

Martlesham Monthly

The Magazine for The Community by The Community

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A talking version, which is distributed to residents with visual impairment on audio cassette each month and which can also be heard on the Martlesham website, www.martlesham.org.uk where the printed version can be read.

The Martlesham Monthly now has over **100 volunteers** involved with getting each publication compiled, printed, assembled and delivered every month. We deliver over 2850 copies to all of Martlesham and Brightwell. The Talking Martlesham Monthly has a team of **12 volunteers** to read and record.

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PC 651 Richard Wright

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COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 4 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.

NTL PHONE NUMBER

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

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

will sort them out.

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CLOSER TO THE PORT THAN WE THINK...

Our parishes of Martlesham & Brightwell are part of a larger group of parishes called a Deanery. Our Deanery is called Conleys and it extends from our parishes right over to Felixstowe. So we have a natural link with Felixstowe and its Port. Let me just tell you about one of my colleagues who works in Felixstowe Ports.

His name is Geoffrey Moore and he is the Port Chaplain for the Mission to Seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers, formerly called The Missions to Seamen, is a missionary society of the Anglican Church, which cares for the spiritual and practical welfare of all seafarers regardless of nationality or faith. Loneliness, danger, separation from loved ones. These are just some of the problems seafarers face. The Mission to Seafarers, is there worldwide offering them help and support.

Through its network of chaplains, staff and volunteers in 300 ports worldwide, they reach out to them by visiting them on their ships, offering a welcome and whatever help may be needed. In over 100 ports we run centres where seafarers can relax away from their ships, get local information, find help with problems, share worship and telephone or email home.

Here are the ports in the UK where they minister: Avonmouth and Portbury, Cardiff, Falmouth, Felixstowe, **Fowey**, Glasgow and The Clyde, Great Yarmouth, Goole, Immingham, Londonderry/Lisahally, **Hull**, Medway Ports/Thames, Liverpool and The Mersey, Milford Haven, Newport, Par, Port Talbot, **Seaham**, Tyne and Wear, Southampton, Swansea, The Tees (North) and Hartlepool, The Tees (South), and Tilbury.

We join with them in a prayer for Seafarers and ourselves: *"God grant us the strength to voyage on. Give us the courage to believe in your kingdom, in your light in our darkness, and your love in our lives.*

For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen"
Revd. Ian Naylor

MUSIC ON THE GREEN
in association with BBC Radio
Suffolk

Saturday 14th July 2007

Music On The Green is Martlesham's annual free live music day that promises a great day out for all the family. This event brings together the whole community and includes not only an exciting range of non-stop music, but also a vast variety of stalls and attractions. Starting at 10:15 am and running on for a whole 12 hours, this day is also a brilliant opportunity for young and up coming bands to experience the buzz of playing to a live crowd using a professional sound system.

This time our featured 'Band of the Month' is **Koopa**. After being together for seven years, Colchester band **Koopa** has built up a huge fan base with their raw but anthemic punk/pop sound - not only on the Internet, but in the live circuit as well. In the last 3 years alone, they have played just under five hundred gigs nationwide – including a headlining set last summer at the extremely popular London venue, The Mean Fiddler. **Koopa** are the only unsigned UK band to get a top 40 hit single in the charts and they have already had many record labels contact them. So come and rock out with **Koopa** and their exciting live show that promises to be an explosion of fun that you won't want to miss!

But that's not all! Don't forget to check out other bands on the bill, including:

Blue Wave, UB4T, Rave On, The Inflatables, The Ballistics, Dfunkt, Boot 50, Whiskey Chaser and Royal Arcade to name but a few...

This year, in addition to the local charity and community stands, the overall proceeds will allow the committee to donate to two dedicated charities - The Ipswich Children's Hospice and Martlesham Responders.

Although Music On The Green has a large number of willing helpers, we are always more than grateful for any extra

help you can offer during the day. We are currently trying to build a register of helpers, so if you could give us a few hours during the morning and/or after the event, please don't hesitate to send us an e-mail to paulfirman@talktalk.net or call Paul on 01473 622874.

Stands are available to hire for both fund-raising and also commercial organisations. To hire a stand please contact Sue at sue@motg.com for further details.

We continue to be indebted to our sponsors for 2007, which currently include: **BBC Radio Suffolk, Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print, Duncan's Butchery and Bakery, Property Gallery, Martlesham Body Repair Centre, Booth (Tarmacadam) Limited, Garnett Electrical, Blue Star Skips, Universal PA Hire, Compass Heating, RDP Partnership, McColls and The Martlesham Monthly.**

Paul says, "Plans are going well for this year's event, everything is slotting nicely in to place and we have some superb bands playing that will really bring the day together. We are all very excited and look forward to seeing everyone there!"

Please visit our **NEW** website for the latest news at: www.musiconthegreen.com

Jackie Grimsey, PR Officer

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Litter pick on Saturday 28th April

Please join in – meet 10 am at the Parish Room. All welcome; sacks and gloves to be provided.

Vandalism to land and property near Gorseland School

Over the past two months in particular there have been increased levels of vandalism in this area. The Parish Council and the Police, along with other agencies, wish to find a solution to this problem. We would wish to hear the views of local residents and involve them in this process, as well as young people. Please contact the Council if you wish to participate.

Suffolk Coastal District Council's

new plan for the district – Local Development Framework consultation – Core Strategy document The Core Strategy sets out the District Council's vision for the area to 2021 and beyond, dealing with such issues as housing, economy, environment and community well-being. The document is available to view on www.suffokcoastal.gov.uk.

Deadline for comments: 2nd April 2007. The Parish Council will be submitting detailed comments, but any resident can comment via the web or direct to Suffolk Coastal.

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 25th April

Your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham; not a meeting of the Parish Council. This will take place at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room. See notice boards for details of any speakers arranged.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesdays 4th April and 9th May

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 11th April

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 18th April

All meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

Contacting the Council

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

Telephone or fax: 01473 612632
e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

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

Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB. (Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM **SPRING COMPETITION**

Have you sent your entry for:-

The 'Most Attractive Garden Spring Display'

Send a photograph of your spring garden.

It can be of the whole or part of your garden, either the front or the back.

Certificates will be awarded by Martlesham in Bloom and the competition will be displayed and judged at the Martlesham in Bloom Launch on May 8th.

If you would like to enter (closing date is Sunday 29th April) please contact the secretary.

Our next event:-

Spring into Bloom
Launch of Martlesham in Bloom 2007
Tuesday 8th May 7.30 pm
St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

Our guest speaker will be Graeme Proctor of Crown Nurseries, Ufford and the BBC Radio Suffolk Gardening programme.

Judging results of our Spring Competition and launch of our Summer Competitions.

Plants for sale, quizzes, raffle and light refreshments.

Everybody welcome - admission free

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Society are putting on a concert at the Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham on Saturday 28th April at 7:30pm. Tickets are £8 (£7.50 concessions) and are available from either Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 or

the Post Office Stores, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham.

This popular group not only sings G&S but have a wide range of music in their concert repertoire from Bach to Beatles, in fact anything with a good tune.

The recent Holiday evening was a success; our congratulations go to Heather Guite who won the holiday for two to Morocco.

We are arranging another jumble/plant/book sale on 16th June, 10-12 noon in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Monday 21st May in the Parish room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham at 7:30 pm. There will be an update on our projects. We are always looking for new members who are interested in improving the welfare of Martlesham. We meet once a month on the second Monday in every month at the Parish Rooms. Do come and meet us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

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MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our advertised demonstrator was unwell and we were therefore pleased to welcome Mrs Barbara Boswell who was able to come along at short notice. The title for Mrs Boswell's demonstration was 'This and That'. We enjoyed a very colourful afternoon with six striking arrangements which included one in the form of a hat from the Victorian era and another which was inspired by a forthcoming Caribbean Cruise. Two further designs were a green and white arrangement in a tall white vase and a matching pair of arrangements using purple liatrus, yellow lilies and orchids. To finish the afternoon Mrs Boswell used an urn and created an arrangement of peach lilies and carnations with roses. The competition was 'Springtime' and was won by Jean Smith with Margaret Forbes second and Ann Fraser third.

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 18th April when Hannah Deane will give a demonstration entitled 'Country Living'. The competition will be 'A Basket of Garden Flowers'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Bernadette Smith, our President, opened the March meeting by welcoming four new members. We do hope that they all enjoy their stay with us.

Eight members had attended the East Suffolk Federation AGM on 6th March at Trinity Park, Suffolk Showground. They were rewarded with an excellent speech by Anne Widdacombe M.P. who spoke, using no reference to notes, and who managed to keep the undivided attention of over one thousand ladies for nearly an hour. She was justly rewarded with a standing ovation at the end.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Parfitt relating a journey to Peru in "Search of the Incas". He had many excellent slides to show of this fascinating part of South America.

Members should note that our next meeting is on Monday 2nd April and not the 9th as it is a bank holiday. The speaker will be Mrs Jane Parker with a talk entitled "Four Weddings and a Funeral". The competition will be a wedding photo. Mary Bloomfield - 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At our last meeting we were delighted to congratulate Mrs Audrey Burnell on achieving 50 years membership with the W.I. at Martlesham. Audrey first joined in February 1957 and was very surprised to be presented with a framed certificate and a bowl of golden coloured plants to commemorate such a special occasion. Our chairman then welcomed the Revd. John Berg to talk on 'Life in Japan'. We knew John had spent many years in Japan and his presentation captivated us all. The

first part related to the Mission to Seafarers who offer a welcome and hospitality in ports around the world. In particular we saw pictures of the people at the Mission in Tomakomai and we were told about their work and kindness. We now realise what a wonderful job they do.

In the second part of the presentation we were shown slides of the 'classical' side of Japan with temples, gardens, paddy fields, tea plantations, street festivals, etc. We were also pleased to welcome Mongi-San, a friend of John Berg who had arrived in England just a few hours earlier. As an added bonus Miss Ann Berg brought along some typical Japanese food for us to taste.

We are a small group but always pleased to see new faces so do come and join us. Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Martlesham on 20th April when we will welcome a representative from the Cinnamon Trust.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

MARTLESHAM COUNTRY MARKET

Have you visited your local Country Market (formerly W.I. Market) recently? If not, then come along to the Martlesham Heath Pavilion between 9:00 and 10:30 am on Tuesdays. Free car parking is available.

You will find a wonderful opportunity to purchase an extensive range of home-produced cooking, such as fudge, biscuits, cakes and savoury dishes including quiches and meat pies. The food is delicious with that special home-cooked taste. Also available is a range of preserves including jams, marmalade and chutneys. In season you will find local honey.

You will discover a tempting array of handicrafts; for example, individually designed greetings cards, knitted items and unusual beading work.

A popular attraction is the wide selection of home-grown plants suited to local conditions. Plants include seasonal bulbs,

perennials (tender and hardy) and shrubs, together with some rare and unusual varieties on offer each week. If you are looking for something different, come along and see what you can find.

In season, home-grown vegetables are available, providing superior flavour and quality compared with mass-produced types.

If you are unable to find exactly what you want, the producers are only too happy to take orders to suit your particular requirements.

All the goods sold are produced by local people so come along, support your community and enjoy the friendly atmosphere. Why not come along with a friend and make it a social event: tea, coffee and cakes are always available while the market is open.

Robyn Pye
(Country Market producer)

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

On 6th March the Ladies Club held their annual luncheon at The Cherry Tree, Bromeswell. We were served a delicious lunch by the very friendly staff.

Our program for April and May is as follows:

*12th April - Easter supple and raffle

*26th April - 'The Plastic Ketchup Bottle', speaker: Wendy Robison

*1st March - 'Sutton Hoo', speaker: Tony Culham

*10th May - A quiz or games evening

*24th May - 'Of Cabbages and Kings', speaker: John Goodhand

We meet alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre. The meetings are very informal and all new members are always welcome. Why not join us and at the same time bring a friend?

Margaret Green

CALLING ALL MUMS...

There will be no meeting of the Mums' Club in April. We meet again on Tuesday 1st May at St

Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Our after-lunch speaker will be from Suffolk Real Nappy Network who will tell us how using cloth nappies can be good for your baby, good for the environment and good for you. All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

This month, we will be hosting a Table Top Sale on Saturday 21st April at St Michael's Church hall from 10 am until 12 noon. We already have a range of tables organised offering crafts, books, nearly new items, toys, etc. If you would be interested in booking a table to sell your own items, please contact Caroline on 01473 621315. Table hire is just £5. Please do come along on Saturday 21st - there will be a good range of tables offering a variety of items, with refreshments also on offer.

If you are a parent, a carer, a grandparent or anyone with babies and toddlers to entertain, our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great craft activity for the children as well as providing the adults with an opportunity to meet other local people in similar circumstances. Refreshments are included for the children together with a much needed cup of tea or coffee for the accompanying adult! The first visit is ABSOLUTELY FREE and you are assured of a warm welcome.

If you would like to join us, our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm during term-time. During the school holidays, we run just one session a week on the Wednesday afternoon. Our members pay just £2 per session for the first child and only £1 for

additional child attending (subject to a small £6 annual membership fee). Please note that our play sessions are unsupervised and the children do remain in the full care of the accompanying adult at all times.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to call Dawn on 01473 610188.

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 21st April
St. Michael's Church Hall,
Martlesham Heath
10 am until 12 noon

Crafts, books, cards, beauty, nearly new items, toys, etc.

Sellers: Table cost £5

Contact Caroline 01473 621315

Refreshments available

(Raising funds for the Martlesham Heath Baby & Toddler Group)

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Following the Easter holidays, this term the children will be learning about New Life/Spring. We shall be going for a walk to look for signs of Spring, planting bulbs and finding out about what plants need to grow. We shall also be learning about Spring weather and will create our own rain-dance before learning about the life cycles of animals associated with Spring, such as frogs, sheep and chickens and how to make room for wildlife in our gardens.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further information about our Playgroup, please e-mail your contact details to me@threebearsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or contact me on 07842 193727 (mobile).

Elizabeth Leonard, Administrator

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

St Michael's Pre-School AGM will take place on Monday 23rd April at 8 pm at Birchwood Primary School as the head teacher, Mrs Frost and Mrs Wainer, the current

reception class teacher, have very kindly agreed to chat with parents about Birchwood School and show parents around the school. The doors will be open to anyone interested in attending.

The Pre-School have recently been awarded a training grant from Councillor Patricia O'Brien's Locality Budget and we would like to express our sincere gratitude for this funding.

We are opening an extra session on **Tuesday afternoons** which means subject to numbers, we are now offering nine sessions per week. Don't forget, if your child will be 2 ½ from September and you are interested in sending your child to St Michael's, now is the time to register with us ready for the new school year. We don't ask for the child to be potty trained – so you don't have to spend the summer desperately worrying about successfully completing that dreaded mission!!

If you would like to become involved in the running of the Pre-School via our committee, why not come along to one of our monthly meetings and find out more? Alternatively you can come along to the AGM. If you would like general information about the Pre-School why not visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk, or if you are interested in a place at St Michael's Pre-School and would like to come and visit us then please contact Sarah Tait on 01473 614 174.

We will be returning to Pre-School on Tuesday 17th April after the Easter holidays. We wish you all a **Happy Easter**.

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINDING GROUP

If you are a parent, guardian or a registered childminder living within the Martlesham area then you may be interested in what the Martlesham Childminding Group have to offer! We are a small, friendly, voluntary group of registered childminders, providing help and support to each other on childminding issues. We meet on a monthly basis to swap ideas and news – and most importantly to

organise stimulating and 'fun' activities for the children in our care, including: regular outings; safe outdoor play; cooking; role-play; stories; music and dance; and arts and crafts. All our group members are Ofsted registered childminders and follow the government's "Every Child Matters" framework. We are all CRB checked and are all fully insured. We have training in: First Aid, Food Hygiene and Child Protection. Our qualifications include: NVQ3, Nursery, and Quality Awards. Some of our members are 'accredited childminders' and are able to offer early education for 3-4 year olds – offering FREE childcare for 2 ½ hours, 5 days a week. As part of the group, we are often able to provide 'cover' for each other during sickness and annual holidays! **Diary Date:** 3rd April - Easter Egg hunt for children of all ages and abilities – the event will also include cooking and arts and crafts activities. For further details on how to join our group, or more information about the group, including childminding vacancies, please phone Tricia on 01473 625837 or Julie-Ann on 01473 611630.

GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL P.F.A.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Linda Foxtton, who left Gorseland School at the end of March after nearly 14 years. Mrs Foxtton took on the role of Acting Headteacher almost two years ago and led us through the disruption of the building programme. She will be greatly missed by the children, staff and parents and we wish her well for the future. We welcome Mrs Jan Seaborne as our new Headteacher.

We held our Race Night last month and raised some much needed funds for Kudawella, our twinned school in Sri Lanka. It is lovely to receive letters and photographs from the children there showing how our money is helping

them and the difference that it makes.

Our next planned event is a Quiz Night on Saturday 12th May; keep an eye out for further details and this will be followed by our Summer Fun Day on Saturday 16th June.

Elizabeth Leonard

MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL SCHOOL

“The Mad Month of March”

March seemed to be a particularly mad month for the school!

A new cook, Jill Woodward, arrived in the middle of February and lunches have been given a newer and healthier look. Parents will be given an invitation to join with the children in trying for themselves how eating healthy food can be an enjoyable experience.

The year 5 and 6 children spent a morning at Otley College on an Outdoor Team Bonding Activity planned and organised by the Otley Students as part of their Community Sports Leadership Award.

Our swimmers competed in the annual Pyramid Schools Swimming Gala held at Deben Pool and once again we came out as winners for the fourth year in succession. A great team performance! Having our own swimming pool at Martlesham Beacon Hill is really paying off now and lessons for younger children are taking place on most evenings after school. Anyone wishing to enrol can contact Ian Cotton on 01473 635105.

The school also played host to an excellent History Enrichment Day for year 3 and 4 pupils from all the pyramid schools. Dale Banham, Suffolk's Humanities Adviser, led the activities during the day.

The refurbishment of the ICT suite was completed in March and our website has also undergone some changes - www.beaconhill.ik.org

Finally, our contributions to Comic Relief saw the children come to school dressed in 'BIG CLOTHES and RED NOSES'. A talent concert was held and teachers played their

part as the panel of experts in our very own version of the “X” Factor. We finished the day with the Parents' Association holding a cake stall on the school playground.

MINI WATER POLO AT BEACON HILL POOL

Beacon Hill Pool is now running mini water polo sessions on a Thursday evening. The sessions are open to all children in years 5 and 6. The pool is located in Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham.

Anyone interested in joining the sessions should contact Sue White on 01394 386940 or e-mail suewhite.k99@e2bn.net

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA Bell Lane, Kesgrave

The Nursery and Reception children thoroughly enjoyed a visit by a Puppet Theatre giving a fun performance of Pinocchio.

The most talked about event must be the skipping workshop that came to the school in March. Their aim was to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness, whilst introducing modern and traditional skipping games back into the playground. It's worked! This seems to have given the children a real buzz.

The School Council did a fantastic job organising a second hand book sale on World Book Day. They managed to raise a magnificent £350 some of which has been used to buy new books for the library.

How many of you knew that there was a 'Brain Awareness Week'? It is part of the National Science and Engineering Week. The pupils took part in a series of daily activities related to the human brain.

The Children logged onto the World Maths Day website on 14th March and competed against other children of their age around the world.

The pupils in years 3 and 4 worked really hard for their performances at the end of March. These were adaptations of fables based on work they had been doing in class. Well done.

Plans are coming together for our Pamper and Food evening on the 17th May. If you would like a stand

at this event please let us know. Ticket details will be available shortly. Another date for your diary is the Summer Fete on Saturday 23rd June.

Nikki Snell (PFA Member)
01473 623872

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson who was born in Leiston, became the first woman in Britain to qualify as a doctor in the previously solely male profession. This was not the only “first” which she achieved. She had an outstanding career and she is being honoured this year with the opening of the new Garrett Anderson maternity wing at Ipswich hospital.

Our speaker at the meeting on Monday April 16th will be Mark Mitchels, the distinguished local historian and author, and in addition we hope to be able to welcome a descendant of Elizabeth in the audience.

The meeting will be held in the Pavilion at 8 pm. Admission is £1.50 and all are welcome.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Another full house for our monthly meeting, held on Friday 2nd March. Well in excess of 150 people were present to listen to a talk by Group Captain (ret'd), Nigel Walpole, entitled “Voodoo's at Bentwaters and Woodbridge.” Nigel was accompanied by his wife and they now live at Walberswick.

Nigel Walpole recounted his RAF career and this included an exchange posting to South Carolina with the USAF from 1959 to 1961. This was an era when the Americans were flying their F-101A Voodoo fighter and Nigel trained several pilots who were eventually posted to RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge. In fact Bentwaters and Woodbridge were the only bases in Europe where the Voodoo squadrons were stationed.

Gp Cpt Walpole has written books about various aircraft and these were on sale for charity. He was given a vote of thanks by our

own member and ex Vampire pilot, Ralph Rutherford.

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden death of Peter Izzard. Peter was passionate about woodland conservation and a friend of our Society. It is perhaps not generally known that he was an ex-RAF navigator and flew with Avro Vulcan and Blackburn Buccaneer aircraft.

The next monthly meeting is the occasion of our AGM. This will be followed by the annual "Holly Hall" photographic competition.

Please note that this meeting will be held on Friday 13th April. Our normal meeting is held on the first Friday of the month but Easter intervenes.

All meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and will start at 7:30 pm. Non-members are welcome for a payment of £2 at the door.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PETER IZZARD

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, telephone messages and e-mails expressing condolence to me and my daughters on the untimely death of my late husband Peter. Many thanks too for your generous donations to funds for our local Woodland and to The Woodland Trust. The conservation of trees and the cause of stopping the countryside being swallowed up unnecessarily, without due care and thought, were very dear to Peter's heart. Last, but not least, I greatly appreciate your offers of help.

Beryl Izzard

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Peter Izzard: Peter's family would like to extend their thanks to the woodland users who attended his funeral and sent messages of condolence. PWCG would also like to thank the people who gave donations to the Group in his memory.

During March there have been sightings of a stoat in the woods, frogs spawning in the pond and toads gathering for breeding. Spring is definitely in the air. Some ivy-clad trees have come down in

the wind. This is due to these being diseased elm trees rather than because of the ivy.

The next PWCG work morning is Sunday 15th April. If you would like to join in, meet us at the back entrance of the Police Head Quarters at 10 am. Work mornings last for two hours. All volunteers are very welcome and all equipment is supplied.

REMINDER: Nature Watch Club starts this month (for children aged 5-11)

If you would like to contact the Nature Watch Club the address is naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk The first Club meeting is on Saturday 28th April. **You will need to book a space** for this meeting which will be about small mammals.

The contact for the Group is Duncan Sweeting who is contactable via Martlesham Parish Council (01473 612632). More information about PWCG and its activities are available on our website www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup. The group can be contacted via the e-mail address which is pwcg@martlesham.org.uk. PWCG look forward to seeing you in the woodland!

We would be grateful if people could contact the group if they see anything unusual going on.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Spring is now with us and following on from last month's column, Silver-studded Blue eggs will have recently hatched and the small caterpillars will be feeding on the most tender shoots of ling and in particular, bell heather. Only the early successional "pioneer" stages provide the right habitat. Pioneer heather is short-lived such that as the plant ages it becomes less suitable. Many parts of our heathland have reached this unsuitable older stage and therefore habitat management has become vital to maintain and create bare soil and short vegetation with a high proportion of bell heather.

The ongoing work of the group, including the recent

"megabash" and fire access clearance following the damaging fire, will help to create the conditions required for more pioneer stage heather. An area of the western corridor that was badly burned has been carefully cleared to create this desired environment and hopefully in the next 2-5 years, we shall see fresh "pioneer" heather growth that will provide ideal new Silver-studded Blue habitat to replace the colony that was lost.

Our work party is usually scheduled for the second Sunday of the month, however in April that happens to be Easter Sunday, so consequently we have decided to move our work party to Sunday 15th April. We intend to work on the SSSI area again, but will also be looking out for spring wildlife. Meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or give Phil Smith a call to find out where we will be working.

Please look out for wildlife and let us know if you see something interesting.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard

steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

On Thursday 19th April at 7:30 pm we venture out to a new venue in Orford Village Hall where the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Reserves Manager Steve Aylward will talk about "Captain's Wood and other local reserves". Captain's Wood is one of our newest reserves and has undergone an interesting history. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Admission is £1.50 as usual.

Looking forward to May we have a Plant Sale at Grange Farm shop, Hasketon on 13th May at 11 am.

We also have a Dawn Chorus at Captain's Wood on Sunday 27th May starting at 5 am followed by breakfast with bacon rolls, croissants, tea and coffee. Booking is essential for this event. Please contact myself or Mervyn Miller on 01394 411237 for further details.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:
Monday 23rd April, 7:45 pm
Baby Singing
Talk by Sarah Collins
Venue: Val's, 24 Westland, 01473 612341

For further information phone Elaine (01473 622269) or Maureen (01473 622670).

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

One More Time - The Lemonheads - Lemonology /US Tag/Atlantic 1996

The Kesgrave & District Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has been going for 11 months now.

In the first couple of weeks, I went to all the Councils and stated our aim of basically reducing crime by 3% overall but stressed I was going to have to find partners as it wasn't going to be possible by police work alone.

As a result, a group called the 3PT was created and has grown to include all sorts of community partners.

We have had some direct success in crime reduction. Our first few months saw no real change at all but since August '06 we have seen drops in crime from around 29% through to our best month in February just gone - 56%. Overall, we have seen a reduction in crime since April '06 to Feb '07 of an average 25% - a massive drop I never thought we'd get anywhere near.

It's not down to police work alone. There is an awful lot going on behind the scenes within the 3PT with all sorts of people working to make that difference - a big thank you to them.

Thank you too to the parents who may have taken heed of some of the issues raised over the Summer period. To the young people of the three parishes - we know very well that the vast majority of you are perfectly well behaved and cause no concern to anybody. It's not you that we are targeting.

If you want to know more about the 3PT have a peek at the website at www.safersuffolk.org.

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CAN AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK HELP YOU PUT MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET?

As this Spring brings increases in Council Tax, water rates and, for some, fuel bills, older residents in Suffolk may be wondering how they are going to manage in the coming year. A low basic pension, coupled with the spiralling cost of living, has left many local older people struggling to make ends meet.

Throughout the year Age Concern Suffolk Benefits Advice is working throughout the county assisting people to claim what is rightfully theirs.

"I would urge older people in Suffolk to pop in to one of our benefits surgeries being held across the county during April," said Jayne Day, Age Concern Suffolk's Benefits Advice Manager. "At the surgeries our friendly and well informed Advice Workers will offer a free benefits check and this could be the first step towards improving your weekly income."

All surgeries are held in a confidential interview room. No appointment is necessary. Find your local surgery at The Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham on Tuesday 17th April between 10 am and 12 noon.

To coincide with this campaign Age Concern have produced an informative booklet entitled 'More Money In Your Pocket'. This quick guide to benefits is available free from Age Concern shops and offices across Suffolk.

In addition, Age Concern's 'Your Rights To Money Benefits 2007-08' will be published in April priced at £5.99 and available from Age Concern offices across Suffolk.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Age

Concern Suffolk on 01473 257039.

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Summer is just around the corner... and behind the snow showers.

Martlesham Brass are quickly filling up their calendar with fetes, concerts and events all throughout May, June and July. We are looking forward to the forthcoming Languard Fort Youth Weekend on 1st April, at Languard Fort, Felixstowe, St George's Day Parade on the 22nd April, spring concert on 19th May, Framlingham Frolics on the 27th May at Framlingham and Summer Fayre on 16th June at St Michaels Church, Martlesham. If you would like to see what else we have on throughout the summer please visit our website.

If you are interested in booking Martlesham Brass or if you would like to join Martlesham Brass please visit our website - www.martleshambrass.co.uk

Mark Chalklen, Publicity Officer

IPSWICH GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY

An Evening of Melody in aid of Martlesham Projects

There will be a concert given by the Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Society at the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, on Saturday 28th April in aid of MCC's projects. This popular and entertaining group do not only sing G&S, but have a very wide range of music in their concert repertoire from Bach to the Beatles - in fact, anything with a good tune!

Tickets are £8 (£7.50 for concessions) and are available from Jackie Bear, tel. 01473 623007 or Post Office Stores, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham.

Do you enjoy singing?

The Society is looking for new members to join us for our production of 'Princess Ida' for five performances at the Corn Exchange, Ipswich, in mid-November. This will be a fully-staged production of Gilbert and Sullivan's seventh comic operetta which has a larger than usual cast of principal roles while still needing a substantial chorus.

We are a friendly crowd

who have several members from this area. We rehearse on Monday and Thursday evenings and have a lot of laughs along the way!

If you are interested in perhaps being a part of this show, come along and hear us in action at the concert as listed above or chat to our Secretary, Lesley Wittgreffe on 01473 624333.

We look forward to seeing you!

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

At the moment we are beginning to prepare for the opening of the Bowls Club on Saturday 21st April. The Green has been looked after by Brian Davey and his helpers all through the winter. The Green is looking well and we will soon be starting to get the Pavilion in order so that all is looking clean and smart for the beginning of the outdoor season.

Once the season begins we almost straight away start to play league matches. These are played weekday evenings, come rain or shine! We hold six midweek Open Pairs Tournaments – these are already fully booked. We have a reserve list and if you would like your name to be added to this please contact the Club Secretary.

We hold two weekend Open Pairs Tournaments – these are held on:

*Sheila McIntyre Rose Bowl - Saturday 9th June

*Cyril Marsh Memorial Shield - Saturday 1st September

On 5th May we will be holding an Open Afternoon from 2 pm – 4:30 pm. We would like to invite anyone to come down to the Bowls Club (we are situated on the Recreation Ground next to the football pitch in Old Martlesham) to have a look around. Weather permitting there will be members bowling on the Green so for those of you who have no idea what bowls is about you can come and watch or have a go at bowling.

If you would like to enter into the above tournaments or for further information on any Martlesham Bowls Club matters please contact the Club Secretary, Linda Brown, on 01394 384698.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are now nearing the end of our winter season and are at present second in the league. With only two more league matches to play, and a couple of friendlies, we are hopeful of retaining this position and, possibly, improving on it.

With the summer season starting on 1st May we will not be holding our Friday afternoon roll-ups, these being held on Tuesday afternoon and evenings only.

Maureen Banthorp

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

The club's March lunch meeting at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club was fascinated by Professor Ted Evans who linked local sailing with the life of Arthur Ransome. Known to millions as a children's author, Ransome lived through the Russian revolution, married Trotsky's secretary and divided the rest of his life between the Lake District and our shoreline.

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd April when Peter Fells will describe and illustrate "Fall from Vermont to the Everglades."

Retired or semi-retired men over fifty interested in membership should contact Dick Bason (01473 720995) or Ron Fisher (01473 631347).

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

After a short season of quizzes, evening speakers and social events, Spring weather is now with us and our thoughts turn to our first public event of the year, the Elmhurst Extravaganza on Sunday 6th May in Elmhurst Park, Woodbridge. This beautiful setting will see an afternoon of sideshows, ring event and stalls with an appeal to all ages, ranging from the traditional coconut shy and Punch & Judy to the more modern bouncy castles. Throw in steam train rides, plant and bric-a-brac stalls plus the horses from Valley Farm and there are the ingredients for an ideal family afternoon out. There is no admission charge, events start from 2 pm

onwards, and yes, of course, the ever-popular Whooppee Dipper will be there, smartly painted after its winter re-fit.

As with all the Lions' fundraising, all proceeds will be returned to the community. The principal beneficiary this year will be the East Suffolk Disability Advice Service, who provide support and information to so many people with a range of disabilities.

BRIGHT STARS

Due to the Easter break there will be one service this month on **Monday 23rd April.**

We welcome all pre-school children and babies and their carers to our fun, child-friendly 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 about Bright Stars please call Pauline on 01473 625061 or Jo on 01473 622160.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

Every seat taken was the result at our combined Lenten Service when we welcomed visitors from neighbouring congregations, so good to see the Church full yet again. The last week or so of April looks set to be a busy few days with our joining the Benefice at Martlesham for the Sankey and Moody experience, **To God Be the Glory**, at St Michaels Church Centre on Sunday 22nd at 6:30 pm, our **Annual Parish Meeting** at the Church Hall on Monday 23rd at 7 pm and the **Quarterly Family Service**, at the Church on this occasion, on Sunday 29th at 10:30 am. All will be made welcome at each of these events.

For May please book the date of the Annual Parish Walk, Saturday May 19th, in your diary. Please arrive at the Church Hall at 2:15 ready for stepping out at 2:30 pm. Children and dogs on leads welcome. Any child not on a lead will be required to be accompanied by a responsible

THE BENEFICE AND P.C.C.s
of Martlesham with Brightwell

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

A glimpse at the mission of Moody
and Sankey

A special Service of Songs of Praise
with Narration

But chiefly yourselves as
Congregation
Join us for a good sing

ST MICHAELS CHURCH CENTRE

SUNDAY APRIL 22ND AT 6:30 PM

Open Garden

at Dairy Farm, Brightwell on
Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd
April, 1 pm - 4 pm, plant stall and
teas. Admission £2, under 16s free.
Proceeds to Operation Wallacea, a
charity involved with mapping and
conserving the rain forest in
Honduras, among other
conservation projects.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane
www.m-c-f.org

Easter - just a variant on the old
Pagan rites, with bunnies and eggs?
The memory of a failed Jewish
rebel, just a footnote in the history
books? Or the most significant event
ever?

For Christians the crucifixion
and resurrection of Jesus Christ are
central to our understanding of
God's love and justice. Easter is the
gateway to a restored relationship
with God.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 am

Including **Palm Sunday (1st)** and
EASTER DAY (8th)

An opportunity to worship God and
learn more about our relationship
with him.

Communion Services - 11:45 am
(1st, 15th and 22nd)

Sunday 25th

A special programme this
weekend - please ring for details.

Special Services this month

-Maundy Thursday -

5th April at 7:30 pm
-Good Friday-
6th April at 10 am

"The Living Room"

8th April 6 - 8 pm
EASTER SPECIAL

*Church with a difference -
informal seating,
soft lighting,*

*coffee and cakes served all evening,
contemporary music, suitable for all
ages*

Weekday activities

TUESDAY CIRCLE

April 10th at 2 pm

**"Easter Miscellany, with
Afternoon Tea"**

You are invited to bring a reading,
poem, anecdote or something
similar on the theme of Easter/
Spring.

Some of our Weekday
activities may be affected by the
School holidays this month, so
please check if you are unsure.

HOUSEGROUPS - Tuesday and
Wednesday evenings for prayer,
bible study and fellowship

TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays, 10 am

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

Drop in any time between 10 am-
12 noon for coffee, chat and/or
games.

**For more information about our
Church or what we believe, please
contact:**

John Mellen on 01473 624401

Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482

The HUB Cafe

at Martlesham Christian Fellowship
Centre

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

Thursday Nites
8-10 pm

Good coffee, great events

**Arrive early at 7 pm for
The Sanctuary**

Discussion, music, prayer
Further information from Hannah and
Grant Abbitt on 01473 620513

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FASHION SHOW

by
LADY PRENTICE
~~ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE~~

Tuesday 17th April at 7:30 pm
Entrance £4 including
refreshments

"All Local Models"
GRAND RAFFLE

Tickets from St Michael's or Sheila
Currie 01473 625320 or Monica
Twaits 01473 623194

BEETLE DRIVE

Wednesday 25th April 2:30 pm
St Michael's Church Centre
£2.50

Including Afternoon Tea
Grand Raffle

Tickets from
Monica - 01473 623194
Proceeds to Mothers' Union

ST MARY'S TOWER APPEAL

**Open gardens event on Saturday
May 5th and Sunday May 6th**

A total of ten gardens will be open
to the public on these two days in
Martlesham Village, Martlesham
Heath and the immediate area.
Cost will be £1 per person with
children under 16 free.
Refreshments will be available at
several places including St Michaels
by donation and all money raised
will go to the Tower Appeal.

Programmes and more info
can be obtained from Ann Berg
(01394 387049) and Lewis Currie
(01473 625320).

**St. Michael's Church
Centre is open daily on
weekdays from 10
am—12 noon for tea,
coffee, information, etc.
Why not drop in to
meet friends old and
new?**



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd. Ian Naylor, 17 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SA,
Tel: 01473 622424 and e-mail address: inaylor17@aol.com

CLERGY: The Revd. Elizabeth Corker, 12 Fairfield Avenue, Felixstowe, Tel: 01394 210793
The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770

READERS: Carolyn Smith, 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625630
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
Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 5th April Maundy Thursday		7pm Holy Communion	
Friday 6th April Good Friday	7pm Service of Meditation	10:30am Service of Meditation	2pm Hour at the Cross
Saturday 7th April			8pm Paschal candle service
Sunday 8th April Easter Day	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion & All Age Worship	9:45am Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 15th April Easter 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship
Sunday 22nd April Easter 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 29th April Easter 4	10:30am Family Service in church	11am Service of the Word	9:45am Service of the Word
Sunday 6th May Easter 5	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 resumes on Monday 23rd April in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL

Pray each day for peace in the world and for the following:

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| 5 Maundy Thursday - that we may love as Jesus loves us | 20 for those who are chronically sick and their carers |
| 6 Good Friday - pray for forgiveness | 21 for the Queen and the Royal family |
| 7 for the blessing of knowing Jesus Christ | 22 for all services at our churches in the benefice today |
| 8 Easter Day - rejoice that the Lord has risen again | 23 St George's Day - pray for those persecuted for their faith |
| 9 for all who travel today | 24 give thanks for the gospel of St Mark |
| 10 for all who have been recently bereaved | 25 for the residents of Carol Avenue |
| 11 for the residents of California | 26 for all new parents and their babies |
| 12 for all celebrating wedding anniversaries | 27 for those who are lonely |
| 13 for all teachers and children on holiday | 28 for youth clubs and leaders in our local area |
| 14 for the Mother's Union worldwide | 29 for all whose faith is challenged at this time |
| 15 for services at The Christian Fellowship today | 30 for all churchwardens and their work |
| 16 for the homeless and unemployed | MAY 1 St Philip's and St James' Day - that we may be faithful servants; |
| 17 for all who attend the fashion show this evening | 2 for the residents of Chandos Court; |
| 18 for the residents of Carlford Close | 3 for the Mothers' Union in this Deanery; 4 for all gardeners and farmers; |
| 19 for the Church Annual Meeting this evening and for all who attend | 5 for all those opening their gardens today and a successful time |