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E-mail—richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

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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.

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Neal Goldsmith - Editor

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Do you enjoy a little ROCK? How about a bit of POP or COUNTRY ... or maybe PUNK is your scene?

What about a BRASS BAND or maybe a walking SAMBA BAND? Is a visit to a CAR BOOT SALE up your street?

Would you enjoy lazing about on our village green on a hot summer's day, watching your children being entertained at an event where you will meet old and new friends ... a

FREE event for your whole family? If you answered YES to any of the above then you must come to **"MUSIC ON THE GREEN" Saturday 8th July 10:15 am –10:30 pm.**

We have nearly completed this year's line up, and the bands already booked include Titian Red, Whiskey Chaser, Coup de Grass, Cool Remedy, The Back Porch Band, Uncle Funk, Watershed, David Balham, SamBoomBa, Colourblind Hedgehogs, Seventh Street, Bluewave Band, Martlesham Brass and Gorseland School Choir. As you can see this exciting line up offers a wide range of musical styles and talents to suit all tastes.

Additionally this year's event will be conducted in partnership with BBC Radio Suffolk.

Don't forget to book your stand to raise funds for your organisation - phone Stuart on 01473 611388 or e-mail stuart@countycontactcentres.com

No need to book for the Car Boot Sale - just turn up on the day from 7 am.

If you would like to be included as a sponsor of "Music on The Green" please contact Paul Firman on 01473 622874.

We continue to be indebted to our 2006 sponsors, which currently include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, RDP Partnership, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print, Duncan's 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.**

Visit our web site for updates at www.musiconthegreen.com

Phil Cowey, Secretary

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for two councillors

The Council has two vacancies, following the recent resignation of two councillors – Rosie Scott and Peter Niven. The council is sorry to lose these people who have both made a valuable contribution to the working of the council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor,

please contact the clerk or any councillor for information, however if you have an interest in your local community and are aged 21 or over, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Parish Walks leaflets

We have a number of packs containing details of 9 walks around the local area including Brightwell, Bucklesham, Foxhall, Kesgrave, Little Bealings, Martlesham, Newbourne, Playford and Rushmere St. Andrew. If you would like a pack, please contact the Clerk, available for £1 each plus 50p p&p, if required.

Traffic speed in Martlesham

Recent speed camera (SID) checks in Martlesham reveal that a small minority of drivers exceed limits by a considerable amount. As a result the Council will be pushing for further speed checks. Drivers are urged to adhere to limits, particularly near crossing points.

Suffolk Coastal District Council

Litter hotline

If you know of a particular area that is suffering from significant litter or fly tipping, there is now a hotline for reporting this – **01394 444000**.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 3rd May and 7th June

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 10th May

*Recreation & Amenities committee – Wednesday 17th May

*Finance & General Purposes committee – Wednesday 24th May

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 COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Registered Charity No. 27376)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/SLIDE SHOW

on

**Monday 15th May at 7:30 pm
in the Parish Room, Felixstowe
Road, Martlesham**

There will be a slide show showing past achievements and future aspirations

If anyone has any jumble, bric-a-brac, etc., please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

MCC SCRIBE

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

Following a question raised at the recent public AGM of Martlesham Consultants the matter of ownership of the land to the side of the Douglas Bader and in front of the Doctor's surgery was raised.

Grainger Residential Management have advised us that this is private land and there are no official rights of way. The public may use the area for the time being at their own risk. It is a remnant of one of the runways of the old aerodrome.

The policy regarding firebreaks has previously been agreed and is as follows:- Where gorse

grows up to the boundaries of properties, members themselves may cut the gorse back up to two metres from their boundary fences but are responsible for the disposal of the cuttings. Thereafter maintenance would be the members responsibility.

We have received some complaints that damage is being done to the grass and saplings on the Green in Manor Road by young people playing ball games and even more concerning are the reports that damage is being done to people's gardens by young people retrieving balls. Whilst generally we welcome the use of open spaces we would respectfully ask parents to advise their children to respect people's gardens as well as to treat MCL land and the various plantings with respect.

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

tel: 01473 612207

e-mail: mcl.mh@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Summer Garden Competitions

This year we have a back gardens competition as well as the five competitions that we held last year.

Entry forms for all of our competitions are now available and if you would like a form for yourself or a friend please contact the secretary, details below.

Hanging Baskets in The Square, Martlesham Heath and Planted Containers in the Parish

We are arranging for there to be hanging baskets in the Square and we are grateful to Bidwells who have arranged for them to be watered.

We will also be providing planted containers elsewhere in the Parish.

Sponsors are needed for the baskets and the containers and if any firm or individual would like to sponsor one or more (baskets at £30 each and containers at £25 each) please contact the secretary. All baskets and containers will have a sponsorship label attached and we will be aiming to advertise our sponsors as much as possible.

Our next event:

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| <p style="text-align:center"><u>JUMBLE SALE</u> & <u>PLANT SALE</u> at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath Saturday 20th May 10 am to 12 noon * Admission: 30p * Tea/coffee available</p> |
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This event is being arranged jointly with the Martlesham Community Council.

During the coming months we will be taking photographs throughout the parish; if there are any areas that look particularly attractive please let us know.

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 & DISTRICT
FLOWER CLUB

Our demonstrator this month was Angela Vokalek whose title 'Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?' was her floral interpretation of guests she would like to invite for dinner. She began by producing a tennis racket made from silver birch and used this as part of her display winding through various greenery and adding mauve flowers to give the colours used at Wimbledon. She completed the arrangement by including a tennis ball and we predicted her first 'guest' was John McEnroe. Next she did a table centre in pink and white finishing the display by adding a candelabra and candles to 'keep up appearances'. Patricia Routledge alias Mrs Bouquet was her second 'guest'. Further floral interpretations represented Margot Fontayne, Bill Oddie and Anne Robinson. To finish she chose a grey and white theme and we knew her last 'guest' was David

Frost.

The competition was won by Anne Berg with Olive Stewart winning the novice class.

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

The next meeting is on 17th May with David Wright presenting 'Musical Inspirations'. The competition will be 'Illustrate a Song Title'. All are welcome.

Mrs Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

It was good to welcome an old friend of our WI, Diane Smith from Crafty Candles. A number of members could remember hearing her speak about 20 years ago, and also going to her house for a candle workshop. Several members still had the candles they had made!

She had made several moves of premises since that time, and she explained some new candle making techniques. She also told us of the new perfumes being used, (these included opium and cannabis!!), but the basic techniques were still the same. She persuaded two members to try their hand at making a candle (to take home) during the evening, which they did successfully. She then showed us some of her range of goods, which could be purchased afterwards. She talked us through the different types of wax, and gave us many useful tips, including - dust your candles with some old tights, not a duster, to bring back the shine. Her suggestion of a quiet afternoon spent making decoupage pictures, using the motifs from serviettes to decorate a candle, may well be taken up, as an outing very soon! We all enjoyed seeing her again.

Our next meeting is a more serious affair, when we discuss the topics we want aired at the National AGM.. After some strenuous thought we are going to relax with a few gentle exercises to restore calm, just in case there are any heated debates.

Meetings are held in the Pavilion on the second Monday of each month, why not come and join us?

Contact Mrs Kay Hall on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At the meeting on March 17th Mrs Joan Locke, President, was pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs Pat Jackson, and a visitor, Mrs Jean Hutchinson.

Susan Cunliffe, delegate at the recent W.I. Council meeting, gave an extremely detailed and interesting account of the event. This meeting was held for the first time at the Corn Exchange, Ipswich. Views of the members who attended as to the suitability of the venue were varied. Many found the numerous stairs difficult and the acoustics not always good. Though everyone heard Gervaise Phynn, the guest speaker, when he recounted his hilarious stories of his life as a School Inspector in Yorkshire.

Mrs Sulch will speak on 'Geology and Scenery in Britain' at the meeting on 21st April and the competition is 'A Favourite View'.

Mrs Linda Leigh will be with us at the meeting on 16th May when we shall discuss the Resolutions to be put forward at the forthcoming National AGM.

This will be a special meeting for the Martlesham W.I. As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings.

Contact:- The Secretary, Mrs Betty Darke, tel: 01473 624193

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our May and June diaries are:

***11th May** - 'Journey to the Galapagos'. The speaker is Mr Chris Parfitt.

***25th May** - 'Land Army'. The speaker is Mrs Irene Grimwood.

***8th June** - 'Riding for the Disabled'. The speaker is Mrs Rosie Clarke.

***22nd June** - AGM followed by a talk on behalf of the Community Responders (our charity of the year).

We then have a few weeks Summer break and resume our meetings on Thursday 14th September.

Our meetings are always held alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre. We have a speaker at most meetings and always end the meeting with a chat over tea/coffee and a raffle. New members are always welcome.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

The speaker at our April meeting was Gillian Berry who told us of the various funds working to help many people over the world in countries such as Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda and many more. The M.U. Overseas fund supports a lot of vital work throughout the world. Over 485 requests for grants were received last

year. There are 321 M.U. workers round the world and our linked Dioceses in Kenya are suffering greatly where water is very scarce and their animals are dying through the drought.

Our next meeting is Wednesday May 3rd at 2 pm in St Michael's Church Centre - do come if you would like to find out more, you will receive a warm welcome.

For more information, phone 01394 210793.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets at St Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 2nd May from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. After lunch the speaker will be Sally Thompson, health visitor, who will talk on how to have a happy and safe holiday with young children. All mums, babies and toddlers welcome.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Our AGM is on Monday 15th May at 8 pm in the pavilion, but we still need more volunteers for the new committee. The current committee have all been serving for two or more years, and most are stepping down as their children are moving onto nursery or school.

Positions still available are:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- PMC Representative

Without these volunteers, unfortunately, there can be no more Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group. This would be a real shame since we've been running for over 27 years!

If you can spare a few hours per month and would like to be involved, please speak to any current Committee member or Session Leader for further details and help keep YOUR Baby and Toddler Group running.

Please support us and attend the AGM!

Sessions run on a Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion.

For further details please phone 01473 611958.

Thank You, Joanne Warren

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The summer term is now in full swing.

The children will be looking at various aspects of the countryside and new life including woodland walks, the life cycle of the frog, making a wormery and growing lots of plants from bulbs and seeds. A visit to the Rare Breeds Farm at Baylham is also planned.

We are grateful to Grange Farm, Farm Shop, Hasketon and the CO-OP for the prizes for our recent successful Easter Draw.

If you have Tesco's computers for schools vouchers lurking in the bottom of your bag, do feel free to drop them off at the control tower when you're passing - they will be put to good use.

We are looking forward to our FUN DAY on the afternoon of 24th June. Preparations are underway and you can be sure of something for all the family - live music, refreshments, raffle, bouncy castle, second-hand book stall, etc. Do come and support this event. Let's hope the sun shines!

Rachel Pennick, Secretary

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Our topic this term is mini-beasts. This month the children will learn about mini-beasts which creep and crawl and hum and buzz. Through a range of activities focused around these bugs the children will have the opportunity to learn initial sounds of bug names, order and sequence a range of bugs, go on a mini-beast hunt and make their own bugs through a variety of materials. They will also have the opportunity to observe the goings-on down on the Ant Farm and make their own honey sandwiches.

A reminder that Hazel, the photographer, is booked to come in on Friday 12th May, to take the children's photographs.

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

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

We returned to pre-school after Easter break on Wednesday 19th April. A warm welcome to all new children and parents who have joined us this term, and welcome back to all our regulars. The theme for this term is "animals" and we will be learning about all sorts of animals and their natural habitats. Also this term, the children will be taking part in a sponsored "toddle" around the green, to raise funds for the pre-school.

We are still looking for more committee members. Can you give us some of your spare time? You don't have to be a parent to join our team. If you would like to find out more, please contact the pre-school or a committee member.

We have no available sessions for this term and are now running a list for available sessions commencing September. If you are interested, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Christie Drake, on 07720 708562 or send an e-mail to admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.

The building programme has run exactly to schedule and should just about be complete by the time you are reading this, in early May. Our play areas, car park and school entrances should be back to normal and our new large hall is looking fantastic.

We are collecting Tesco Computer for Schools 2006 vouchers as well as Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers so if you have any that you would like to donate to us, we would be most grateful.

Arrangements are now well underway for our Autumn Dinner Dance to celebrate the school's 35th birthday and completion of the extension and refurbishment. This will be held at the Belstead Brook Hotel on Saturday 14th October at 7:30 pm. Tickets will cost £28 each and there will be a disco. More information can be obtained from Karen Stock in the school office or on 01473 611570.

HEATH SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

A jumble sale is being held at Heath School, Bell Lane, Kesgrave on Friday 5th May from 3 pm onwards. Refreshments will also be available.

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:

Monday 15th May, 8 pm

Self Image

Demonstration and advice by Tina Balaam

Venue: Gaynor's, 8 Fynn Road, Martlesham (near the Seal Pub - lifts available), 01394 388502

For further information phone Elaine (01473 622269).

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE WEB PORTAL

Soon after Christmas a lady phoned me volunteering to help with the Martlesham Village website, and followed this up with an e-mail. Unfortunately a day later my computer hard-drive failed catastrophically and I lost about 5 days' worth of messages - including this one! I recall that the lady had an AOL e-mail address. I

Alan Powell 01473 610073

would be very grateful if she could get in contact again as the revised website is now up and running and I am very keen to expand its capabilities.

Malcolm Bell, web manager for www.martlesham.org.uk
01473 610073

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

The monthly meeting in the Community Hall was the occasion of our annual AGM. Our chairman, Martyn Cook was able to reflect on another highly successful year. Membership is 179 members and we often have an audience at the monthly meetings well in excess of 100. Gordon Kinsey, our life President, proposed that the executive committee be re-elected en-block and this was unanimously approved.

After the break the annual "Holly Hall" photographic competition was held. This was won by Roger Cook, and Barry Newson was runner-up.

Our next meeting is on Friday 5th May and will be held as usual in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road. The speaker is scheduled to be Wing Commander Bryn Lewis (Rtd), and his subject is "Five Vulcans Around The World - Only One Came Back." An intriguing title and bound to be another popular evening!

All meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The good news this month is that we are launching the Nature Watch Club for 5 - 11 year olds. Thanks to a grant from County Councillor Hudson's Locality Budget we have purchased twenty small mammal surveying traps. The first meeting of the club will be on 3rd June at 9 am, starting our ongoing survey of small mammals throughout the Woodland. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent and there are twenty slots available. Places can be booked by e-mailing or telephoning the club or group

contacts. More details will be available on the group website once it goes live, and we will keep you posted on subsequent club surveys of butterflies, moths, reptiles, amphibians, birds and woodland flora. Hopefully by the summer we will be in a position to purchase the other equipment needed for these other comprehensive surveys. The annual glow worm and bat survey will probably take place on the evening of 30th June but we will confirm this with timings and meeting place next month.

Our next workday is Saturday 20th May, meeting at 10 am at the **Wildlife pond**. As always all volunteers are welcome and all equipment is supplied.

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

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The heath in May, like so many wild areas, means birdsong and there is no better time to enjoy it than at dawn. It's a bit of an effort to drag yourself out of bed at such an hour but if you have never been up at this time in May, you are missing an ornithological treat. Make the effort this month if you can, you will not be disappointed.

You don't have to have the ability to recognise birdsong to enjoy the dawn chorus - just take pleasure from the amazing sounds. A special song that is well worth learning to recognise however, is the far-reaching and strong melody of the Nightingale, a bird that we are most fortunate to be able to enjoy here.

If you can't quite make the early rising, you can still enjoy a less intense performance in the evening and, contrary to popular belief, the Nightingale can also be heard singing by day at this time.

On Sunday 21st May we will be conducting a walk around the woodland at the bottom of the Green to try and identify and count the birds present. We will be hoping to hear some

Nightingales as well as other birds. Please join us and bring a pair of binoculars if you have them. Meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

If anyone has any sightings of reptiles (snakes, lizards, slow worms) we would be very grateful to hear from you. Indeed if you have any records of interesting wildlife then please get in touch.

Phil Smith 01473 625630
and Steve Goddard -
steve@goddard98.freereserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

We have several events coming up in May and one at the start of June.

On Friday 5th May 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm approximately, we will be walking the Phoenix trail, Rendlesham Forest in search of Nightingales. Please meet at the Forest car park at OS grid reference TM355482.

Our Plant Sale and Market this year will be on Sunday May 14th at Foxburrow Farm from 11 am to 2:30 pm. We are planning to have a wide variety of plants, Wildlife Trust gift stall, lunches, cakes, bric-a-brac, books, farm trail, face painting, etc. Please come along or get in touch with me if you are able to help with any items or at the event itself. We would also welcome help on Saturday 13th May in setting up.

On Sunday 21st May from 2 pm – 4:30 pm approximately, we have a guided tour of Martins Meadow, Monewden for spring Orchids and other wildflowers. Please meet at the car park at OS grid reference TM227573.

On Friday 2nd June from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm approximately, we will be looking for Nightjars in Rendlesham Forest. Meet at the Forest car park again at OS grid reference TM355482.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making music fun in East Anglia

Martlesham Brass Band is holding its tenth annual Spring Concert on Saturday 20th May at 7 pm in the Martlesham Community Centre.

Tickets are £2.50 with free

admission for accompanied children under 11 years old. Tickets should be obtained in advance and are available from band members or by calling 01473 611578. There will be performances by each of the band sections, including a performance of the entertainments programme that Martlesham Brass will be playing at the EABBA Norwich Entertainments contest on 7th May.

May sees the start of a busy summer season for all the band players with the band performing locally almost every weekend throughout the summer. As well as contesting in Norwich and putting on the first of three annual concerts, Martlesham Brass Preliminary Band will be performing at the Maidstone Infant School May Fair on Saturday 20th May and on Sunday 28th May the Martlesham Brass Intermediate Band will be playing at Framlingham Frolics.

For further information about Martlesham Brass please visit our website at www.martleshambrass.co.uk or contact Bruce on 01473 611578.

Alison Eyley, Publicity Officer

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our last league match of the winter season was played on 17th March at home to Bramford and resulted in a 5-5 draw. So our final position in the First Division was 3rd.

The results of the club's annual competitions were as follows:-

Fours—Doug Chamberlain, George Golding, Vic Harrup, Gordon Levett

Triples—Colin Jones, Peter Mullett, Geoff Waugh

Pairs—Chris and Doug Chamberlain

Ladies' Singles—Joan Woolley

Mixed Singles—Vic Harrup

The Men's Singles is still to be played.

Please note that this year's AGM will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th May at 2:30 pm. Chris Chamberlain - 01473 622341

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

This month in the Scout Group there has been a lot happening and we are looking forward to a lot in the near future. Beavers have welcomed some new members into their lodges, and over the next while they will be playing wide games in the woods and working towards the discovery badge, among others. As for Cubs, I have been helping with Orwell pack and know that they have been doing activities towards their survival badge including how to make bridges and learning which foods you can eat in the wild and which would kill you. In Deben pack two boys joined as a result of the recent "bring a friend night". Also they took part in and won (no surprise really as Martlesham is used to winning everything!) a chess and draughts tournament. Saving the best until last we have Scouts who not too long ago went to Anglia Indoor Karting for the night which was enjoyed by all. I organised a camp for some of the older Scouts as part of my Chief Scouts Gold Award. It seemed to go down well as everyone who went came back. Also the Scouts are enjoying the prospect of a 100 mile plus cycle camp at the end of May. If you are interested in joining the Scout Group as a leader, part of the committee or as Beaver/Cub/Scout, the man to get in touch with is Keith Gleen on 01473 626506. Craig Brown, 1st Martlesham Scout Group

ROY BERRIDGE

Joyce and family would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards and letter of sympathy in their sad loss.

The help and support of friends and neighbours has been a great comfort to us all.

ROSEMARY & EDWIN STILL

will soon be leaving Martlesham

There will be a tea party at **St Michael's Church Centre** on **Sunday May 7th at 4:30 pm** when we can say goodbye and wish them well in their new home.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Friends, neighbours, colleagues

Any enquiries, phone
01394 210793

STEPPING OUT COMES TO MARTLESHAM

"Stepping Out in Suffolk" is a programme run by Suffolk Coastal DC aimed at providing local health walks for people trying to improve their fitness and mobility, and anybody is welcome to join in. There are no membership requirements and all walks are free. They are led by specially trained volunteers who alter the pace of the walk to suit everybody taking part - young, or not so young.

Stepping Out will be coming to Martlesham Heath for the first time on **Saturday 6th May** when there will be a short walk via the Western Corridor and the Portal Avenue Woodlands. Anybody interested in taking part simply needs to turn up at the Douglas Bader car park at **10:30 am** and look for the group of walkers. Comfortable flat shoes/trainers are advisable and dress appropriately for the English weather!

The walk will not last more than an hour and members of the Portal Woodlands Conservation Group will be joining us to point out some of the natural features en-route.

For further details about this event, or any of the health walks planned for the area, please call Sharron Jarrett on 01394 444697, or see the schedule published at www.martlesham.org.uk/healthwalks

Malcolm Bell, walk leader,
01473 610073

KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL 20 YEAR REUNION

Did you leave Kesgrave High School in May/June 1986? A 20 year School Reunion has been organised on Monday 5th June at The Douglas Bader Pub,

Martlesham Heath from 7:30 pm. There are no tickets to buy, just turn up and have a drink and a chat. Partners are welcome. If you have any queries call Jo Gilbert (Joanna nee Goodchild) on 01473 890997 or Tracey Vobe (nee Smith) on 01473 621372.

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Are there any Martlesham residents that left Northgate High School 5th year in the summer of 1988?

We are organising a reunion on Friday May 26th, 8pm at the Lattice Barn pub on Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

Come along and have a drink. It is informal, no tickets required. I am trying to get an idea of numbers so please phone Karen Gallant on 01473 631027 or e-mail karengallant23@hotmail.com and let me know if you are coming along.

DSN (DEPLOYED SOLDIERS NETWORK)

DSN (Deployed Soldiers Network) is a non-profit, charitable organisation that supports our troops. Has anyone got any stuffed animal toys/teddies that they no longer need? These can be used by the soldiers in Iraq to give to the Iraqi children. You can drop them off to me, Karen Gallant, at 45 Deben Avenue, Martlesham, or I can collect locally. Telephone 01473 631027 - any donations gratefully received. Other items are also needed. See www.deployedsoldiersnetwork.com for a full list.

KESGRAVE KESTERLS CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB

Indoor training at Rendlesham Sports Centre over the winter proved again to be very popular and the club is keen to support the proposed multi-purpose sports centre for Kesgrave and District. Outdoor training and continued recruitment sessions will now transfer to our Twelve Acre Approach circuit [weather

permitting], and any interested male or female riders under the age of 13 are invited to attend our Saturday mornings sessions from 10-12 noon, under the expert guidance of former Kesgrave Chairman and British Individual finalist Peter Ingram, and former England International and multi British Indoor, East Anglian and Suffolk Champion Daniel Zagni.

New members over the age of 13 are welcome to attend our Tuesday evening training sessions from 18:30-20:30 with guidance available from our senior members who have some 30 years experience between them. A full fixture list and further information is available on our official website at <http://www.CycleSpeedway.co.uk/KesgraveCSC>

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank associate sponsors: GMB Union, Orwell Trucks, The Bell Public House, and the continued support of: Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre Committee, Barry Sharman Caravans, Pedal Power [Martlesham] & Ipswich Speedway.

WOODBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB

The Club met at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club on 3rd April to hear Mr Len Green on "Chernobyl and After."

Woodbridge Probus will hold its next meeting on 2nd May when Mr Chris Place will talk about "Drug Detection with Dogs." Retired or semi-retired men who are interested in membership are invited to contact Dick Bason on 01473 720995 or Ron Fisher on 01473 631347.

NEWS FROM WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS

Publishing dates coinciding with the event, a report of the Elmhurst Extravaganza will feature in next month's newsletter. We spend Bank Holiday Monday helping with another charity event, the Woodbridge Horse Show. Assisting others in fundraising efforts is one aspect of our involvement in the local community. At the end of March we loaned equipment and some support to the friends of a local primary school to host a race evening with a difference - greatly enjoyed by all who took part and

helping to buy outdoor play equipment for the school.

Whilst Lions Clubs have a good deal of autonomy about what they do – responding to the needs of their communities and the resources available to them – there is a national and international framework that holds the organisation together. This year's Convention for Clubs in East Anglia had its lighter side, including the traditional golf tournament – well done to Alf of Woodbridge & District for retaining the individual trophy. To our surprise, these homespun newsletters received the "Scribe of the Year Award". Whilst we are not a Club to seek trophies, it would be churlish not to acknowledge the award. Though a small Club, we are active and enjoy what we are doing. Hopefully this is conveyed in these newsletters. Our thanks to those who nominated us, recognition is always a great encouragement.

Looking ahead, as the lighter evenings beckon, we will be taking part in Suffolk Coastal's Operation Spring Clean, litter-picking a stretch of coastline. Early preparations for the October 10K road race at Martlesham Heath are already underway, as are plans for our part in the Woodbridge Regatta.

For more information about the Lions, please contact Lion President Peter Button 01394 386023 or Lion Peter See 01473 625318.

"HIDDEN GARDENS OF WOODBRIDGE"

The Woodbridge and District Friends of St. Elizabeth Hospice are holding a "Hidden Gardens of Woodbridge" on Sunday June 11th. Gardens are open from 2 pm - 5 pm, tickets are £5 which includes a cream tea and children are free. Pay and collect your map from St. Mary's House, Market Hill, Woodbridge, from 2 pm. Teas served in St. Mary's House from 2:30 pm.

QUILLS SPRING QUIZ

Friday, 5th May - 7:30 pm
Woodbridge Community Hall
Quills Ladies Social Networking Group are holding a general knowledge Quiz in aid of the

children's cancer charity CLIC/Sargent. All are welcome. Tickets cost £6 per person and includes a fish and chip supper. Maximum team size is six people.

To find out more about Quills or to get tickets, call on 07775 620226.

RAW ART Exhibition

St Mary's Church Hall
Market Hill, Woodbridge
Saturday 6th May, 10 am to 2 pm
Work by local artist.
Refreshments available.

P. Marr - Event Organiser,
Tel: 01394 278738

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

14-20th May

'Oh no, not another collecting envelope!' you may think. But this month you have an opportunity to make a real change for the better to the lives of the world's poorest people. Using the slogan, 'You add, we multiply', your donation placed in a Christian Aid Week red envelope can be invested in the things that multiply and provide benefits for years to come – things like paying the salary of a teacher, providing a family with a sheep or cocoa trees. And in times of disaster, Christian Aid uses your donations to respond with immediate aid too.

Christian Aid, an agency of the churches in the UK and Ireland, believes in life before death and is passionate about ending poverty, and so responds to need irrespective of race or religion. It believes in empowering communities to find the solutions to their own problems, and so supports them through local organisations. It also runs 16 overseas offices, and strives for an end to global poverty by campaigning to change the rules that keep poor people poor, such as unfair international trade rules.

Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty. Please respond generously when the red envelope comes

through your door. And please consider filling in the gift aid declaration – if you are a UK tax payer, any donation over £2 can be worth almost 30% more at no further cost to you!

Thank you. For more information or to offer help in collecting in your area, please contact Carolyn Smith 01473 625630

HOLY FAMILY & ST MICHAEL

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave. It is part of the parish of Saint Mary in Ipswich.

Easter was marked in the parish with the traditional liturgies of the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Commemoration of the Passion on Good Friday, with the Service of Light, Vigil and Easter Masses to mark the resurrection. As always the church was packed with standing room only during these services, which were beautifully enacted with musicians and singers performing at their best.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115

Regular 'Sunday' Masses at the Holy Family are celebrated at 6 pm on Saturdays and 9:15 am on Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

At the time of writing, preparations are being made for our first family service to be held in the Church Hall on Sunday April 30th as mentioned last month. We pray that this will be successful and can become a regular event.

Brightwell PCC has a commitment to regenerating a feeling of community spirit within the village and to this end has begun to assemble ideas for community events throughout the year. Two PCC members, joined by three parishioners, are planning a programme of events which

include - The Parish Walk, Saturday May 20th, a concert in the Church on Friday 23rd June, a Barbeque at The Church Hall on Saturday 24th June, a Music Quiz in the Church Hall on Saturday October 7th and a Coffee Morning on Saturday November 18th. We hope that all families from the village will be pleased to attend some or all of these functions. Full details will be circulated to each home in due course.

But first the Walk, led again this year by Cyril Watson - please meet at the Church Hall at 2:30 pm in readiness to set off at 2:45 pm. Dogs are welcome but must remain on a lead at all times. As usual sumptuous refreshments will greet the walkers on their return.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

Jeremy & Cynthia Walsh

invite you to

VISIT THEIR GARDEN

6 Warren Lane

Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May

10 - 12:30 & 2 - 4:30

No charge for admission

Donations for the work of East Suffolk Mind

Plant sale, cake stall and light refreshments

WEEKENDERS

FASHION SHOW/SALE

at St Michael's Church Centre

on **THURSDAY MAY 18th**

at **7:30 pm**

Entrance £3.50 to include cheese and wine.

Tickets from Sheila Currie on 01473 625320 or Monica Twaits on 01473 623194.

Proceeds for new kitchen equipment.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

CHURCH EXTENSION:

Our building work is steadily progressing, and we hope that there will not be too many disruptions to our normal activities this month. It would be a good idea, however, to check with the contacts listed below or the organisers of individual events, just to make sure, especially if you are visiting our

Church for the first time. We hope to be able to invite friends and neighbours to see what we've been doing to our building sometime in June - watch this space for further details!

SUNDAY SERVICES

7th May: We have a completely different programme this week, so please ring for details.

14th/21st May

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

11:45 am - **Communion**

Sunday 28th May

10 am - **FAMILY SERVICE**

combined with communion.

Weekday activities

TUESDAY CIRCLE May 9th at 2 pm

"The work of the Toybox charity"

HOUSEGROUPS

for prayer, bible study and fellowship: weekly on Tuesday/Wednesday evenings.

TODDLER GROUP

10 am, Thursdays (term time)

YOUTH GROUP

7 pm, Thursdays (term time)

ART CLUB

7:30 pm, second and fourth Mondays

MUNCH BUNCH:

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

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

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

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

* Telephone Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482 or John Mellen on 01473 624401

EVENSONG

On Saturday May 13th, the Suffolk Organists' Association will be

meeting in St. Michael's Church Centre during the afternoon. After their Annual General Meeting, they will be singing Evensong, at 6:30 pm, led by local choirs. All are welcome to the service, and if you would like to join in the singing, there will be a practice beforehand at 5:45 pm. The service will be led by the Rev. Ian Naylor, and the Rt. Revd. Jeremy Walsh will preach. Ann Little, President SOA - 01473 624002

BRIGHT STARS

Our services this month are on **Monday 8th May** and **Monday 22nd May** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

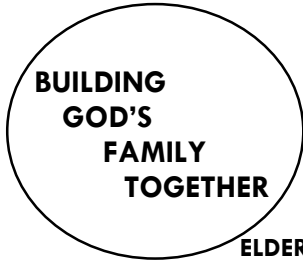
Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and babies and their carers to our services which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. There 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

Our Cathedral in Suffolk has been much in the news of late, but have you ever wondered how it, or indeed the town it is in, got their names?

Well for nearly 1,000 years the site of Suffolk's Cathedral has been one of worship and pilgrimage. The death of Edmund, King of the East Angles, at the hands of the Danes in 869 led to the building of a Norman abbey to house the remains of the martyred monarch, who was soon regarded as a saint. Several churches were built within the precincts of the abbey. One was built by Abbot Anselm in the twelfth century. He was thwarted in his hopes to make a pilgrimage to St James, Compostela in Spain. Instead he built a church for pilgrims to the Abbey and dedicated it to St James. It also served the people who lived on the north side of the town of Bury St Edmunds. The nave



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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| Services for the Month | Brightwell St. John's | Martlesham St. Mary's | Martlesham Heath St. Michael's |
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| Sunday 7th May Easter 4 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion BCP | 9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship |
| Sunday 14th May Easter 5 | 6:30pm Evensong | 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins | 9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Sunday 21st May Easter 6 Rogation | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Family Holy Communion | 9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship |
| Sunday 28th May Easter 7 | 6:30pm Evensong | 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins | 9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Saturday 3rd June | | | 4pm Special service of Pentecost Praise |
| Sunday 4th June Pentecost | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion BCP | 9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship |

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 8th and Monday 22nd May at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY

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

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| 6 for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland | 23 for the residents of Saddlers Place |
| 7 give thanks for Rosemary and Edwin Still, and pray for them as they move away | 24 on John & Charles Wesley Day: for the joy of hymn singing |
| 8 Julian of Norwich's Day: that we may know ourselves to be enfolded in God's love | 25 Ascension Day: for the Quiet Garden Day; Praise to Christ our King |
| 9 for our link Diocese of Kagera, in Tanzania | 26 for all suffering from mental illness |
| 10 for the residents of Redwold Close | 27 give thanks for the beauty of the countryside |
| 11 for all young people preparing for exams | 28 for the Unity of the Church |
| 12 for the Mothers' Union Action & Outreach Day at St Michael's | 29 for those who feel lonely on Bank Holiday |
| 13 give thanks for all who make music | 30 for teachers and children enjoying half term |
| 14 for Christian Aid Week | 31 for the residents of Sandy Lane |
| 15 St Matthias' Day: for newcomers to Church | JUNE 1 for the people of Sudan |
| 16 for the ongoing development work of Christian Aid | 2 for the Queen on the anniversary of her Coronation |
| 17 for the residents of Roma Avenue | 3 for Christians in Uganda on their Martyrs' Day |
| 18 for those in other countries who produce our food, and that they may receive a fair wage | 4 Pentecost: Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit |
| 19 for continuing work for the relief of Third World debt | 5 for the life and work of the Christian Fellowship |
| 20 for Martlesham Brass Spring Concert | 6 for the residents of School Lane |
| 21 give thanks that we are chosen and loved by Jesus | 7 for our Mothers' Union branch |
| 22 for Bright Stars, and all work with young families | |