! Thank you very much to all who supported in any way to make this such a good day for so many. Over £900 was raised for playschool funds.

All the children and staff will be on holiday as you read this. We look forward to the start of the new term on 5th September.

If you need to speak to someone regarding a place for your child, please 'phone Nikki Smith on 01473 614055.

Rachel Pennick, Secretary

### **THE ROUNDABOUT DAY NURSERY**

The Roundabout Day Nursery in Kesgrave has now been open for a whole year. It has been a very busy but enjoyable year, and a pleasure meeting all the families who have joined us since opening.

We are all very pleased with the new all year round artificial grass surface in the outside play area. This now allows us to use the garden all year round and in all weathers. An added bonus is that there is no maintenance (grass cutting). We will also soon be having a paved road area for the children to ride their toys, plus a large digging area.

This month's theme is

transport and the children will be busy learning about the different forms of transportation around the world. On 6th July the children took part in the Dr Banardos Big Toddle where we walked to the park and had a picnic. This was accompanied by a few parents for which we thank them for their help. So far we have raised nearly £150 for this charity.

The Nursery is open Monday to Friday from 7:45 am to 6 pm all year round. We welcome visits to the Nursery at any time, and Lavone Smith, the owner, can be contacted on 01473 333733, e-mail address [lavone@btinternet.com](mailto:lavone@btinternet.com). Alternatively visit our website at [www.roundaboutnursery.co.uk](http://www.roundaboutnursery.co.uk)

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

**Martlesham Heath**

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

We had a great school year and a very busy last few weeks with a successful 'Music on the Green' day, where we raised lots of money. Our big fund raiser of the year - the abseil down the Maternity block at Heath Road Hospital - was a **big success**. A big **THANK YOU** to all the brave abseilers.

Our Computers for Schools Tesco voucher collection went really well and we were able to buy a **digital camera** for the Pre-School. Thanks to all the people who generously gave their vouchers to us. Our theme for the new school year is Traditional Stories. We also plan to hold an open evening. The staff and committee would like to say a big thank you to Becky Patten who is standing down as Chairperson from September - her work has been invaluable to the committee, and also to Dawn Harris who has been our Treasurer for nearly two years - she has done a fantastic job and will be missed. We would like to welcome Laura Chevous who is kindly taking over as Chairperson from September. If you would like to help with the running of the Pre-School as a committee member then please contact the school.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school, please contact Christie

Drake on 07720 708562 for a chat and prospectus or e-mail her on [admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk).

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You are welcome to come and visit and join in with a session. We are taking children from the age of 2 ½ and will be running eight sessions each week. The new school term starts on September 5th and half term break is 23rd - 27th October.

### **GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.**

We said a sad farewell to our Headteacher, Alison Davies, at the end of term, as she has taken early retirement. The children had a wonderful afternoon with a bouncy slide and ice creams (as did several grown-ups!). The staff and former colleagues said their goodbyes at a grand 'Tea Party' and presented Alison with some wooden garden furniture.

We held our Grand Summer Draw and Balloon Race during the Sports Afternoons in July and now look forward to planning our events for the Autumn Term.

We have two Halls available for hire. One is our enlarged Main Hall and the other a Smaller Hall. If you would like further booking details, please contact the School Office on 01473 623790.

Elizabeth Leonard

### **MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL**

**A long frantic term comes to a close**

This term seems to have been such a long one with so many events and activities having taken place.

The months of June and July particularly have been busy. The pupils in years 5 and 6 returned from an amazing activity week in Hilltop Outdoor Activity Centre in North Norfolk where they spent an exciting and exhausting five days. The response from the children at the parents' presentation evening following the visit was unanimously voted "fantastic!".

While away at camp they were not spared the time to forget about the Key Stage 2 Summer Production either. The musical play "Scherherazade", a loose

adaptation of The Arabian Nights, was performed on two evenings at the end of term. The costumes singing and acting were excellent, indicating the amount of effort and hard work put in by the staff, children and parents alike.

Sports days were also exciting and competitive affairs as were the Swimming Galas too. Every child participated with enthusiasm and commitment.

We also said farewell in a special assembly to our Year 6 pupils who are taking those tentative steps into the future via Kesgrave and other high schools. Good luck and good fortune go with you on your journey through life.

As the term edged to a close thoughts were already being focussed on the term ahead, when the Parents Association is busy planning for the Grand Family Fun Day to be held on September 16th. More information will be given on this in the next edition.

**Part-Time Caretaker**  
**Urgently Required**

at  
**Martlesham Beacon Hill**  
**Primary School**  
**Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham**  
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2 hrs per day Monday to Friday  
Term time only (38 weeks per year)  
Rate of pay: £6.04 per hr  
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**All enquiries and further details from:**  
**Headteacher, Alan Murray**  
**Tel: 01473 652448**  
**Mob: 07835 264713**

**HEATH SCHOOL P.F.A.**  
**Bell Lane, Kesgrave**

Thanks to your support we raised a fantastic £1,500 at our Summer Fete. Some of this money will go towards a new safety surface for the Nursery Unit.

Our next fundraising event will be the Quiz Night on September 29th. Further details will be published next month. We will also be holding a race night on Friday 13th October. If anyone would be willing to sponsor a race

or a horse, please contact us. The details are below.

We've had quite a hectic few weeks at Heath this term. We are pleased to say that after a little upheaval and a lot of hard work, especially by our IT team, our school is now fully networked. Success has come for our Rounders team, who recently triumphed at a local schools 'Pyramid Rounders Competition'. Well done to all those taking part. Well done also to everyone who took part in Heath Schools 'Mile' as part of the national campaign for Sports Relief.

We've also recently recorded our very own CD! The CD features children from all age ranges and includes contributions from the choir and drama group. It will be on sale for £3.50 and will also be available to download as an MP3 file from the school website.

Don't forget that if you are buying online, check out the bargains on our school shop at [www.buy.at/heath](http://www.buy.at/heath). Heath school receives a percentage of all sales, so your money will be helping a good cause.

Finally, we wish all the staff and pupils (and PFA!) a well-deserved rest over the summer and we look forward to welcoming all the new families who will join us in September.

Nikki Snell – Publicity, contact no: 01473 623872

Tracy Henderson – Chair, contact no: 01473 631546

**MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Our meeting on July 17th opened with the Annual General Meeting. This was followed by one of the very best talks that we have had. Our speaker was Mark Mitchels, a local teacher and historian. The title of his illustrated talk was "The Soldier and the Sailor" and detailed the profound impact which two very different "Sons of East Anglia" had on the history of England and much of the rest of the world. These two men were Oliver Cromwell and Horatio Viscount Nelson.

Our next meeting on August 21st will be a talk on "The Royal

Naval Patrol Service". This was a wartime service in both World Wars which was provided by civilian boats – mainly trawlers – which operated out of Lowestoft, Gt Yarmouth and Felixstowe. Our speaker

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will be Mr L. P Whisstock of the RN Patrol Service Association in Lowestoft.

The meeting will be held in The Pavilion at 8 pm. All are welcome and the price of admission is £1.50.

John Tyler 01473 612736

**MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

On Friday July 7th our monthly meeting was well attended to hear a most interesting talk by a distinguished retired Squadron Leader who served at Martlesham Heath in the early post-war era. He was accompanied by his wife, Beth.

Neil Pollack joined the RAF in 1942 and was sent to Canada to train as a pilot. He survived a crash in a training aircraft when his instructor was demonstrating low level flying. Both of them were uninjured. Neil flew Mitchell's and Liberator's as a sergeant pilot before being sent to India, but the war came to an end just as he was about to take an active part.

He was posted to RAF Martlesham in the early post-war days when it was the home of the Bomb Ballistics Unit and the Blind Landing Experimental Establishment. He flew the only Lincoln which had two contra-rotating prop jet engines and two conventional Rolls Royce Merlins. This was used to drop dummy 10000 lb atomic bombs on Orfordness.

After an eventful career spanning some 42 years, Neil flew 43 different types of aircraft. He retired as a Squadron Leader and now lives in Woodbridge. A vote of thanks was given by our member, Vic Wilkinson.

Our August meeting will consist of an arranged trip to the Longshop Museum at Leiston and a pub meal afterwards.

We wish to encourage youngsters to take an interest in

aviation. To that end we offer free membership of the Society until the age of 18.  
Alan Powell - 01473 622458

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

As hoped for in last month's input, the Gorseland School mini beast hunts were very successful as far as the children were concerned, as was the Nature Watch Club bat meeting. The Group glow worm survey was also successful, identifying 83 females and one male, a 20% increase on last year's count. The Group's displays at 'Music on the Green' attracted a lot of interest. Hopefully this interest will convert into volunteers but we have learnt not to hold our breath, however we will keep our fingers crossed. The fund raising for Nature Watch equipment (book sales) and Group running costs (plant sales) were productive and thanks to all who dipped into their pockets or purses, although I think a lot of bargains were available.

The only down side to the last few weeks has been the re-emergence of a very annoying dog walker. This dog walker, or walkers, clears up their dog's mess using a plastic bag which seems great! However, they are then throwing the bag and mess into the bushes, or hanging it in bushes, trees or on old WWII gate posts where it has to be dealt with by volunteers. This is not a nice job and we would be grateful if the perpetrators would desist.

We have a rest during August so will inform you of the next workday in September's Monthly. Contacts: Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 620856, Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632  
Website: [www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup)

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

The exciting news this summer has been the discovery of a new species of butterfly on the heath - the White-letter Hairstreak.

This is the 29th butterfly

species recorded on the heath and probably the first time White-letter Hairstreak has been recorded here since at least the 1950's.

At the end of this year, it is expected that its UK Biodiversity Action Plan status will be equal to that of the Silver-studded Blue making it not only a high priority conservation species but also a very important addition to the heath fauna.

The butterfly is on the wing during July and August and it can occasionally be seen on bramble flowers.

On Sunday 9th July we attempted to count the population of Silver-studded Blue butterflies present on our local heathland. Unfortunately we happened to pick one of the windiest days of the summer, so we had rather a disappointing time. A big thank you to all those who came along and did their best under difficult conditions. Subsequent visits have revealed that there are more Silver-studded Blues than we managed to find on the 9th July. However, the number present on the northern section is worryingly low. We will add up the total and present the results at our AGM later in the year.

There is no work party planned for August. However if you are interested in doing something practical then please give us a call or e-mail. Our next scheduled work party will be Sunday 10th September. Meet at 10 am outside the Douglas Bader.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard  
[steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk)

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST Woodbridge Group**

Our next event is on Friday 18th August at Foxburrow Farm when we have a barbecue, tour of the farm and wildlife evening featuring moths with moth light and hopefully bats, commencing at 7 pm. Tickets are available in advance from myself at a cost of £4 per individual or £10 per family, or charges on the night will be £5 and £12 per family.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

### **CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS!**

New watercolour and other media painting class starting September in Old Martlesham Village Hall on Mondays between 9:30 am and

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12:30 pm with experienced qualified teacher catering for all levels. Our Suffolk College class closed and we decided to go it alone – why not come and join us? For further information 'phone Fiona Baker on 01394 384028.

### **NEW!!**

### **Michelle Steward School of Dance**

**Street Dance class for Age 7+  
Thursdays 4 - 4:45 pm  
(starting Thurs 7th Sept)  
Martlesham Pavilion**

Come along and learn fun and funky routines to all the latest chart music.

**For more information contact  
Michelle on 01473 714636**

### **HPB PRODUCTIONS**

The **Midsummer Concert**, given by my students on Saturday 24th June at St Michael's Church Centre, raised £39 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

**In Concert ~ Violin, Soprano, Piano & Classical Guitar** on Sunday 16th July also at St Michael's Church Centre, raised £38.40 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Thank you to all those who attended and I look forward to seeing you all at my next 'In Concert', **3pm on Sunday 29th October** at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, which will be featuring Tenor, Piano and Violin. More details in September. For further information telephone me on 01473 625196.

Helen Burrows

### **SLIMMERS GAIN 145 POUNDS IN ONE NIGHT!**

You wouldn't expect a group of slimmers to be pleased with a gain of 145 pounds, but Martlesham Heath Slimming World Group were

delighted! Why were they so pleased? Because on Monday 17th July the group did their Sport Relief mile around the streets of Martlesham Heath, and it was £s they gained, not lbs!

Group consultant Sarah Harvey was delighted with the event. "In a week when members actually had a fantastic weight loss of 69.5lbs between them, they also raised £145 for Sport Relief," says Sarah. "It was wonderful Body Magic for our members and great news for Sport Relief – everyone gained. Some members ran, some walked and one was even pushed in a wheelchair, but they all made a determined effort to take part on a very hot evening."

"The Sport Relief mile event was the suggestion of one of the club members", says Sarah. "It is a really lively group, where losing weight is fun, and this was typical of the group's enthusiastic attitude to life!" The group meets at Birchwood Primary School, Valiant Road, Martlesham Heath, at 7 pm every Monday. Old and new members are very welcome! If you would like to know more you can contact Sarah on 01473 434073.

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

In the Suffolk Bowls Teams Competition on 21st May we entered a team of six people for the singles, pairs and triples events. This team did very well in the initial rounds but, unfortunately, did not get through the final knockout stage.

At the Meld Leisure Centre bowls holiday in Torquay, Judith and Brian Longman played very well in the earlier round but were not successful in making further progress. However, during one of the evening competitions Brian managed to get the prize for highest scoring Gentleman.

To date we have played four rounds in the Summer League, winning 10-0 against Tythe Barn and 6-4 against Somersham at home, and 6-4 against Claydon away. We lost to Gt Blakenham 2-8 at home. Since that time we have, unfortunately, lost a further three

on Saturday September 20th

matches. As there is no promotion or relegation system during the Summer League we are, as last year, giving any members who wish to play an opportunity to get experience of match play.

### **THE MOB**

The MOB finished last season in mid-table of Division 1 which of course sees us back there for next year. So not brilliant but not bad either.

The end of season presentations went to the following people:

Simon Boyd - Management Player of the Year

Dale Fowler - Players' Player of the Year

Neil Simpson - Most Improved Player

Well done to those three, who have shown application and commitment through the season and were justly rewarded for that.

On the subject of awards - the Sunday League each year presents a trophy to the 'Secretary of the Year' and I am delighted to say that went to our secretary Mark Isaacs. Secretary can be a thankless job but Mark's efforts have been recognised.

Talking of thankless jobs, we have need of a good quality goalkeeper in the squad, with our current 'keeper Darren Thomas having been injured in a cycling accident. So if you are a good 'keeper used to playing at a high Sunday level get in touch to join a friendly team. Contact Ivor Guppy in the first instance on 07790438836.

The Mobster

### **RSPCA Martlesham Animal Centre Open Day** Mill Lane, Martlesham, IP12 4PD 1:30 pm to 5 pm

Dog show and various stalls including refreshments, cards, books and bric-a-brac, etc.

### **All proceeds to RSPCA Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch**

Entrance is £1 for adults and 50p for children.

7 pm until 10 pm

Ample free parking in the field next to the Animal Centre.

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### **LOST CAT**

Since 14th July. Three year old grey tabby cat with white chest and leopard features underneath. Wearing a silver colour collar and chipped. Please ring 01473 626506.

### **THANKS - ARC COLLECTION**

My thanks to the villagers of Martlesham who donated £127.59 to the Arthritis Research Campaign House-to-House Collection which helped towards a grand total of £1069.79 raised. Thank you for your support.

IAN CRAIG - Woodbridge ARC

### **VILLAGE VIEWS**

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

### **MUSIC ON THE GREEN**

For the first time this year I wasn't on the organising committee of 'Music on the Green'. I was able to just turn up on the green at 10 o'clock with my family and enjoy the day - and what a day! A fantastic day out in the sunshine. Many thanks to all involved for another huge success. The variety of music was particularly memorable. I congratulate all the performers.

The only 'blot on the landscape' was the amount of glass bottles left lying about on the football field next to the cycle path near Gorseland school, as people made their way home. The damage to the fencing is an appalling act of vandalism. This made me wonder whether the organisers should consider finishing the event earlier next year.

We look forward to 'Music on the Green 2007' with great anticipation.

Rachel Pennick

**7:30 'til midnight**

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**Any queries contact Kirsten on  
07733 233704**

### **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD**

#### **TEAM, KESGRAVE**

**Sunshine On My Shoulder - John Denver - 1971 - RCA records**

It's summertime. As well as the sound of birds calling to their young, if you live anywhere near the open spaces you can probably also hear the screaming and swearing of teenagers (probably not yet 17), and the smashing of bottles - possibly even the breaking of fence panels and wing mirrors being kicked off cars as the lovelies pass by.

If you DO witness this, please ring 999 if you genuinely believe that a crime is being committed. If you get a mouthful of abuse off any of them, ring 999 and let us know - be prepared to point out the offender to us so we can effectively deal with it. We will take a statement from you and take the matter forward.

If you have youngsters aged between 10 and 17, and they are out in the evening, you may well get a call from us - either to come and witness what YOUR child is doing, or to see what they have done - or to act as an appropriate adult at the police station following arrest as a result of their behaviour. If you have any inkling that they may be drinking alcohol (don't assume that the Coke bottle contains only Coke), follow your instincts and check it out.

If you are one of the youths - please behave responsibly. If you are a parent of one of the youths - please behave responsibly. If you're one of the residents who suffers from the above - please tell us at the time, not after the event. Thanks.

Mick Richardson, Ps 535, Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team  
[mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) - 01473 334980

### **KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '96 REUNION**

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**Saturday 23rd September  
The Curve Bar, Ipswich**

### **KESGRAVE KESTERLS CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB**

Kesgrave Cycle Speedway Club welcomed the Colchester Stars to Twelve Acre Approach on Sunday June 25th. Careful consideration was given in advance to The Kestrels line up, with two riders carrying hand injuries, whilst a surprise defeat away to the Colchester Club during the 2004 season highlighted a need for caution.

On the day a depleted Colchester squad arrived late and The Kestrels newest recruit - 13-year-old James Bugg from Martlesham - was sportingly loaned to the visitors. The hot conditions pressed the fitness of both sides, whilst the track surface inevitably dried quickly. The home side fortunately adapted better to the unpredictably conditions and a comfortable 14 point lead was gained before a welcome half-time interval.

A confident Kesgrave unit all displayed good team riding skills to further extend their lead, although Colchester's top two riders never gave up their challenge. With two losses earlier this season, The Kestrels need to win their four remaining fixtures to stand any chance of silverware this season.

Final Score: Kesgrave 94 - Colchester 66. Individual Scores: P Jay 18+2, D Johnson 18+2, D Croft 13, A Turnbull 12+2, M Cooper 10+1, J Jacobs 10, G Solomon 9, A Daley 4.

Our club is actively supporting the Kesgrave Music Festival Charity event on August 5th. We will be hosting our Inter-Club Championship from 3 pm with all profits made from refreshment sales being donated to the Charity. New seating is now available for

all spectators courtesy of the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre.

### **ENERGY SAVING TRUST**

The Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre Anglia is Government funded to provide free and impartial advice to householders to reduce the carbon emissions that cause climate change and save money on fuel bills. Advice and information is available to help;

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- Make homes more energy efficient
- Obtain energy from renewable sources
- Travel with lower carbon emissions

For more information call free on 0800 512 012 or e-mail [info@est-anglia.org.uk](mailto:info@est-anglia.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.est.org.uk/anglia](http://www.est.org.uk/anglia)

### **ANGLIA ENERGY SERVICES**

**Anglia Energy Services (AES) is a new energy service designed to help you save money on your energy bills. AES offers a low cost gas and electricity supply.**

AES is a non-profit making organisation managed and operated by Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT), a registered charity. For every individual who switches to AES, £30 will be donated to the parish council to spend on local initiatives. We can also assist residents to access funding to insulate their homes.

To join the AES scheme, or to obtain further information, please contact 0800 783 4761, or visit [www.angliaenergyservices.co.uk](http://www.angliaenergyservices.co.uk)

### **WOODBRIE PROBUS CLUB**

Mrs Ann Day took the Club through nearly three centuries of brewing in Ipswich at their last meeting on 3rd July at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club. The name of Tolly Cobbold took members from an account of the process of brewing, through its local history to an opportunity to sample some of the products.

At their next meeting on Monday 7th August, Mr Graham and Mrs Sandra Waspe will talk about guide dogs for the blind.

Retired or semi-retired men

over fifty who are interested in membership should contact Dick Bason (01473 720995) or Ron Fisher (01473 631347).

### **WOODBRIIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

Our attention this month is focused on two future events - the Woodbridge Regatta on Sunday 13th August and the Fun Day Extra on Sunday 10th September.

We support the Regatta committee in organising the event, in particular the land based activities held in the model yacht pond field. Expect to see us out and about in Woodbridge selling ducks for the great "Duck Dive". How does the "Duck Dive" work? It's a long story - when you see it you will know. Our celebrated Whooppee Dipper will be offering mini-rollercoaster rides to the younger children, whilst there will be a host of other side shows and rides for all age groups.

The Fun Day Extra is the event where the Lions and Lioness Clubs in the area will be assisting the remarkable local charity LOADS, which offers support to the families of those with Down's Syndrome. There will be more details as activities are confirmed, but definitely one for the diary. The event is from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm at St Clements Sports and Social Club, Foxhall Road.

To contact us, please visit our website [www.woodbridgelions.org.uk](http://www.woodbridgelions.org.uk) or call Lion Peter See on 01473 625318.

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

#### **Black Tiles Lane**

During the School Holidays in August our weekly programme will be different from usual, with some of our groups taking a break and others trying out new things. We welcome you to our services if you are holidaying in the area. If you want to know more details about what is happening this month:

\* Visit us at a service or activity

\* Visit the website at [www.m-c-f.org](http://www.m-c-f.org)

\* Telephone Julia Faulkner on

01473 625482 or John Mellen on 01473 624401

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**6th, 13th and 20th August**

10 am - **Family Worship** followed by refreshments and then

11:45 am - **Communion**

**Sunday 27th August**

10 am - **FAMILY SERVICE combined with communion.**

**Weekday activities**

### **HOUSEGROUPS**

for prayer, bible study and fellowship, **7:30 pm on 9th and 23rd August** at the Fellowship Centre.

### **TODDLER GROUP**

Summer break

### **FRIENDS ON FRIDAY**

**Continues right through August**

Drop in any time between 10 am-12 noon for coffee and chat (and games if you wish). Especially for those in "the third age".

NEW! NEW! NEW!

### **The HUB Cafe**

at Martlesham Christian Fellowship Centre

A new social venue for 16+, 20s, 30s

*Thursday Nites*

8-10 pm

Good coffee, great events

**Arrive early at 7 pm for**

***The Sanctuary***

Discussion, music, prayer

*Further information from Hannah and Grant Abbitt on 01473 620513*

### **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

The weather held fine for our week-end of events in June and a good time was had by all!

The Family Barbeque was a great success due to the hard work of Charles Minchen who spent a great deal of time in getting the Church Hall 'grounds' into order for maximum car parking and general tidying of the site. On the day, Jamie and Jessica Niblock and John and Jane Bailey spent much time and effort in creating a safe environment for the children and a delicious menu for the gourmets. It was good to see so many Brightwell residents at the event and everyone, I am sure, enjoyed the occasion. Mike and the Doons provided some very suitable music for the occasion. To the amusement

and interest of all some of the subterranean residents surfaced to say hello to their visitors and to perhaps complain about the noise. The Concert on the Friday and Saturday was enjoyed by many and our thanks go to the musicians and singers taking part. The whole weekend was a social and financial success.

As the distant autumn mist clears a bit I can just see a Music Quiz emerging, not on Friday 13th

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October, but Saturday 14th.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

### **THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH**

#### **Personal news from Lebanon**

I am writing this mid-July (for reasons of magazine deadlines) and so I know the situation will have changed in Lebanon by the time you read it. My brother Christopher, his wife Susanna and their three children are sheltering from bombs, in Beirut, where they have lived for a number of years. We are praying for an ending of violence on all sides, and on a more personal level we are praying for their safety.

Let me share with you some of his latest e-mail:

*"As I write the bombs are detonating, landing on the port and residential areas to the south of us. It is an appalling feeling to know that with each explosion the innocents are dying. As you watch the news you must be seeing that it is the ordinary folk of this beloved country who are being killed. The targets are petrol stations, road intersections, bridges, and residential districts. To add insult to injury, prior to bombing, the warplanes rain down leaflets saying leave and then bomb the very roads and cars taking people out! I cannot tell you how we feel.*

*This morning, friends of ours are driving the dangerous escape route to the north trying to get to Syria.*

*We wait for further instructions in our apartment in Ras, Beirut, where we are 'holed up.' The rumour is that the British ships are near and that the evacuation will be*



**THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 6th August Trinity 8	8am Holy Communion Transfiguration of our Lord	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 13th August Trinity 9	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 20th August Trinity 10	8am Holy Communion 3pm Baptism Service	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship
Sunday 27th August Trinity 11	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd September Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

**PRAYER DIARY FOR AUGUST**

Please pray daily for world peace, for our church and:

- 6 give thanks for God's Glory
  - 7 for all families on holiday
  - 8 for all residents of The Oaks
  - 9 give thanks for the vision of Mary Sumner (MU founder)
  - 10 for all parents and grandparents
  - 11 for the Poor Clares
  - 12 for local industries
  - 13 for peace in our world
  - 14 for the local clergy
  - 15 for other faiths
  - 16 for the residents of The Grove
  - 17 for the sick and suffering
  - 18 for our Daily Bread
  - 19 help us to answer God's call
  - 20 help us to grow in wisdom
  - 21 for all hotel staff
  - 22 for all prison staff
  - 23 for the residents of The Street and Topp Street
  - 24 for the elderly and all carers
  - 25 for missionaries
  - 26 please God strengthen our faith
  - 27 for Christians suffering for their faith
  - 28 give thanks for the life of Augustus, Bishop of Hippo
  - 29 for the residents of The Paddocks
  - 30 give thanks for Spiritual writers including John Bunyan
  - 31 give thanks for God's gift of the Holy Spirit
- SEPT 1** guide us in the paths of righteousness
- 2 for all God Parents
  - 3 for children preparing for school
  - 4 for all teachers
  - 5 for residents of The Square