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Community Police Officer

PC Ian Rafferty

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Office—01473 334980

E-mail—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), or see our web pages on www.martlesham.org.uk.

FRONT COVERS

This year's colour front covers have kindly been donated by Eastern Light Photography. All of the photographs are of Martlesham and Brightwell and were captured during 2005. Further information on these and other Suffolk landscape images can be obtained by ringing Eastern Light on 01394 461590.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Saturday 8th July

After the success of last year's Music On The Green we are delighted to announce that this year's event will be organised in partnership with BBC Radio Suffolk. This partnership is a measure of the quality of the organisation of the day and highlights the community aspect that Music On The Green has strived to embody. Chairman, Paul Firman, commented "to be asked to partner our Music Day with such a well respected

ous feather in our cap and can only be good for the event, both for this year and in the future."

Music On The Green is an annual free live music day, which creates a community gathering offering a varied style of music as well as affording young up and coming bands the opportunity of playing to a large crowd with a professional sound system. The music starts at 10:30 in the morning and continues for 12 hours non-stop. In addition, as well as local charity and community stands, the overall proceeds allow the committee to donate to two dedicated charities, this year being The Ipswich Children's Hospice and Martlesham Responders.

Although Music On The Green have a large number of willing helpers, we are always on the look out for more help during the day. If you could give us a few hours during the morning and/or after the event we would be extremely grateful, as we would like to build a register of helpers. If you are interested please e-mail: paul.firmanhair@ntlworld.com or call Paul on 01473 622874.

Stands are available to hire for both fund-raising and commercial organisations. Please contact Stuart on 07718 658100 or e-mail stuart@countycontactcentres.com for further details.

We continue to be indebted to our sponsors for 2006 which at the moment include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, RDP Partnership, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print, Duncans Butchery and Bakery, Property Gallery, Martlesham Body Repair Centre, Booth (Tarmacadam) Ltd., County Councillor Patricia O'Brien Suffolk County Council Locality Budget, Garnett Electrical and The Martlesham Monthly.**

Plans for this year's event are progressing well so we will see you on the day.

Visit our web site for the latest news - www.musiconthegreen.com

Phil Cowey, Secretary

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Bus stop near Parkers Place, Eagle Way – The Parish Council is keen to hear from residents regarding the possible installation of a bus shelter. Please let us know whether or not you would like to see a shelter at this location. A programme of bus shelter refurbishment is under way which will commence with those at Valiant Road and Manor Road in the next couple of months.

Common Management – Work on the common includes cutting back and burning of gorse and the removal of a number of sycamores to preserve the Sandlings habitat. The fire service is advised when burning will take place to avoid unnecessary call outs.

Proposed Toucan crossing for Gloster Road – The County Council is considering installing a traffic light controlled crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. This council has raised some concerns in relation to the location and impact on traffic. Any comments or enquiries on this proposal should be directed to Mr Cook at SCC on 01473 264956 or douglas.cook@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Proposed cycle route improvements for Anson Road – The County Council will be adding road markings on the southern side of the road between the Tesco roundabout and just before the A12, to tie in with the existing footway/cycle path on the northern side of the road. These will consist of a broken white line and two signs.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 5th April

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 8th March

*Recreation & Amenities committee – Wednesday 15th March

*Finance & General Purposes committee – Wednesday 22nd March

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

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

We are entered in 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 Anglian 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**

*** Plants and notelets for sale**

**Entry forms for our summer
garden competitions will be
available**

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

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

First of all the Community Council would like to apologise to those

who turned up for the Valentine's dance. Unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

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The Suffolk Male Voice Choir was a success with approximately £300 taken. Our thanks go to the Blacktiles Restaurant, Deben Frames, Notcutts, Olav, Jan Dooley, Post Office Stores plus many other people who generously donated the draw prizes.

Jumble is again required, especially bric-a-brac. All queries to Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

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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

- 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

A large number of residents turned up to attend the 29th Annual General Meeting of Martlesham Consultants Limited, held at St. Michael's Church Centre on Thursday 9th February.

The meeting proved to be very successful and we are happy to report that the meeting saw two additional members being unanimously elected to the Board of Directors.

MCL can only continue to be effective if local residents are prepared to give their time and energy to its work. Shareholders who would like to be involved in the running of the Company are encouraged to put themselves forward as either a volunteer or as

particular aspects of MCL work.

For further details please make contact with the administrative secretary at the address below or with any MCL director or volunteer.

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

tel: 01473 612207

e-mail: mcl.mh@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

It was a lovely spring day when Mrs Janet Hurst gave us a demonstration called "Springtime". The first design was by a large wooden wheel, using catkins, greenery, pink tulips, deep pink anemones and blue hyacinths. Next came two lovely lamps with a simple design of greenery and red carnations. "A Wood in Spring" was represented by a piece of upright wood with blue delphiniums, orange lilies and mauve irises. Then followed a basket of spring flowers. The fifth was "Springtime in Church" with a design suitable for a windowsill, a delightful arrangement of greenery, pink carnations, white lilies and green chrysanthemums. "On the River in Spring" was a design of yellow and white flowers in a wooden boat. All the arrangements gave us a feeling of spring. Following a raffle of these, tea and biscuits were served.

The competition was won by Mrs M Forbes, second was Mrs Ruth Mellen, with the novice class being won by Mrs Norma Jessup.

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 £ 1 0 with visitors welcome at £2 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each of our meetings.

The next meeting is Wednesday March 15th. A short AGM will be followed by Mrs I Packard's demonstration "The Best of the Bunch". There will be no competition. ALL WELCOME.

Mrs Margaret Forbes

SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY

The Suffolk Orchid Society will be holding its Spring Show on Saturday 25th March at St Michael's Church Centre, (near Douglas Bader Public House), MARTLESHAM HEATH, between 10 am and 4 pm. In addition to our own magnificent display of orchids there will be first class orchids for sale, repotting demonstrations, advice on the cultivation of orchids and problem solving. Refreshments including light lunches will be available.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The programme for this month starts off with a popular annual event, the quiz, between the MVPA and the Woodbridge Horticultural Society (WHS). The quizmaster has prepared his questions and the teams are ready to go. All we need now is for you to come along on Tuesday 9th March to cheer them on. This year the quiz will be hosted by the WHS in the Community Hall in Woodbridge starting at 7:30 pm.

On 24th March we welcome one of our members Sylvia Harris. Sylvia is well known for her cookery skills and will be speaking on the topic of 'cooking for showing'. With the Spring Show coming up early in April, this could be an ideal opportunity to get some tips from the expert.

Arrangements are in place for an outing to Wisley Gardens on 13th June. Deposits of £10 each are now required to secure your place. There are still a few places left so please hurry if you wish to be included and contact one of the names below to get your name added.

SPRING SHOW - 8th April 2006

The organisation of the Spring Show this year will be by Janet and Brian Davey. The schedules are out and the classes are very similar to last year with a few interesting tweaks. Please contact Brian or the other contacts below for a schedule. Remember entries need to be registered with Brian and Janet by Thursday 6th April.

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 in the Richards

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Room.

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 W.I.

"COMMUNITY RESPONDERS" will be the subject at the meeting on 17th March with the speaker for the evening being MR OXBORROW.

The competition will be "A FIRST AID TIP".

The meeting is held at the Richard Room at 7:30 pm and visitors are always welcome.

Contact: Mrs Betty Darke - tel: 01473 624193

Sylvia Harris

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

At the February meeting members were reminded of life in a very different era. Mrs Linda Sexton gave us a vivid description of the life of 'The Girls of Hope House', a charitable foundation founded by Miss Grimwade for girls who had lost either or both parents. They were taken into care and over the years taught the domestic necessities that would enable them to go into service at the age of 16. At this time, going into service was one of the few opportunities open to girls. Their parent or guardian had to help financially if possible otherwise they had to find a sponsor, as there were only a few free places. Our way of life was altering and after being evacuated to Northamptonshire during the war the home closed.

Our institute meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion. There will be lots more interesting topics during the year, so why not join us? Either as a visitor or better still as a member.

COUNTRY MARKET

SATURDAY 10 am - 12 noon at KESGRAVE SCOUT H.Q. and TUESDAY 9 - 10:30 am at

MARTLESHAM HEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE

The market is back in full swing after the Christmas break. The plant stall is now revitalised with lots of spring flowers for indoors and outside. The produce stall is laden with home made pies, cakes, preserves, honey and individual lunches. The craft stall is well stocked with high quality cards, prints, clothes, cushions and gifts for young and old.

We look forward to welcoming customers old and new for shopping and home made refreshments. To view or order online go to www.marketonthegreen.org.
marie@whinney89.freeserve.co.uk

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We had a most amusing talk recently by Tom Tyler. The topic was 'When Motoring was Fun' and it certainly reminded many of us of how enjoyable motoring was.

Dates for your diary for March are:

*2nd March - 'Paper Sculpture', the speaker is Mr Colin Hopper

*16th March - 'The Amish & Their Quilts', the speaker is Mrs P Moss

*30th March - 'Turning Moments', the speaker is Mrs Sheila Lain

Our meetings are held fortnightly in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre at 7:30 pm and new members are always welcome.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

We had a very successful lunch in February attended by 68 people when we raised £450 for our Overseas Fund. How is this money spent? As well as providing emergency funding for communities affected by disaster, the Mothers' Union provides grants towards basic healthcare and food supplies for children orphaned by war and HIV/Aids.

In Burundi, Malawi and the Sudan we operate a Literacy and Development programme which educates communities in literacy and numeracy which provides not only essential learning but also

friendship for people who suffer great hardships due to poverty related issues.

2005 was an exciting year for our World Wide Parenting programme. The aims are to teach communities how to extend their parenting skills, build relationships and contribute to the stability of family life in society. Issues vary from area to area and include domestic violence, teenage pregnancies and single parenting. The programme in Kigale in Rwanda is aiming to focus on child headed households and street children.

If you would like to know more or would like to come and see what we do, you will receive a warm welcome on the first Wednesday of the month at St Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm, or phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

God's blessing to you all,
Lynn Wilder

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club is celebrating its 6th birthday on Tuesday 7th March. We will meet at St Michael's Church Centre from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. After lunch (and birthday cake) Julie Drewell will provide a 'Mummy and Me' session. All mums, babies and toddlers are welcome to join in the fun!

Due to school holidays there will be no Mums' Club in April. We meet again on Tuesday 2nd May.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We're delighted to welcome Lynne who has recently taken on the role of our Wednesday Session Co-ordinator. We wish her all the best in her new role.

An early reminder regarding the Easter holidays. During the school holidays there is only one session held on a Wednesday afternoon, between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Friday 31st March will be the last normal session, then it will be Wednesday afternoons only on 5th and 12th April due to the

Easter hols. Normal sessions resume on Wednesday 20th April.

Fundraising - Please look out for the Easter draw. Prizes are vouchers for chocolate!

Due to the success of this event a couple of years ago we've

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decided to repeat our Sponsored Musical Toddle as our main fundraising event for this year. It will take place at all sessions on **1st and 3rd March**. This is open to all ages. You should have received sponsor forms with your latest copy of Tots News. Please take part if you can.

If you'd like to join us we meet on a Wednesday and Friday in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. The first session is free! We provide a warm and safe play environment for the children with lots of toys and a chance for the adults to meet and have a chat. We provide refreshments and have a short music/singing session. We welcome babies as well as toddlers. You don't have to be a parent as our members are grandparents, childminders and carers. We are an established group who have been meeting for 26 years. Please visit one of our sessions for further information.

If you require any further information please contact me on 01473 611958.

Joanne Warren

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We are looking forward to warmer weather and all the festivals that Spring brings.

The staff have planned varied and interesting activities using the theme 'Around the World' this half-term. The children will be thinking especially of their mums this month as the 26th is Mothering Sunday. I'm sure they will be busy making a surprise at playschool for them.

We are particularly grateful to Kesgrave Town Council & Martlesham Parish Council for their generous donations to playschool funds.

This term ends on 31st March and

the summer term starts after Easter on 19th April.

Rachel Pennick, Secretary

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Our topic this term is 'Weather' which we begin by looking and learning about rain. The children will be learning about where the rain goes to once it has run down the drain pipe. They will also be finding out why rain is important to us and wildlife and using a range of rhyming words to create rainy rhymes.

Later we will be learning about sunny weather, what we need to do to protect ourselves from the sun, finding out what happens to the land and wildlife during long periods of dry weather, and talking about and drawing the type of activities children enjoy in the sunny weather.

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

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

We are now online! Visit our fully updated and comprehensive website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk for a copy of our prospectus, online registration form, details of our sessions and timings and other information. You can also e-mail us at info@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

We would like to welcome Sharon Baker who has taken over as our new fundraiser. Could you give us some of your spare time? We are currently looking for a secretary and you don't have to be a parent to join the team.

Many thanks to Councillor Patricia O'Brien from Suffolk County Council for the funding received from her locality budget. It will go towards equipment to help literacy, personal development and special needs.

In our quest for fundraising we are looking for a team, and sponsors, to take part in a sponsored abseil at Heath Road

Hospital on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July. All money raised will go towards the Pre-School. For further details contact Alison Oxborrow on 01473 620432 or visit our website. Since the February half term the older children have been attending a "Rising 5's" session at Birchwood Primary School on Friday afternoons. Places are available to all children due to start at Birchwood from September 2006. We still have session places available now, for Easter and the September terms for children from 2 ½ years old. If you would like more details give me a call on 07720 708562 or send an e-mail to admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Christie Drake, Booking Secretary

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that our school website is in the process of being built. If you fancy a preview do go to www.birchwood.ik.org.

Book week was once again a huge success. This year we took the theme of fairytales.

We are looking forward to the "rising fives" from St Michael's Pre-School joining us on a Friday afternoon. Staff from both settings have planned these sessions together. This is a very exciting development and we are sure both children and staff will gain a great deal from working so closely together. We still have a few places left in our Foundation Stage class for September, so if you know of anyone who has moved into the area please do tell them to pay us a visit.

Our curriculum has really been enriched this past term. French is now being taught throughout the school from our Foundation Stage class to Year 6, drama is being used as a tool for the development of writing and we have specialist outdoor P.E. coaching from Year 3 to 6.

During the Easter break, work on extending our playground will start. Whilst on the subject of the school grounds, we are becoming

more and more concerned about the use of the school grounds by local youths after school hours, more so at weekends. The school grounds are not open to the general public and therefore the people using them are trespassing. The police are aware of this problem and I would urge local residents to be vigilant. I would really appreciate knowing who these people are so that I may

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pass their names on to the police.

Jacqui Frost, Headteacher

BIRCHWOOD P.T.A.

After a successful St Valentine's Disco at the school, we are now busy planning our Ladies Pamper Evening, to be held on **Thursday 30th March** at Birchwood School. Posters will be displayed in and around the school nearer the date, confirming stallholders, times, ticket prices, etc. We trust, as for all of our events, that this special evening will be well supported by parents and locals alike! We look forward to seeing you all there!

GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.

Work is continuing apace on the building refurbishment and a large crane was recently on site to put the raised steel roof framework on to the main hall.

Our fundraising event this month will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 18th March at the new Scout Hall. Our Summer flowering bulb order earned us £183 in commission - thank you for your support.

KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL PHENOMENAL DANCE SHOW

Kesgrave High School is holding a phenomenal dance show entitled 'Around The World In Eighty Minutes'. It is themed on the different continents of the world - Africa, Asia, America, Australia and Europe.

Our students will enable dance enthusiasts and people of all ages and abilities, so if you're a dance lover come along and let us inspire you.

It is that time of the year

again for some hand clapping, knee slapping, leg lifting and body rolling. Our pupils have shown great inspiration and devotion by giving up their weekends, lunch times and after school times, but all for a good reason because this year's dance show is guaranteed to be a corker!

So we are asking for a cracking audience in order for this to be the best dance show you will ever see in your life time because it is, after all, startlingly original.

There will be 20 sensational groups that will be performing, hence the title 'Around The World In Eighty Minutes', and of course everyone's favourite - the 'Finale'.

Venue: Kesgrave High School (Main Hall)

Dates: 1st March - starts at 7 pm

2nd March - starts at 7 pm

3rd March - starts at 7 pm

4th March - first one starts at 2:30 pm, second one starts at 7 pm

Price: Adult/children £4 per person
Tickets can only be purchased in advance

Please contact Mrs Tiplady on 01473 624855.

Saeshanee Gough, KHS pupil

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:

Monday 20th March, 8 pm

Foothills of the Himalayas

Illustrated talk by Mary Bolton on her second charity walk

Venue: Prue's, 21 Lancaster Drive, 01473 626349

For further information phone Elaine (01473 622269).

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND **EVENING OF** **CLAIRVOYANCE**

Friday 12th May
with well-known International
Mediums

Fiona Nichols
and Steve Treadaway

Martlesham Community Centre
7:30 pm start
Raffle/refreshments

Tickets £6 in advance
(£7 on door—if availability)
Contact Lisa 01473 631087
Sue 01394 386940 (evening)

ALL PROCEEDS TO MARTLESHAM **BEACON HILL POOL AND** **GYMNASTICS IN IPSWICH**

MARTLESHAM HEATH **AVIATION SOCIETY**

The speaker for our meeting held on Friday 3rd February was unfortunately detained at Papworth hospital and was therefore unable to deliver his talk, "The Twin Pioneer". We wish Harry Watson a speedy recovery and hope to welcome him back as soon as he is fit.

One of our own members, Roger Cook, is a keen aviation museum buff and has a great selection of aircraft slides. He was able to entertain us with pictures of aeroplanes from several of the many aviation museums in the country. Our knowledgeable audience were able to recognise many of the obscure types and it became an exercise in 'plane spotting and filled the evening admirably! A vote of thanks was given by Alan Smith.

Our next meeting on March 3rd is entitled, "Merlins Over Malta – the Debrief". It will be an illustrated talk given by an old friend of the Society, Clive Denny. Clive flew the Hurricane and Charlie Brown flew the Spitfire all the way down to Malta last September for anniversary celebrations in that former British Protectorate. It was an epic occasion and we are proud that we raised the very first money for the venture. Partly in recognition of that Clive Denny is returning to tell us all about it! It should be a very good evening.

That's on 3rd March in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road as usual. All meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome at a payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS

CONSERVATION GROUP

For those observant readers we have shortened the name of the Group by dropping the words Avenue and Management. This makes it less of a mouthful and we believe better encapsulates what we are doing.

Over the winter we have been using sand dug out of the pond as well as chippings to improve the wet weather surface of the paths. Several people have commented that this can make it more difficult to push prams along the paths. Unfortunately the sand needs several weeks to bed down.

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However, we would ask people to remember back to when the paths were untreated, rains turned them into a quagmire and please, have a little patience.

On a brighter note we should soon be seeing the first signs of spring. The snowdrops are nearly over, the leaves of daffs and bluebells are starting to emerge and the birds are getting quite vocal. This also means that it is time for the Group's Annual General Meeting, which will be held at the Parish rooms on 21st March starting at 7 pm. A short presentation on the achievements during the past year, suggested projects for the next year, the election of Committee members and questions from the floor will be followed by a short talk on bats. Everyone will be welcome.

Our next workday is Saturday 18th March, meeting at 10 am 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**

Towards the end of the month, resident birds will be joined by the Chiffchaff, the first of the spring migrant bird influx. Listen out for its uplifting song anytime from mid-month, a sound which for many

is the sign that spring is here once more.

Also sure to awaken thoughts of warmer days ahead will be the first appearance of our butterflies that have spent the winter in hibernation: The Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and the less frequent Brimstone. These are the first of 28 species that may be seen on the heath and with only 31 species being regularly recorded in our county, this high count bears out the importance of our local habitat. Only the White Admiral, Dinky Skipper and White-letter Hairstreak are not present here.

Moths are also studied regularly and, so far, 548 species have been recorded which represents around one third of the county list. Furthermore, from these records it has been ascertained that 21 species are of national significance and so taken together with the Silver-studded Blue butterfly, it is clearly evident that the heath holds some high profile lepidoptera.

If anyone has any of their own interesting observations on our local wildlife, then please get in touch as it helps us to build up a wider, more informed picture.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 12th March. 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.freereserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

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.

Looking forward a little, our Plant Sale and Market this year will be on Sunday May 14th at

Foxburrow Farm.

A big issue of great concern amongst all the Wildlife Trusts is the proposed huge badger cull in the South-West of England as a response to bovine TB. It is the view of the wildlife trusts that the scientific studies conducted do not support this approach and there is some evidence that it could make the situation worse. Consequently, after the period of consultation with the Government on this issue, due to finish on the 10th March, it is hoped that an unnecessary cull will be avoided but the early signs are not looking very encouraging.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making music fun in East Anglia 14/2/06 Martlesham Brass final collection figures for Christmas 2005

Martlesham Brass are pleased to announce that the amount of money collected over the Christmas period was £1768.46. We would like to thank all those people who gave so generously and for the venues who were kind enough to let us play and collect. The money donated helps to fund the activities of the band throughout the year and also goes to support local charities.

At their AGM on 3rd February Martlesham Brass presented three cheques of £240 each to Ipswich Hospital (Boxford and Bergholt wards, D.C.E. (Disability Care Enterprise) and CRY (Cardiac Arrest in the Young). Martlesham Brass CAROLLING COLLECTIONS 2005

DATE, LOCATION, AMOUNT,
COLLECTORS

*04/12/2005 Felixstowe Market
£53.72 S. Aldous, £49.18 E
Benyon, £37.42 M Aldous, £61.44
C Beale, Total £201.76

*07/12/2005 Kesgrave Streets
£54.27 C Beale, Total £54.27

*08/12/2005 Sainsburys Warren
Heath
£36.14 P Nichols, £40.19 A Parker,
£42.37 T Slater-Robins, £24.19 M
Aldous, £19.23 C Beale, Total
£162.12

*10/12/2005 Sainsburys Warren
Heath

£82.34 A Eyley, £77.98 M Ellis,
£87.44 Mark Chalklen, £80.57 E
Howard, £62.75 Mrs Savoy, Total
£391.08

*11/12/2005 Felixstowe Market
£57.93 C Beale, £63.00 C Hodge,
Total £120.93

*14/12/2005 Sainsburys Warren
Heath
£59.18 C Beale, £63.34 C Hodge,
Total £122.52

*18/12/2005 Felixstowe Market
£52.07 S Benyon, £64.21 C Beale,
Total £116.28

*21/12/2005 Sainsburys Warren
Heath
£42.93 Mrs Goldsmith, £47.16 C
Hale, £52.09 E Howard, £40.05 C
Aldous, £63.17 M Aldous, £38.87

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C Beale, Total £284.27

22/12/2005 Sainsburys Warren
Heath

£57.18 C Beale, £63.24 Robert
Beale, £58.47 Alison Eyley, £66.23
E Benyon, £70.11 I Harvey, Total
£315.23

Grand Total £1,768.46

Alison Eyley, Publicity Officer

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

Thanks for all the stamps. Please keep them coming. You can contact me at the number below, or simply post any bundles of stamps through my door. I will be very pleased to pass them on to the Hospice. Keep up the good work.

Bev Read

15 Demesne Gardens
Martlesham Heath
01473 622721

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

With regard to matches - playing Somersham at home on January 17th earned us a 3-1 win but took us out of the Chairman's Plate by losing on shots. They were a stronger team than expected so you never know!

Playing away at Belstead on January 25th, although we lost the match 4-6 it was still a satisfactory result as Belstead have a very good home record.

Our deferred match at home

against Tithe Barn on February 7th was an extremely successful win by us of 9-1.

30 members gathered at the Shannon, Bucklesham on 18th January for our annual club's dinner, competently organised by Maureen and Oscar Banthorp once again. This was a successful event, even if a few members found meal portions somewhat daunting! 16 members were then lucky enough to win prizes in a draw after which Maureen and Oscar entertained us by organising a quiz - won by Doug, Vic, Martyn and Chris, the shared prize being a 10 line lottery ticket which in turn won £10 (but please no begging letters, it's been spent!)

Altogether a most enjoyable evening and many thanks to Maureen and Oscar.

Two teams of four played at Needham Market Community Centre on January 29th. This was by invitation from Barking C.B.C. for the Derek Roddham Memorial Trophy and whilst our teams did not progress further than the first round it was still good bowling experience.

At Hadleigh Leisure Centre on Sunday 12th February, 124 players participated in the Suffolk Closed Singles Championship. Three players from our club entered, one of whom, having won the group games and 1st and 2nd knockout rounds, goes into the 8 winners final in April.

Chris Chamberlain

OVER 50'S CLUB AT KINGPIN BOWLING CENTRE

I have set up a 50+ bowling club running on Monday to Friday mornings from 10 am until 1 pm.

The price is £5 for the whole three hour session which includes a cup of coffee.

Rupert Marlowe

ADDERS ON THE HEATH

If you hear, while out walking, two and two is four, four and four is eight, yes, this may be an adder but I am looking for the reptile. The adder is an animal which possibly is in decline. So from now to the end of the year I would be grateful of

any sightings as I will be carrying out a survey on the adder. The adder will start to be seen from February onwards depending on the temperatures of the day. This animal is very distinctive with a bold zigzag down its back. This even can be seen on black coloured snakes. Their colours range from greens, browns, coppery colours to black, but NEVER touch or pick one up - they are the only native snake which is venomous! Adders grow up to 800 mm long (32 inches in old money). I would be grateful if any one would be so kind as to write the date, time, location, colour and approximate size and send the details to me if they see one or more while out and about in the Parish.

If you have a problem with an adder please also contact me and I will help.

Duncan Sweeting, Kikambala, 69 Deben Avenue, tel: 01473 620856, or e-mail: kikambala@tiscali.co.uk

BRUSHSTROKES EVENING ART GROUP

The art group is sadly missing one of their most regular members, Dolly Scowen, who passed away in December. Dolly came along to our group soon after it started up in 1999 and she only missed a few sessions, normally due to holidays. Dolly used watercolours and usually painted small animals selling quite a few of them. At the age of 89 her enthusiasm for art was an inspiration to us all. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

We have a few younger members coming along now, brushing up on their painting skills which should benefit them with their school work.

The art group is informal, fortnightly, on a Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, in St. Michaels Church Annex.

For more information contact Sue Sharman on 01473 610474.

"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.

SUFFOLK COASTAL ROTARY CLUB

Five things you might not know about Rotary

1. Many members are women
2. There are no age barriers
3. People join to make a difference and have fun
4. It does not have to be expensive
5. Members are spread throughout the world

So, do you want to find a way to mix social activities and

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community service?

Suffolk Coastal Rotary Club is an exciting new club planned to be based in the area. It is being structured to appeal to all, including couples with families and will run a "family friendly" programme to include a mix of leisure, fund-raising and family events.

Rotary members around the world actively support good causes locally, nationally and internationally. Everything from support for the local Gateway club, the leisure arm of Mencap, to PolioPlus, a Rotary International programme to immunize all the world's children against polio.

Meetings and activities are already underway, so if you would like to find out more about the plans for this new club, then please contact Tim or Margaret on 01473 623020 (Tim) or 01473 625700 (Margaret), or e-mail rcscoastal@btinternet.com

QUIZ NIGHT

The prospective Rotary Club for the Suffolk Coastal area is holding a "Millionaire"-style Quiz Night in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospice - Ipswich (Registered Charity no. 1069284).

Join us on **Friday 24th March at Waldringfield Golf Club (with licensed bar) 7:30 for 7:45 pm start.** Teams of 4 (£5 per head, includes a Ploughman's Supper).

Booking required: Ring Tim on 01473 623020

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

TV AERIALS, CONTINUED

It turns out that several people have successfully achieved reception of free-view with an internal aerial, and many others have expressed dismay that some people are spoiling the look of the place by breaking the covenant banning external aerials.

The reason we can't get a good digital service right now is because the broadcasters have not yet provided it. When they do, they will transmit at a hugely greater level and we may all be able to pick it up on set-top aerials. But by then it may be too late for our skyline.

I have a sort of plan. The first step is to find out exactly what the current limitations are by surveying reception at points all over the village. This exercise may or may not produce a universal solution, but will at least produce an optimum 'loft aerial' system and demonstrate exactly what is and what isn't doable. There are quite a few competent engineers in the village and we can surely get a team together to plan how to set about it. Please e-mail me at d.owens@btinternet.com if you are technical and interested.

The next step would be to let people know what the situation is, then **to hold a whole-heath referendum to find out what householders actually think** about letting the covenant lapse rather than wait for the big digital changeover. The (currently dormant) MH Neighbourhood Association was designed for just this sort of thing, and if the response to this is positive my intent is to call a meeting to

reactivate it for this purpose early this summer.

David Owens, (dormant chairman, dormant MHNA), 14 Warren Lane, tel: 610050; mob: 078 85238523

HPB Productions Presents... SEASONS OF THE YEAR

Using music & song

Saturday 1st April

3 pm & 7:30 pm performances

at

**St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath**

**Raffle in aid of
'St Mary's Church Martlesham
Building Appeal'**

Light refreshments

Admission: £6 (£5 concessions)

Further information: Burrows 01473 625196

The concert features a variety of musical styles depicting the four seasons of the year. Songs include popular songs, folk music, popular light classical music interspersed with readings to take you through a year. Musical numbers include: "Summer Holiday", "Spring, Spring, Spring", "All in the April Evening", "Harvest Home", "Waltz of the Flowers" and many more.

There are 16 people taking part either as singers, musicians (playing piano, flute, violins/violas) or readers.

Further Information: H. P. Burrows, 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IPS 3UG. Tel: 01473 625196.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

at

**St Michaels's and All Angels
Church**

on

Friday 3rd March at 10:30 am

"Signs of the Times"

**A service prepared by the
Christian women of South Africa
Speaker: Mrs Arlene Crucikshanks**

**Other services to be held locally:
Beaumont Baptist Chapel,
Woodbridge at 2 pm
Speaker: Mrs Margaret Townsend**

**St Andrew's Church, Melton
at 7:30 pm**

Speaker: Mrs Shirley Watson

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Archbishop Williams - "Respect and civility vital to a healthy society"

An extract from remarks at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayor of London for the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England at the Mansion House, London on 7th February:

"It is impossible to speak about these things just at present without mentioning the events of the

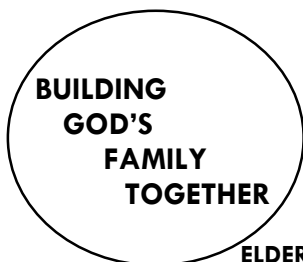
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past week. The controversies over free speech versus blasphemy and offence have cast quite a shadow over the prospects of increased trust between different cultures and faiths and I don't want to take your time with detailed comment of analysis. But there are a few things that it might be worth saying in this particular context."

"The Western World likes to think that it is inviting other cultures into a peaceful and enlightened atmosphere of civility. But the 'strangers' invited in may well be dismayed to discover that this peacefulness and enlightenment seems to include licence to express some very unpeaceful and unenlightened attitudes to minorities of various kinds. "Just what kind of civility is this?" the newcomer could ask."

"I used the word 'civility' earlier on and it is a good word to use in this place. Civic and civil life develops because cities develop, plural communities in which commercial, cultural and intellectual exchange creates mutual bonds and shared patterns of political life. Cities means citizens. Civility is the condition of patient co-operation

THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL



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The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770

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Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320

ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,
Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday		11am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 7:45pm Holy Communion
Sunday 5th March Lent 1	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm See below
Sunday 12th March Lent 2	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 19th March Lent 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church
Sunday 26th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins 6:30pm Evensong	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 2nd April Trinity Sunday Lent 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church

Please note: other Evening Services in Lent will be at Newbourne on Sunday 5th March, Waldringfield on Sunday 19th March and Hemley on Sunday 2nd April, all at 6:30pm.

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 13th & Monday 27th March at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH

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

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| <p>7 for those at the Mums' Club</p> <p>8 for those living in Nunn's Close</p> <p>9 for Lent house groups</p> <p>10 for members of the Mothers' Union</p> <p>11 for all called to ministry</p> <p>12 for all who long to believe</p> <p>13 for our friends overseas</p> <p>14 for those working in our local shops</p> <p>15 for those living in Park Close</p> <p>16 for members of the P.C.C.</p> <p>17 for Irish friends, and peace in that country</p> <p>18 for the End, helpers and members</p> <p>19 that we may come closer to God</p> <p>20 for all gardeners</p> <p>21 for our councillors</p> <p>22 for those living in Parkers Place</p> <p>23 for the work of local Gideons</p> <p>24 for all carers</p> | <p>25 that we may respond to God's call to us</p> <p>26 give thanks for mothers</p> <p>27 for those newly living in our area</p> <p>28 for a climate of reconciliation</p> <p>29 for those living in Peel Yard</p> <p>30 for all those at Lent lunches</p> <p>31 give thanks for local schools, pupils and staff</p> <p>APRIL 1 for all church musicians</p> <p>2 that we may hear the scriptures with fresh insights</p> <p>3 for all travelling today</p> <p>4 give thanks for signs of spring</p> <p>5 for those living in Pine Bank</p> |
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