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PC Ian Rafferty

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

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Office—01473 334980

E-mail—[ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

## **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**

Saturday 8th July 2006 will see the sixth annual "Music on the Green" event. This is a free live music event and the proceeds are donated to charity. The 2005 event was hugely successful, with continuous music from 10 am until 10:30 pm. The committee are now meeting and getting together a varied programme of music for 2006.

Although we have a great number of willing helpers, we are always looking for more help during the day. If you could give us an hour's help during the morning and or after the event we would be very grateful. We would like to build a register of helpers. If you can help with next year's event please e-mail: [paul.firmanhair@ntlworld.com](mailto:paul.firmanhair@ntlworld.com) or call me on 01473 622874.

We are also indebted to our sponsors for 2006 which at the moment include **Howard Plant,**

**Transport Ltd, PJ Print and The Martlesham Monthly.**

**This year's chosen charities are The Ipswich Children's Hospice and The Martlesham Responders.**

Visit our website for the latest news [www.musiconthegreen.com](http://www.musiconthegreen.com)

Paul Firman, Chairman

## **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Foxhall Landfill and Composting site**

Viridor has installed an odour suppression system at the site which should prevent the obnoxious odours. The system is currently being used with a scent for test purposes. If you notice any form of sweet smell, Viridor would be grateful if you could report it as it will help test the system's effectiveness. The **freephone** number for this: **0800 807060**

**Street light failures**

The Council has been lobbying the County Council over many months regarding the failed street lights in Eagle Way near Valiant Road. The repairs which will require a road crossing and some disruption to traffic have now been ordered and hopefully will take place soon.

If you are aware of any other street light failures these can be reported on a **freephone** number: **0800 807060**

**Foxhall Landfill – height barrier**

The County Council has reviewed its policy on height barriers at waste centres across the county. As a result the barriers will be increased to 2m to allow most people carriers and 4x4 vehicles to access the sites. The programme of change will start next year. Any enquiries can be directed to the County Council on 0845 6066 067.

**Speeding vehicles**

The Parish Council has received reports of vehicles using excessive speed on Eagle Way between the link road roundabout and The Square. The speed limit is 30 mph like the rest of Eagle Way.

**Forthcoming meetings**

\*Parish Council – Wednesday 1st February and 1st March

\*Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 8th February

\*Recreation & Amenities Committee - 15th February

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 Mrs L Lodge, 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)

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

#### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

**We will be entering the Anglian in Bloom 2006 competition**

#### **Spring Competition**

Many gardens in the parish of Martlesham look very attractive in spring so we are having a competition for a photograph of your spring garden, either the whole or part of your front or back garden. Entry forms can be obtained from the secretary (address below).

### **Launch of Martlesham in Bloom 2006**

**(Part of the Anglia in Bloom  
Competition)  
Monday 20th March, 7:30 pm  
Featuring a talk by  
Karen Kenny**

**on  
Organic Gardening and  
Allotments**

**at  
St Michael's Church Centre,  
Martlesham Heath  
Admission Free**

**\* Light refreshments \* Raffle  
\* Fruit & vegetable quizzes**

Work is continuing this spring on the Martlesham Millennium Drought Garden and a new border is being planned at the end of the Parish Room/Richards Room building. Some further planting is also planned for Kronji's Piece (next to the Recreation Ground).

If you would like information

on the above or any Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact: -

J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary), 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath. Tel: 01473 625196.

#### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY 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)

#### **MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

Members should by now have received the paperwork for the AGM to be held at St Michael and All Angels Church Centre on Thursday 9th February at 8 pm.

We look forward to a good attendance.

6 The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

tel: 01473 612207

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

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Martlesham Community Hall  
Felixstowe Road, Martlesham**

### **VALENTINE'S DANCE BY NORMAN ROSE**

**Tickets (inc. Buffet Supper): £8.50  
each**

Coffee/Tea & Squash available or  
bring your own drinks.

**Available from:**

**Jackie Bear 01473 623007**

**& Burrows 01473 625196**

**SATURDAY 7:30 PM,  
4TH FEBRUARY**

#### **MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

The new committee have now had their first meeting and welcome two new faces in Mike and Lind Morphy.

An outing to the ever-popular Wisley is already arranged for 13th June and there are still a few places left so please hurry if you wish to be included and contact one of the names below.

The first meeting in January was a light-hearted quiz arranged and compared by Brain Davey. Our programme continues in February with two varied talks, the first being on Friday 10th by Lorraine Wright, whose chosen topic is 'An Evening with Roses'. Mr Parfitt follows this on Friday 24th with a talk entitled 'Japanese contrast'. Both evenings will be popular so please get there early to claim your seat at the front.

A future date to put in your diaries is the Annual quiz between Woodbridge Horticultural Society and the MVPA. This year it will be hosted by WHS in Woodbridge on 9th March. Our team has been chosen and they are already swotting hard to ensure victory.

The organisation of the Spring Show this year will be by Janet and Brian Davey. The schedules will out very soon and the classes will be very similar to last year with a few interesting tweaks. Please contact Brian or the other contacts below for a schedule.

We look forward to meeting you at any of our Friday meetings. They start at 7:30 pm and are held on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

For a programme card please contact Doug Steggles who will inform you of our membership subscription.

Happy Gardening.

Committee members - Doug Steggles: 01473 610148, Brian Davey: 01473 624173, Eric Rollins: 01473 623868, Betty Darke: 01473 624193

#### **MARTLESHAM AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

Mrs J Nicholls from Manningtree was the demonstrator for January. Forty-one members and fourteen

guests enjoyed watching seven very different arrangements materialise from Mrs Nicholls' experienced hand. Meanwhile she regaled us with stories from her wide experience of arranging flowers for weddings and special occasions. Two of the arrangements were low, and suitable for a dining table as conversation could be carried on across the table. One of these had deep purple anemones and pale mauve statice nestling on a bed of moss, with loops of bear grass as the finishing touch. The other was an arrangement of spring flowers with two white candles included, making it suitable for an evening function. Another of Mrs Nicholls' was after the Dutch style where she used three scarlet amaryllis stems in a tall galvanised vase, again using bear grass.

The competition using white flowers was won by Norma Jessup for the Novice class, and Ruth Mellen for the experienced, with Margaret Forbes second and Ann Fraser third.

February's demonstrator is Mrs J Hurst from Bungay, her title being "Springtime". The competition is a petite arrangement - "Flowers for a New Baby".

The club meets at Michael's Church centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm.

Annual subscription is £10 with visitors always welcome at £2 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

Ruth Mellen 01473 624401

### **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

Several members attended the "WHICH RESOLUTION?" meeting at Wickham Market on 9th January where discussions took place concerning the resolutions to be put forward at the National A. G.M. which will be held on 7th June in Cardiff.

At our next meeting on Friday 17th January at 7:30 pm in the Richard Room, Mr Christensen's talk is entitled "Something Different" and the competition will

Visitors and new members welcome.

Contact: Mrs Betty Darke - 01473 624193

Sylvia Harris

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

A reminder to our Martlesham Monthly readers that our members meet every other Thursday at 7:45 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Hall. We have a speaker at most meetings, followed by tea/coffee and a raffle. The evening is always light hearted and friendly. Why not come along and see for yourself ladies?

Our February and March diary is as follows:

\*2nd February - 'When Motoring was Fun' by Mr Tom Tyler

\*16th February - 'Days of Raj' by Roshen Horabin

\*2nd March - 'Paper Sculpture' by Mr Colin Hopper

\*16th March - 'The Amish & Their Quilts' by Mrs P Moss

Margaret Green

### **THE MOTHERS' UNION**

It is good to be writing the article for the Mothers' Union this month as I am celebrating a 21st birthday. No, not my own, but it is 21 years since I became a member of the Mothers' Union. I feel so privileged to belong to such a wonderful organisation, and my journey of faith has grown within the fellowship of like-minded people.

When Mary Sumner started it in 1876, did she ever envisage there would be 3.5 million members in 76 countries in 2006?

My role now is as Deanery Leader in the Colneis Deanery, in which there are eight branches and I visit each one regularly.

It is good to meet with other members and share in their activities. In Martlesham this month, our Branch is raising money for projects overseas, supporting our members there. We are having a lunch on February 1st at St Michael's at 12:30 pm but by the time you read this it may be over. If not, do come and join us. We have a great time together, sharing faith, fellowship and fun.

If you would like to know more about us do contact Elizabeth on

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01394 210793. God's blessings to you.

Margaret Rollins

### **CALLING ALL MUMS...**

Do you know that at Suffolk Libraries there are free activities for your baby or toddler including Babybounce, Tot Rock, Storytime and Book Crawl? Do you know that free packs of books are available for babies and toddlers? If you would like to know more why not join us at the next Mums' Club meeting at St. Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 7th February from 12:45 to 2.30 pm? After lunch (which is provided for you) Carolyn Brown from Kesgrave Library will talk about the Bookstart scheme. All mums, babies and toddlers will be most welcome.

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

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

The group requires a Session Co-ordinator for 5 hours per week, every Wednesday and occasional Friday cover, with limited hours during school holidays. For further details and salary please contact Fiona Clemons on 01473 620876.

In the near future we'll be saying goodbye to Karen who runs our Wednesday toddler sessions. We'd like to say a very big thank you for all your hard work, and it goes without saying that we'll miss you!

As there is a school half-term this month, there will only be a Wednesday afternoon session that week (15th February).

If you're interested in visiting one of our sessions we'd be pleased to meet you. We meet in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. The first session is free. We provide refreshments and there is a short music/sing-a-long session. We also have lots of toys! We welcome babies and toddlers, and there are lots of toys!!! We also hire the toys out for parties.

If you require any further information, please contact me on

01473 611958.

Joanne Warren

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

Half-term falls this month from 11th February, re-opening on 20th February (note that Playschool is closed on Friday 11th in line with Gorseland). Before that, however, the children will be busy exploring traditional stories, rhymes and puppetry.

We are indebted to Suffolk County Council for all their support, particularly for the recent generous grant from Councillor Patricia O'Brian's funds.

We always welcome enquiries and/or visits and if you have a pre-school aged child then Nikki Smith, our admissions manager, would be pleased to hear from you (01473 614055).

We look forward to the Spring and all that season brings.

Rachel Pennick, Secretary

### **THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP**

We continue our topic of people who help us with 'Dentist' week. The children will be visited by the dentist and will make "clean your teeth" posters, find out about the importance of cleaning teeth and make a toothbrush number line. We will then learn about lollipop crossing patrols and have the opportunity to use our new road safety equipment for role play.

Further landscape planting has taken place in our garden including two Acer trees. We hope that our garden will attract lots of birds, insects and wildlife.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further details about our Playgroup, please contact me on 01473 635944.

Elizabeth Leonard

### **ROUNABOUT DAY NURSERY**

**[www.roundaboutnursery.co.uk](http://www.roundaboutnursery.co.uk)**

Another year has just begun at the Roundabout Day Nursery and January's theme was Nursery Rhymes. The children have been busy creating and learning about action, counting, animal and traditional nursery rhymes. We have also started our music sessions with Mini Melodies each week. This

introduces the children to a variety of instruments, sounds and rhythms. Judging by the smiles and giggles, this is proving to be a great success. Who knows? We may even start our own young pop group...

In December we had our first full Ofsted inspection since opening. All the categories and the overall outcome was good. Lavone Smith, the owner, was extremely pleased with this result, and would like to thank all the staff and everyone for their hard work and support over the last year. Considering we have only been open for six months this was a fantastic achievement for everybody concerned, proving we have a dedicated, caring and extremely hard working team.

The Nursery is open Monday to Friday from 7:45 am to 6 pm all year round. We welcome visits to the Roundabout Nursery at any time and Lavone can be contacted on 01473 333733 or 07761 391835.

Lavone Smith

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

**Martlesham Heath**

The children are enjoying this term's theme of 'shapes' and are settling back into pre-school nicely after all the excitement of Christmas. We'd also like to give a warm welcome to all new children and parents who have joined us here at St Michael's.

Fun was had by everyone at our Christmas party. We managed to raise £70 by raffling our Christmas hamper. Thank you for your support and generosity and also to the members of the pre-school committee for all their hard work in organizing this event.

We now have the use of a computer for the pre-school, which was kindly donated by Birchwood Primary School. We are sure the children will benefit and enjoy this.

Half-term break will be from Monday 13th to 20th February.

The pre-school committee are in urgent need of members. You do not have to have a child at the pre-school to be a member. If you have a few hours to spare each month and would like to get involved with running the pre-school please contact us on 07712 506123.

If you are interested in

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sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information, please contact our booking secretary Christie Drake on 07720 708562 or e-mail [info@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk) or visit our website - [www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk).

Nicky Buck

### **BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL P.T.A.**

A New Year – a new start! Following our recent AGM, we are now delighted to welcome Tim Langstone and Mo Garriock onto the PTA Committee as Chairperson and Treasurer respectively. Many thanks to the parents who attended this meeting. Special thanks to Andy Lewis, our departing Chairman and to Maggie Lusher, our departing Treasurer. Your help and assistance have been much appreciated.

Forthcoming events for Birchwood PTA: St Valentine's disco at Birchwood School on 9th February. Further details will be published in and around the school nearer the time.

### **HEATH SCHOOL P.F.A.**

#### **Pamper Evening**

Still feeling the effects of over-indulging at Christmas? Are you looking for an early Mother's Day present/treat for all of our well deserving mothers?

Come to an evening where you can experience natural health treatments and beauty treatments. We also have stalls offering an excellent range of goods and there will be a prize draw. This event is being held on Friday 10th March at Heath School, Bell Lane, 7:30 pm to 10 pm. A fee is payable on the door which will include a glass of wine/soft drink. Tickets can also be purchased in advance from any member of the school's Parent and Friends Association committee.

All proceeds raised will go towards purchasing valuable learning equipment for Heath School.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Paula Lye (tel: 01473 614733)

on behalf of Heath School PFA

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At my age I am not sure that I any longer celebrate my birthdays or

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**MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP**

Next meeting:  
Monday 20th February, 8 pm  
**Light-hearted Quiz**  
Venue: Elaine's, 4 Mayfields,  
01473 622269  
For further information phone  
Elaine (01473 622269).

**MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

At our meeting on December 19th a large audience was treated to one of the best talks that we have had. The speaker was Mr Paddy Heazell of the National Trust, Orfordness. His topic was "Bombs, Beams and Boffins" and covered the involvement of Orfordness in wartime – and post-wartime – research by the Government. This involved its use as a World War I experimental airfield, the involvement in the early days of radar research prior to World War II and finally the testing of the trigger mechanisms for nuclear weapons during the Cold War period.

Our next meeting will be on February 20th when our speaker will be Mr Terry Gates-Grimwood who will give an illustrated talk "The R101 Airship – The East Anglian Connection".

The meeting will be held in

The Pavilion. All are welcome and the price of admission is £1.50.

John Tyler 01473 612736

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**The Douglas Bader Public House**

**MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our first meeting of 2006 was extremely well attended and an audience of more than 100 were entertained by a speaker who had travelled with his wife from the south coast. The talk was entitled "Test Flying and Other Stories" and was given by Mr Tony Blackman.

Tony is now retired but was a former chief test pilot for AV Roe and Co, the aircraft manufacturers. He recounted experiences developing the Avro Vulcan, which was one of our three "V" bombers of the post-war era. Tony Blackman rolled the huge delta wing Vulcan on more than one occasion. In fact his wife was aboard once when this manoeuvre was executed.

One of the last aircraft to be involved with trials at Martlesham was the Avro 748. This was developed as a successor to the famous Dakota and was intended to be used from rough runways. A strip of land next to the runway at Martlesham was ploughed up so that the Avro 748 could do experimental touch and go trials. Some success was achieved by this aircraft but it will be remembered more as the RAF Andover and its employment on the Queen's Flight.

It was a fascinating evening illustrated by both slides and video. In fact he showed video of the American recluse billionaire, Howard Hughes, when he visited this country in the seventies. Tony Blackman piloted the aircraft that Hughes flew in.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Friday 3rd February when Mr Harry Watson will give a talk about the wonderful Scottish Aviation "Twin Pioneer" aircraft.

Meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall and non members are welcome for the modest payment of £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

**PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP**

the advent of a new year so no apologies for a monthly input that is a moan! It will get better! Two youngsters were arrested and successfully charged with criminal damage to the pond over Christmas. We are also continuing to suffer from damage to the Woodland paths. As soon as the paths are cleared of leaves to stop them mulching down and creating a quagmire, certain people are scattering leaves back on the paths to such an extent that one disabled buggy user had to reverse his course and not complete his circuit of the paths. Several of our regular walkers have reported the culprits actions and are requesting action from the Group. We are currently keeping a log of incidents and videoing occurrences when we can, and would like our users to note any occurrences and report them to Committee members. We will discuss this vandalism with the Landowners and the Police to hopefully end these occurrences which have been going on for rather a long time.

On a brighter note the first equipment for the Nature Watch Group of 5 – 11 year olds has been ordered and we hope to commence meetings in the Spring.

Our next workday is Sunday 19th February, meeting at 10 o'clock at the Force HQ Sports field gate on the perimeter track near to Portal Avenue, and as always all volunteers are welcome.

Contacts: Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 620856, Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

**MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

February 14th to 21st is designated as National Nest Box Week. This is the time to clean out, make or buy nest boxes to help our breeding birds and other wildlife such as bats and bees which may also use bird nest boxes. Heath fauna can only benefit from the provision of more safe nesting sites.

For anyone contemplating nest box provision for the first time, there are three main box types: the classic tit box, the open-fronted box used by, for example, Robins and Blackbirds, and specialist boxes used by, for example, House Martins and Swifts. Building your own can be very rewarding but many people prefer to buy. Let us know if you would like any further advice.

On mild days this month, birds will be seen prospecting for suitable nest sites so your efforts may soon be rewarded. However, with February generally being the coldest month, freezing conditions will bring this activity to a premature end with survival becoming the priority. Garden feeding stations and water will provide vital help to birds through any of these periods, so please continue to keep them up in your garden.

Many thanks to those who came along to our work party last month in the woods where we cleared a small area, creating more ground flora with less bushes and tall trees.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 12th February. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am. We are likely to be working on Martlesham Heath SSSI - the western corridor.  
Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard - [steve@goddard98.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:steve@goddard98.freeseerve.co.uk)

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

On Thursday 16th February we will be joined again by Ian Rose who will be describing the wildlife encountered on a "Kashmir Experience". We start at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall.

On Thursday 16th March we will have a talk from the National Trust about "Sutton Hoo and Conservation". The event will start at 7:30 pm with a very short AGM followed by the talk and will take place in the Woodbridge Community Hall.

*Please come along and join us. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is only £1.50.*

Phil Smith 01473 625630

### **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

#### **Making music fun in East Anglia**

Martlesham Brass would like to thank everyone who supported them during the Christmas period. The efforts of Martlesham Brass' players, parents and fundraising committee, as well as the generosity of the people of Suffolk have combined to enable us to give £240 to each of our three nominated charities - C.R.Y. (Cardiac Risk in the Young), D.C.E. (Disability Care Enterprise) and the Children's Wards of Ipswich Hospital. Cheques will be presented to representatives of these charities at Martlesham Brass' annual AGM on February 3rd 2006.

The amazing fundraising efforts over the Christmas period would not have been possible without the hard work of Martlesham Brass' main committee and fundraising committee. The Annual General Meeting on February 3rd is an opportunity for people connected with the band to take a place on one of these committees and continue their invaluable work into the new year. With well over a hundred members now, the organisation of a concern such as Martlesham Brass takes some careful thought and planning. The committees ensure that Martlesham Brass runs as smoothly as possible.

2006 should be another busy year for the band, with requests already coming in for summer events and beyond. Anyone hoping to book the band is advised to get requests in as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about Martlesham Brass please have a look at our website: [www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk), or call/e-mail Matthew Ellis on (01728) 830009, 07779 308156, [mj\\_ellis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mj_ellis@hotmail.co.uk)

### **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP**

#### **Christmas Post**

Thank you to everyone who used the Scout Post service over Christmas. We raised nearly £200, which equates to a lot of cards! We

hope that we are providing a valuable service to the community, and are grateful to those who turned the Scout HQ into a mini sorting office for a few days, as well as to the

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youngsters who played postman for one day. Additional thanks once again to Duncan's the butchers and bakers and to BT, who kindly played host to collection boxes.

The new year brings new challenges as the leaders work hard to provide a varied, interesting and challenging selection of activities for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, as well as maintaining and improving the Scout HQ - which is used regularly by some organisations, and available at very reasonable rates for private functions.

You can find more information on the Scouts on the Martlesham Community website under 'Youth Groups' at <http://www.martlesham.org.uk/>.

### **ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL**

A great big THANK YOU to all who saved their used stamps this Christmas time and posted them through my letter box. I've been able to take three carrier bags full of stamps to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich.

Please continue to support your local Hospice by collecting stamps during the coming year. Even if you only manage to collect a few they soon make a difference

when added together. Every penny earned from the sale of these stamps will help the Hospice.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Bev Read

### **MARTLESHAM WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

#### **JUMBLE SALE**

**SAT 4TH FEBRUARY, 2 PM**

**THE SCOUT HUT,  
MARTLESHAM HEATH**

**Admission 20p**

### **JUMBLE REQUIRED**

**Can be dropped into the scout**

**DARIN DANCE**

**hut on the morning of the sale  
For collection please contact:  
Brenda Chandler 01473  
611066**

### **MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

Four months have gone by since there was any bowling for members. So now there is only two and a half months to wait. Roll on spring. Book Saturday 15th April for the pre-season get together, and the opening green date is SUNDAY 23rd APRIL..

Now a word, from Mr Fifty/  
Fifty: This winter close-season we have 60 members entered into the 100 club. This is the highest of entries for some years in the winter period; it is good for both the club and members. Half the money collected goes to the club, the other goes to those in 100 club members. In effect, the 100 club helps to keep the subscriptions down

The 100 club is also run during the summer months when the Bowls Club is open and by the end of the accounting year has usually made a donation in the region of £140. The draws usually take place at the club on a major competition day. Thank you Tony for all the work you put in

Brian, our chairman, and his loyal band of helpers have already been very busy down at the green, trimming the green, which is in a very good state, and painting the tables and benches on Monday mornings. George, our Treasurer and caterer, has been putting on a full "English breakfast" for the workers, to keep out the cold. Linda, our Secretary, can supply all information about joining the Bowls Club. Just ring her on 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

Unfortunately my last month's report did not appear in the Martlesham Monthly which is a pity as were doing so well.

A quick review of the last few matches of 2005 were as follows.

We won 6-4 at home against Great Blakenham, won again 6-4 away at Chelmondiston (to our surprise, never an easy venue). We then won at home 8-2 playing Belstead. These results meant we were then 2nd in the first division.

A few days before Christmas Judith Longman (and her helpers) provided us with an entertaining bowls evening of fun and skill. This event was won by Peter Mullett, so well done.

2006 has not started well for us though as we lost the first match in the Chairman's Plate away at Somersham 1-3. At Tuddenham, another very taxing venue, we lost 1-9. So we must do better to maintain our league position.

Our club "singles" and "pairs" competitions are well underway, although the finals won't take place until 2nd April. The "triples" will be played on 5th February and the "fours" on 19th March.

Committee members please note our next meeting will be on 6th February at 7:30 pm.

Chris Chamberlain

### **NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY**

#### **Local Group**

Our first event of the New Year will be on Friday January 27th. This will be a TRIVIA EVENING at Kesgrave Memorial Hall, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, 7:15 pm for a prompt start at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are £5 and are available from Committee members and include supper. There is a Pay Bar. Tables are for six or take pot luck.

Happy New Year to all readers!

### **SUFFOLK SINGLE GATEWAY**

Are you a small Voluntary/Community group based in Suffolk seeking funding for either a new or existing project?

You could be eligible for a Suffolk Single Gateway grant.

A few of the projects recently funded are: a rural outreach service; self-help support groups and community training/employment centres.

For further information please visit:  
<http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/singlegateway/>  
or telephone 01473 264653 for an information pack.

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### **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

#### **Monthly advice sessions in Martlesham**

Felixstowe & District Citizens Advice Bureau are holding an advice session in the Martlesham Parish Room on the first Thursday in every month.

Advice can be given on Debt, Family & Personal issues, Benefits, Tax, Education, Consumer issues, Employment, Health, Housing, Immigration, Legal matters, etc.

Our adviser can assist with the completion of benefit forms and other complex paperwork. No appointment is necessary and if the sessions prove more popular in Martlesham in 2006, additional monthly sessions will be considered.

Further information from Barbara Rose, Bureau Manager, tel: 01394 275958

### **A MUSICAL WITH A DIFFERENCE COMING SOON**

Forget "Cats" or "Phantom of the Opera"! Suffolk residents who remember the war years would do well to attend a musical with a difference showing at venues around Suffolk in March this year.

Based around a central character, a World War II veteran, "Trickster" is an interactive musical which hopes to raise the level of awareness of the problem of doorstep crime and provide the audience with the confidence and skills to enable them to identify and reject attempts by criminals wanting to exploit their vulnerability. Following the performance, the actors will lead the audience in a sing-along of popular songs from the era.

Performed by touring theatre company, Solomon Associates (UK) Limited, "Trickster" is coming to Suffolk courtesy of the Safe and Sound Group.

The Safe and Sound Group is

a multi-agency partnership with membership from Suffolk Police, Trading Standards, Age Concern Suffolk, The Pension Service and many others.

"Trickster" is visiting the following venues in March:-

\***Monday 6th March** - IPSWICH, Methodist Church Hall, Museum Street at 10 am

GT CORNARD Prospect Theatre, Upper School at 2 pm

\***Tuesday 7th March** - HAVERHILL Arts Centre at 10 am

STOWMARKET Regal Theatre at 2:30 pm

\***Wednesday 8th March** - KESGRAVE Community Centre at 10 am

FELIXSTOWE Leisure Centre at 2:30 pm

\***Thursday 9th March** - LOWESTOFT Marina Theatre at 10 am

BECCLES Public Hall at 2:30 pm

Tickets to all performances are FREE and include light refreshments. Booking from groups of older people are particularly welcome but **please book early**.

To book your tickets please telephone 01473 265272.

### **"CHASE AWAY THE WINTER BLUES"**

A "Chase Away the Winter Blues" dance is being held on 4th March at the Martlesham Squash Club, between 7:30 pm and 11:30 pm. Two bands will be performing throughout the evening: "Cool Remedy" and "Bluewave Band". All proceeds will go to help fund Martlesham's "Music on the Green". Tickets are £4 each and are available from Stuart Gordon on 01473 611388 or Kevin Moore on 01473 622724.

### **R.S.P.C.A.**

**Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch - House to House Collections 2005**

\*Old Martlesham (Kesgrave - The Red Lion) - £402.24

\*Martlesham Heath - £230

For the first time there is a necessity to show separate totals for the two districts. Over the last three years the Martlesham Collection has dropped by £300 due to there only being three volunteers to collect for

that area! Please residents - there must be four who can spare an hour or so over a period of six weeks of your choice. It involves just a few pleasant walks during light evenings calling on neighbours maybe - the area can often be your choice. Please ring 01394 284605 for information.

The support of Old Martlesham has been paramount during 2005 but I'd be grateful to hear from at least one more volunteer to guarantee complete coverage of the area.

For those new to the Martleshams I have pleasure in introducing Miss Kieron Adams, the new Manager of the Animal Centre. You will find a thriving pet food and accessory shop in the reception as Kieron and her staff do their utmost to raise funding for Centre improvements.

A welcome is also given to anyone over sixteen who may have a little time to spare for dog walking.

Another year passed and I am privileged to thank all residents of the Martleshams for their continued support and my sincere gratitude for the faithful long standing collectors:

Old Martlesham

Sheila Botting, Jaqui Coates, Ann Fenton and ~~Mr & Mrs Whitbread~~

Special thanks to Mary Harlott, a collector for many years, now retired due to ill health.

Martlesham Heath

Ann Bartholomew. Caroline Hawkes (retired for two years) and Sandra Martin.

**Overall Branch Collection 2005 - £13,224.85**

Patricia N.M. Monk, House to House Collections Organiser

### **VILLAGE VIEWS**

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

### **COULD WE AVOID EXTERNAL AERIALS?**

MCL's chairman's AGM report repeats the opinion that it would be difficult to enforce the covenant barring external aerials because

Freeview is not available via cable.

In fact there is officially no off-air coverage of Freeview in Martlesham Heath until 2010, after which it may well be possible for us all to get good reception on indoor aerials. Since there is no expectation of reception, there seems no reason to assume that the covenant is made redundant because it can't

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be received.

We should all at least be aware that each external aerial erected reduces the value of our and everyone else's house, and do everything that can be done technically (including waiting if necessary for the service to be provided) before letting erector companies persuade us that festooning our rooftops is the only way forward.

It would be useful to know

how many people have been successful with internal aerials, where they are and how they did it. We may be able to come up with a proven formula for success to share with installers. Is anyone interested in helping to organise this, perhaps under the Martlesham Heath Neighbourhood Association banner? Please e-mail or call me on 078 8523 8523, or drop a note to 14 Warren Lane.

David Owens

### **THANKS FROM JOYCE FAIRHEAD**

I am now home after 4 months in hospital following my stroke on 7th August. I am being well looked after by my husband Alan, and my daughters, Jackie and Trish, and a nurse-carer called Stephen. He and I practise our German together, and I find I am remembering a surprising amount from my childhood days in Hamburg.

Thank you all for your cards, letters and kind thoughts. They helped me through those long drawn-out days in hospital.

Happy New Year to you all.

### **WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB**

Woodbridge Probus Club held its first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday January 3rd at



Waldringfield Heath Golf Club.

The Speaker was Stephen Mael, Curator of the Longshop Museum at Leiston. His talk was entitled "The Garretts of Leiston".

A club visit to the Longshop Museum will follow on May 16th.

2006 is a very significant year for Woodbridge Probus Club. On Monday March 6th we celebrate the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the club.

This special meeting will be at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club and our guest speaker is Rt. Hon John Gummer, MP. At the same time we are looking forward to welcoming several founder members and visiting Probus members to the meeting.

Any retired or semi-retired men who are interested in membership of our club are invited to apply to. Contact Jeff Franklin on 01473620377 or Ron Fisher on 01473631347.

### **DOLLY SCOWEN**

Dolly Scowen sadly passed away on December 28th 2005. Dolly had been a resident of the Falcon Mobile Home Park for 42 years. Her family would like to thank all the residents of Martlesham for their cards and good wishes throughout her illness and her passing.

### **THE WOMEN'S WORLD** **DAY OF PRAYER**

at  
**St Michaels's and All Angels  
Church**  
on  
**Friday 3rd March at 10:30 am**

**The service prepared by the  
Christian women of South Africa**

**"Signs of the Times"**

**Speaker: Mrs Arlene Crucikshanks**

**EVERYONE MOST WELCOME**

**MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN**  
**FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

Our extension work is now underway, but we are trying to

keep all our activities going as normal.

We hope that our bigger church building will help us to serve and worship God more effectively, but we are very much aware that the Church is not about bricks and mortar. Each person who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is a "living stone" in the building of God's kingdom. There are lots of opportunities in our monthly programme for you to discover how to become part of this dynamic community.

### **FRIENDS ON FRIDAY**

Every Friday

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

### **Sunday Services**

10 am - **Family Worship** with SUNSPOT/RESPECT for young people, followed by refreshments and then

11:45 am - **Communion**

**Sunday 26th 10 am**

### **FAMILY SERVICE -**

Combined with communion

**Weekday activities** include:

### **TUESDAY CIRCLE**

14th February, 12:45 pm

### **"Valentine's Day Lunch"**

HOUSEGROUPS for prayer, bible study and fellowship take place weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

TODDLER GROUP 10 am every Thursday

YOUTH GROUP 7 pm every Thursday

### **MUNCH BUNCH:**

**6:30 pm Sundays-** a chance for the 14+ age group to explore the Christian faith.

**ART CLUB:** 7:30 pm every second and fourth Mondays.

There are also other opportunities for prayer, Bible study or simply exploring what Christianity means.

You can find out more details about what we believe and our monthly programme in various ways:

\* 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

### **BRIGHT STARS**

Because of the half-term holiday, we only have one service this month, which is on **Monday 27th February** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and babies and their carers to our services which are held on the second and fourth

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Mondays of each month, during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. There is a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat after the service, which lasts about half an hour.

For more details please call Pauline (01473 625061) or Liz (01473 625617).

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

The Christian faith is a worldwide faith, and recently at St. Michael's Church we listened to the Revd Stuart Windsor from Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), tell us the plight of suffering Christians around the world, particularly in North Korea.

Religious freedom is harshly repressed in North Korea. Following Christianity is viewed as an extremely serious crime. Kim Il Sung, the 'Great Leader', has been exalted and is revered as a god to be followed with unswerving obedience. Faith in a greater power is ruthlessly repressed and the Bible has been banned in North Korea.

Many Christians have been publicly executed and others have been taken away to camps where they are subject to brutal treatment. They will never be allowed out of the camps, alive or dead, and are worked to death in brutal conditions and terrible deprivation.

Christians suffer especially cruel treatment in these death camps as they are under ongoing pressure to renounce their faith. They are subject to frequent torture and abuse and are also forced to

## THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

**BUILDING  
GOD'S  
FAMILY  
TOGETHER**

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 5th February 4th before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 12th February 3rd before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 19th February 2nd before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 26th February Next before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday		11am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 7:45pm Holy Communion
Sunday 5th March 1st in Lent	8am Holy Communion  Evensong will be at Newbourne Church at 6:30 pm	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

**MIDWEEK SERVICES:** Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 27th February at 10:30am in St Michael's. **Note:** During Lent there will be no services of Informal Worship at St Michael's as there will be a series of six evening services along with our neighbours in Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Please pray daily for peace, and the items listed in the Sunday sheet and for the following:

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| <p>6 for our doctors and staff</p> <p>7 for those who maintain essential services</p> <p>8 for those who live in Mill Lane</p> <p>9 that we may encourage someone today in their faith</p> <p>10 for all carers</p> <p>11 for integrity in our police</p> <p><b>12</b> for the elimination of leprosy</p> <p>13 for those working with children</p> <p>14 for those planning marriage</p> <p>15 for those persecuted for their faith</p> <p>16 for those who are worried</p> <p>17 for the St Elizabeth Hospice</p> <p>18 for the housebound and infirm</p> <p><b>19</b> that Jesus may have first place in our lives</p> <p>20 for seafarers and safety at sea</p> <p>21 for the lonely</p> <p>22 for those living in Netherwood Court</p> <p>23 for the prayer meeting at St Michaels</p> <p>24 for all leaders of Martlesham Brass</p> | <p>25 for those working in the service industries</p> <p><b>26</b> to share the wonder of Peter at the Transfiguration of Jesus</p> <p>27 for all aid agencies</p> <p>28 for spiritual well-being</p> <p><b>MAR 1</b> for strength of purpose in following Christ through Lent</p> <p>2 for those living in Newbourne Road</p> <p>3 for all at Women's World Day of Prayer services</p> <p>4 for the lenten observances of the Church</p> <p><b>5</b> that we may recognise our own weaknesses</p> <p>6 for all disabled, their families and carers</p> |
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