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

## **COMMUNITY RESPONDERS**

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

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

## **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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## **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

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.

Launch of our Summer Competitions. Plants for sale, quizzes, raffle and light refreshments.

Everybody welcome - admission free

Future events:-

\*Jumble, Plant and Book Sale, Saturday 16th June in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath.

\*Garden Party, Sunday 29th July.

Both of these events are being held jointly with Martlesham Community Council

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.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This will be held on Monday 21st May in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham at 7:30 pm and will include an update on our projects. We are always interested in trying to provide facilities for the residents of Martlesham. We meet

on the second Monday in every month at the Parish Room. Our Chairman Mr David Ely on 07944882706 will be pleased to answer any question you might have.

### **JUMBLE/PLANT AND BOOK SALE**

We are have another Jumble/Plant and Book sale on 16th June in the Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath from 10 am to 12 noon.

### **MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

After long and detailed discussions with Natural England, Greenways project, Martlesham Conservation Group and MCL, work has finally been carried out on the greater access to the Western Corridor SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), site. This access has been created to allow the emergency services quick and easier access on to this area and to clear the area of scrub and overgrown gorse. The altogether too frequent heath fires must be accessed swiftly.

This area is subject to strict terms and conditions which are governed by Natural England and MCL are subject to these conditions. The enhancement of the SSSI status is our ultimate aim and a few comments have been noted on the condition of the area cleared, the contractors are due to return when given permission by Natural England, to tidy up and level some of the uneven areas. Reaction has been 95% favourable and we are sure that once completed, and with further sterling work by Martlesham Conservation Group, this area will become healthy, natural heathland again.

Further information will be posted on the MCL Noticeboards and the website. Anyone wishing to join in with the work carried out by Martlesham Conservation Group should contact Phil Smith

The Birchwoods are a wonderful asset to be enjoyed by all. Unfortunately there has been a fire in the centre which has destroyed a large area and digging has taken place in another area for use as an obstacle course for bikers. This mindless vandalism is anti-social and illegal and spoils

the enjoyment of those who wish to enjoy it. The Police are aware of this and patrol the area.

The next monthly MCL Directors meeting will be held on Monday 21st May. This is an open meeting and all who subscribe to the maintenance charge are welcome to attend. 7:30 pm in the Committee room at St Michael's Church Centre.

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

E-mail – [mcl@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mcl@martlesham.org.uk)

By letter – C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL**

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

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

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

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

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

### **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

The Club held its 16th Annual General meeting with 48 members present. The Minutes of the 15th AGM were adopted after which our President, Mrs Catherine Newton, gave her address followed by reports from the Chairman, Miss Ann Berg, the Secretary, Mrs Barbara Bown, and Mrs Ann Chisem, our Treasurer. The annual cups for the flower arranging competitions held throughout the year were won by Mrs Jean Smith in the Senior class and Mrs Gillian Maylin in the Novice class. Unfortunately our President felt unable to continue in her role but Mrs Sheila Woods agreed to take her place. Mrs Sheila Goddard and Mrs Dorothy Willett were welcomed onto the committee. As

Miss Ann Berg has served her three year term of office we also had to elect a new Chairman. Luckily Mrs Margaret Forbes agreed to take on the role and we were also pleased that Ann agreed to remain on the Committee as our Vice Chairman for a one year term. Thanks were given to the other committee members all of whom agreed to stand for a further year.

We then welcomed Mr Graham Proctor from Crown Nurseries, Ufford who brought along a large variety of shrubs and cuttings. He explained the best way of growing them and also showed us how to prune several different plants.

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 16th May when Ruth Mellen's title of 'Have Another Go' will be in the form of a 'hands on' afternoon. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

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

'Four Weddings and a Funeral' – not a showing of the Hugh Grant film but the title of a talk at our April meeting.

Jane Parker, who is a registrar at Deben Register Office in Woodbridge, explained that nowadays civil wedding ceremonies far out number church weddings. Civil funerals are a new choice of ceremony being appropriate for any non-religious building or woodland burial site. Computers are now in place in most register offices so the beautifully scripted, fountain pen written certificates and forms will soon become a thing of the past.

The talk finished with a light-hearted quiz based around weddings and this was won by Mariette Batterham who went home with a lovely large Easter egg as her prize!

Our next meeting on May

the Pavilion. Any lady is most welcome to join us and hopefully become a member.

Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

### MARTLESHAM W.I.

At our monthly meeting we were pleased to welcome Mrs Doreen Loran with her talk on how she became 'hooked' on quilting. She showed us many different patterns she had used over the years and explained some of their origins. The designs all had fascinating names such as Celtic Knots, Suffolk Puffs, Cathedral Window, Log Cabin, Clam Shells and numerous others. She also gave us a short history of quilting and told us stories of her experiences both in the classroom and at competitions. She said that at championship competitions it was always a patchwork quilt that won first prize. She brought along many samples of her work all of which were beautifully done. Mrs Loran also spoke of an incomplete quilt that had originally been started by two sisters in the 1800s. The sisters had argued and in anger the quilt was cut in half and one part was discovered many years later. Because of its age it was difficult to find suitable material to finish the quilt but nevertheless it was eventually completed with the help of Mrs Loran and exhibited at the Chilford Vinyard Quilt Show about 18 months ago.

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 18th May. This will be a Resolutions meeting.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

### MARTLESHAM COUNTRY MARKET

Don't forget to visit your local Country Market (formerly W.I. Market) held every Tuesday at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion between 9 and 10:30 am. A free car park is nearby.

A wide variety of baked goods is available and can be ordered for special occasions.

dual dietary needs can be catered for. Please come along and discuss your needs with our producers. Local honey is now on offer.

Our craft section can offer items that include tatting, crochet, embroidered covers, and fancy pin cushions that would make a unique gift. We have a range of greetings cards; these are all individually designed using bobbin lace, embroidery, hand stitching and an extensive range of sculptured decoupage designs. Cards can be ordered to suit your particular needs. If you are looking for that special card that is just a little bit different, come along and browse through our range.

A fascinating array of brilliantly coloured beadwork can also be found in our craft section. The beadwork designs include necklaces (with matching earrings if required), bookmarks, key fobs, scissor tassels and wedding keepsakes. These items are definitely worth considering when looking for that unusual gift. If you don't find exactly what you want, discuss your requirements with the producer, who will be only too pleased to help you.

If the lovely warm spring weather has enticed you into the garden, you may like to consider visiting the market to see if you can find something that will brighten up that special spot in the garden. We are now offering flowering shrubs and perennials. Advice is always available to help you make the right decision. A small selection of seasonal cut flowers is also available.

If you have not been to visit us yet, do come along and view our selection of items. We are sure that you will not be disappointed. Tea, coffee and cakes are available while the market is open.

Robyn Pye  
(Country Market producer)

### MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

At our Meeting on 12th April we had a fun evening with a quiz on the theme of 'colour' followed by an Easter Supper and a special raffle.

We have just four more meetings before the summer break

and they are:

\*10th May - 'History of Playing Cards', speaker: Colin Hopper

(We had to postpone Mr Hopper on 18th January because of extreme weather conditions)

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

\*7th June - 'Scrapbooking', speaker: Stella Mitchell

\*21st June - AGM

Our meetings are held fortnightly at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Hall, Martlesham. New members are most welcome.

Margaret Green

### CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 1st May from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. A light lunch will be served at about 1 pm. After lunch our speaker will be from Suffolk Real Nappy Network who will talk about the benefits of using cloth nappies. 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 CHILDMINDING GROUP

We all enjoyed making the most of the marvellous sunny weather during the Easter holidays which enabled us to carry out many outdoor activities with the children, including Easter Egg hunts - several of us also had plenty of creative fun making Easter Bonnets. If you missed our first article last month: 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. Several of our members have recently joined the Suffolk School Childminding Scheme – which will formally link registered childminders with schools to provide before, after school and holiday care to meet parents' needs – Gorseland and Birchwood primary

schools are two of our local schools participating in the scheme. Special thanks this month go to Jean Bridle, for organising First Aid and Child Protection training for the group. Congratulations go to Tricia Burrows who recently enjoyed success in achieving an 'Outstanding' Ofsted Inspection and as a result attended a celebratory reception at Knebworth Park, hosted by Christine Gilbert, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector. For further details on how to join our group, or more information about the group, including childminding vacancies, please phone Julie-Ann on 01473 611630 or Tricia on 01473 625837.

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

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 21st May at 8 pm at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion. We really need as many members as possible to attend, so if you can make it, it will be much appreciated. We are also looking to recruit new committee members, if you are interested, please do not hesitate to talk to any current committee members.

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. 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 each 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.

### **THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP**

Last month the children enjoyed learning about the natural cycles of Spring, in particular frogs, sheep and chickens. Our topic, Animals/New Life/Spring, now continues with the children learning about a range of wild and domesticated animals.

We look forward to a visit from our photographer, Hazel, on Friday 15th June after the morning session.

From time to time we have a number of small jobs that need doing and are looking for an 'odd job' person who would be willing to assist with these on a 'as and when' basis. If you would be interested and would like further details please contact me on the number below.

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 at [threebearsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk)

A big thank you to those who attended our AGM. Your support was appreciated - we hope you found the evening interesting and helpful. Another thank you to Birchwood School for allowing us to use the school and for supporting us.

The children had a lovely morning out at the end of last term on the train from Woodbridge to Melton. They walked along the river and fed the ducks en route to Kingston meadow. During the first week of term the children also had a morning out at Waldringfield catching crabs. At the end of last term we were able to buy a new bookcase for our "cosy corner".

Our fundraising event for this half term is on 30th April – a

sponsored Teddy Obstacle Course – all our children will be bringing in their favourite teddies to challenge and put them through their paces on the obstacle course. Good luck teddy bears! All money raised will be split between the NCH (National Children's Home) and the Pre-School. Anyone not connected with the Pre-School who would like to make a donation, please feel free to contact us.

Our theme for this half term is 'Animals', big and small. We will be looking at fish – making fish shaped pizzas, learning about ladybirds, snakes, dragons and much more over the weeks. On St George's Day we will be making a St George's Dragon out of cotton reels. The children will be making pet portraits, playing with dinosaurs, baking dinosaur cookies and making dinosaur footprints.

Our extra session on a Tuesday afternoon started after the Easter break and our Friday afternoon Rising 5s session at Birchwood also began. 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. We are still looking for new committee members. However big or small you would like your involvement to be, we can accommodate you. If you would like general information about the Pre-School why not visit our website at [www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](http://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.

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

Our next planned event is a Quiz Night on Saturday 12th May; if you haven't already bought your tickets, do hurry! Watch out for further details of our Summer Fun Day on Saturday 16th June - there will be lots of stalls and activities for the whole family - barbeque, ice creams, pony rides, coconut shy,

hook a duck, roundabout, bouncy castle, tombola, grand draw, cake stall and much more!!

Elizabeth Leonard

### **MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP**

Friday 18th May, 7:30 pm

#### **Annual Meal with Guests**

at Terrace Restaurant, Seckford Golf Club

Booking necessary.

Contact Elaine (01473 622269) or Maureen (01473 622670).

### **MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson – if ever a person was worthy of having a hospital wing named after her, it was this lady.

Our speaker at the meeting on Monday, April 16th was Mark Mitchels, the distinguished local historian and author who gave a fascinating illustrated talk in which he was able to list a number of “firsts” which this lady accomplished in her lifetime. The first woman to qualify as a doctor in England, the first woman to build a specialist hospital for the treatment of women, the first woman to serve on Aldeburgh Corporation and the first woman to become Mayor of Aldeburgh – and in so doing, the first woman Mayor in England. As our speaker said, “Not bad for a little girl from Leiston!!”

Our next meeting will be held on June 18th in the Pavilion at 8 pm and there will be further details in next month’s ‘Monthly’.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our meeting on Friday 13th May was the occasion of our AGM.

The Society continues to be in a most healthy state and we have now have in excess of 300 members. Many of our monthly meetings are attended by at least 150 members and friends.

The Control Tower Museum is self-sufficient and we continue to have a steady influx of visitors when the Museum is open, on

Alan Powell 01473 612736

Sunday afternoons. Organised parties of schoolchildren are frequent visitors and we are pleased to be able to assist the schools curriculum in the important work to keep our history and heritage alive. Other voluntary organisations have pre-arranged daytime and evening visits and the Museum continues to be a great success.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 4th May. Mr Robert Mynn will give an illustrated talk entitled “The USAAF 9th Air Force”. This WW2 bomber force flew mostly medium bombers from bases in Essex.

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

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

March saw Luke Horsfield working on trees that had been damaged in the storms. One broken pine branch which was over-hanging the path was cut, lowered to the ground and found to be housing a squirrel nursery. The mother squirrel removed her three kittens and took them to another drey. We also cleared much of the wood chippings and laid paths through the woods which are settling nicely.

The next PWCG work morning is Saturday 19th May. 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.

Nature Watch Club (for children aged 5-11)

If you would like to contact the Nature Watch Club the address is [naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk) The next Club meeting is on Saturday 12th May. You will need to book a space for this meeting.

The Group is contactable via the e-mail address which is [pwcg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:pwcg@martlesham.org.uk) or Martlesham Parish Council (01473 612632). More information about PWCG and its activities are

available on our website [www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup) (now at 4,024 hits). 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**

May is the month to appreciate the beauty of our heathland birdsong with resident birds and summer visitors in full voice especially around dawn.

We are very fortunate in being able to enjoy such a wide range of songsters right on our doorstep with the star of the show for many, being the Nightingale. Arriving from central Africa in April, the Nightingale can be heard regularly between April and early June both night and day but due to its skulking nature is rarely seen. Though it may not be readily visible, its song is both unmistakable and remarkable for its richness, variety and vigour. Many elements have clear, liquid bubbling and piping qualities and once heard lasts long in the memory.

Sadly, the UK trend for Nightingale is a probable decline and it is on the amber list as a bird of medium conservation concern. However, based on a 1999 survey, our county was second only to Kent in numbers of singing males probably due to a high degree of its favoured scrub habitat. Each year, a few pairs breed on the heath to the delight of its admirers.

On Sunday 20th May we will be undertaking a bird survey by walking round our woodland on the heath looking and listening for the birds present. We may even hear a Nightingale. Please come along and bring a pair of binoculars if you have them. No expertise is necessary as there will be others there to guide you. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

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

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard

[steve@goddard98.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:steve@goddard98.freereserve.co.uk)

## **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

### **Woodbridge Group**

In May we have a Plant Sale at Grange Farm shop, Hasketon on 13th May from 11 am to 1:30 pm. We will have a great selection of plants, refreshments, cakes, raffle and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust gift stall. This is a change from our usual venue at Foxburrow farm due to the renovation work that is taking place there. Please contact me if you have any plants that we could sell. Do come along and support us in our changed venue.

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. Price £5 for adults £2.50 for children. Please contact myself or Mervyn Miller on 01394 411237 for further details.

On Friday 1st June we have an evening walk in search of Nightjars in Rendlesham Forest from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Meet in the Rendlesham Forest car park - OS grid reference TM355482.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

## **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE**

**Down Down - Status Quo -  
Vertigo Records - 29/11/1974**

As usual, the clue is in the title.

Last month I told you about changes that were coming to the way Suffolk was policed. I then went on to say that you shouldn't see too much difference as the area of Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave and Martlesham had been running that way for a year as a pilot site.

So - you have had an SNT now for a full 12 months. When we started, our target was to try and reduce crime by some 3% - and I have to say I had no idea if it could be done by changing the way we worked in the 'old' days to the SNT method, but I'm pleased to be able to say that it has indeed worked.

That doesn't mean that any success we have had has been

simply because of a change in practices, it also has something to do with a wider picture of team working with community partners, in having officers out and about to be seen and to deter, and it has a lot to do with parents being made aware of what is really going on 'out there' - and then taking some responsibility for the actions of their young ones. In all, the overall effect has been quite dramatic.

The benefits to date have meant that we have been able to spend some time targeting issues identified to us by yourselves such as parking, or anti-social behaviour (not necessarily a crime) - things that make a difference to you.

So what about crime levels then? Well, we hit the reduction of 3% for sure...in fact, we ended up with a whopping drop of some 27% overall - not bad eh?

This coming 12 months will be much harder - not only do we have to maintain what we have done so far, we need to find another 6% reduction on top...and when I say 'we', I mean 'us' - all of us! This has got to be one huge team effort, and everybody is a part of that team - and I look forward to working with you all.

Mick Richardson, Ps 535, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Kesgrave & District

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## **MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

We are almost ready for the opening of the season. Brian Davey and all those who help keep the Green in pristine condition have been very hard at work with all that has to be done to get things ready. A few of us members have been busy cleaning and tidying where necessary in order that everything looks as nice as it can.

We have a full programme of social bowling, club competitions, league matches, friendly matches and open tournaments. So hopefully the weather will be kind to us and the sun will shine when we need it to.

Good luck to all those members who have entered County competitions. Hopefully we will have some success in all that we have entered both as a club and as individuals but most importantly that we all enjoy our time spent on the Bowls Green.

Our two Weekend Open Tournaments are filling up nicely but if you live in Martlesham but bowl for another club and have never visited our club, why not enter one of our Open Tournaments and get to see what our club is like? We pride ourselves on providing outstanding refreshments and although the bowling is competitive we like to think that having an enjoyable day is just as important as winning. Holding up the trophy and pocketing the prize money is just the icing on the cake!

\*Sheila McIntyre Rose Bowl - 3 bowl Pairs - Saturday 9th June

\*Cyril Marsh Memorial Shield - 3 bowl Pairs - Saturday 1st September

If you are interested in playing in the above tournaments please contact our Secretary Linda Brown on 01394 384698.

We are holding an Open Afternoon on Saturday 5th May from 2 pm - 4:30 pm. If you are interested in playing the game of bowls please come and give us a look. You will be able to watch members playing (weather permitting) and also have a go yourself.

Linda Brown, Secretary

## **MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

**WHY NOT TRY THE  
GAME OF BOWLS?**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US  
AND HAVE SOME FUN  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR  
CLUB SECRETARY: LINDA BROWN  
ON TELEPHONE 01394 384698**

**WE BOWL BOTH SOCIALLY AND  
UP TO COUNTY LEVEL  
SO WHY NOT GIVE THE GAME  
OF BOWLS A GO**

**MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS  
CLUB**

On Mothering Sunday we held our club fours competition. This proved to be a very close competition with the team lying in last place prior to the final round finishing up the eventual winners. This was a very sociable afternoon with tea and a plate of delicious cakes made by one of our members.

The winter league has now finished and we have ended in an excellent second place – well done to all those taking part.

Our Friday afternoon sessions will end for the Summer Season on the last Friday in April.

Maureen Banthorp

### **MARTLESHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

Martlesham Youth Football Club is a community team, providing football for boys and girls in the Martlesham area in Suffolk. We have teams ranging from U7 to U16 age groups, all playing in the Felixstowe and District Youth Football League. The U10 'Meteors' are currently looking for a sponsor to help them provide the team with kit and general football provisions.

Martlesham Youth Football Club has been awarded the 'FA Charter Standard'. This is awarded to clubs who display a commitment to delivering a quality experience to its players and who are taking part in a genuine grassroots revolution.

If there are any local businesses or companies that would be interested in sponsoring the 'Meteors' please could they contact the manager, Mark Whinney on 01473 611506.

### **THE MOB**

March has been a very good month for The MOB on three fronts.

Undefeated through all games is a good record for any month and all players should take a big pat on the back for that. One of those games was the semi-final of the Suffolk FA Sunday Shield where the lads won 2-0 to earn themselves a date at Needham Market for the final against Exning from near Newmarket. By the time you read this that game will have been played on 22nd April (I'm

typing with crossed fingers for a win).

All of this earned the boys the Sunday League "Team of the Month" for March which is measured on results and fair play, for which The MOB have an excellent reputation. I think we have had one yellow card this year and no reds, and a referee commented after a recent game that "it had been a credit to Sunday football".

Things slipped a bit in the last game when the bottom team beat us 3-1...doh! Not what you would expect but Worlingworth have beaten us in second place plus the third and fourth placed teams as well, so they have hit a good spell of form. We are still on course to get into the promotion play-offs (unless the league promote two from each division, which they could given that a Premier division team has withdrawn - watch this space).

The Mobster

### **2ND MARTLESHAM HEATH**

#### **GUIDES**

invite you to their

### **Community Spring**

#### **Fayre**

on

**Tuesday 1st May**

**7:15 – 8:15 pm**

**in Martlesham Scout Hut**

**There will be a cake stall, raffle, side stalls, plants and Traidcraft items**

**Come & find out about Guiding in the 21st Century**

### **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT**

#### **GROUP**

We are well into our Centenary Year, and looking forward to all the celebrations. The District Centenary Camp is to be held on the second Bank Holiday weekend in May at Heveningham Hall, where we will be taking part in a wide variety of activities with other Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from across the District. Before then, the Scouts will be taking part in a Cycle Camp from 5th – 7th May. This year's route will start at Thetford

going via Diss and Framlingham then back to Martlesham. The total distance will be around 90 miles over the three days, as well as the challenge of completing the route; the boys will be collecting sponsorship for the St Elizabeth Hospice. Anyone wishing to support their effort please contact [sl.firstmsg@virgin.net](mailto:sl.firstmsg@virgin.net) for more details. We wish them well and hope the weather is kind to them!

### **Personality Type**

### **Follow-up Workshop**

### **on personality and faith**

**10 am - 4 pm**

**Saturday 23rd June**

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

**£35 for day**

**Places limited, please contact**

**Christine Rigden**

**(07857 644337**

**or [christine@rigdenage.co.uk](mailto:christine@rigdenage.co.uk))**

### **WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB**

Woodbridge Probus Club met for lunch at Waldringfield Golf Club on the 2nd April when Probus member, Peter Fells from St Albans described his visits to the Eastern United States under the title "Fall from Vermont to the Everglades." Besides geography, his talk covered historical visits from the American Revolution to the Korean War Memorial.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th May when Mr Bill Parker will talk about "Looking After This Special Place."

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**

Events this month are overshadowed by the untimely death of Peter Oswald, our Vice-President. Peter was one of our longest serving members and would have been President during our 25th year. He contributed enormously to the Club, not just through Club activities but

also with a personal, often unpublicised commitment. Whilst he sought no recognition for himself, he was quick to note the efforts of others and to praise their contribution. Genial and approachable, Peter valued the company of everyone he met. Anyone who knew him will know they have lost a friend; the Club has lost an outstanding Lion. All our thoughts are with Sheila, Andy and Simon - their loss is so very much greater than ours.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
in attractive garden  
for  
**ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE**

**Saturday May 12th**  
**10- 12 noon**  
at  
**Mill Farmhouse,**  
**Felixstowe Road, Martlesham**

**ENTRY £2:50**

### **THE MOTHERS' UNION**

Have you watched any of the 'Nanny' programmes that have become so popular on TV recently? They usually show really badly behaved children and parents who need help with parenting.

You do not have to be a bad parent to benefit from parenting courses. Good parents find mutual support and share ideas and experiences and learn together. They also make friends through these group sessions.

We have recently run a parenting course for a few weeks here in Martlesham and all those who took part really enjoyed it and are planning to meet with each other now the course has finished. We are hoping to run another course.

Perhaps you would be interested in joining a group or you may know someone who has a small child and would be interested. You will be surprised what goes on in the Mothers' Union.

Do you want to find out more? Phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

**13th-19th May 07**

It's an occasion for celebration - Christian Aid Week celebrates 50 years of making a difference this year! And once again we are invited to play our part.

The theme for 2007 is all about growth for poor communities. We've all seen pictures of the difficult and desperate situations many of the world's poorest people have to struggle with every day. But we don't often realise that their lives are being made all the more difficult by the effects of global warming.

Now we can help to do something about it. Christian Aid not only provides disaster relief. They also provide training in skills which encourage people to improve their income, diet and regenerate the areas where they live. And they actively challenge injustice and inequality wherever it is found.

Christian Aid relies on the donations of people in the UK and Ireland. Please donate generously when you receive your red envelope. By completing the gift aid slip, your donation will be worth nearly 30% more at no further cost to you. For further details, and to volunteer as a collector in your area, please contact Carolyn Smith 01473 625630 or Chris Cobb 01473 622585. Let's work for a world where everyone is included in the feast of life!

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN**

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

**[www.m-c-f.org](http://www.m-c-f.org)**

#### **VOTING TIME!!**

District and Parish Council Elections will be held on 3rd May. Candidates will be given the opportunity to make decisions, affecting us and our communities. How do we decide to vote? Do we vote for a party or an individual? A man or a woman? An experienced councillor, or a fresh councillor with new ideas? Many years ago another vote took place. Pilate asked, "Do you want this man, or Barabbus?" They voted for the criminal and rejected Jesus, the King of the Jews.

There is a sense in which we still have the opportunity to 'vote' for Jesus Christ. We can put our cross against His name, thus putting the Son of God in a place of authority in our lives.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, we can "confess Jesus Christ as Lord" in our lives.

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Family Service - 10 am

Communion - 11:45 am

### **Weekday activities**

**HOUSEGROUPS** - Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm

**THE "HUB"** - Youth activity on Thursdays from 7 pm

**TODDLER GROUP** - Thursdays at 10 am

### **TUESDAY CIRCLE**

On May 8th

**"A Musical Matinee"** (with Julia and friends)

### **FRIENDS ON FRIDAY**

A relaxing morning for coffee and fellowship, every Friday 10 am to 12 noon.

### **"The Living Room"**

**Sunday 13th May 6 - 8 pm**

An informal evening of worship, refreshments and activity.

**Guest Speaker = Peter Holloway**  
(Christian entertainer)

For more information, please contact John Mellen on 01473 624401 Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482

### **BRIGHT STARS**

Due to bank holidays, there will be one service this month on **Monday 14th May**.

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**

May brings us round to our Parish Walk which gives us an opportunity to see parts of the Parish, normally hidden from the roads. We meet this year on Saturday 19th May at 2:15 pm at The Church Hall ready to step out at 2:30 pm. Following the Walk light refreshments will be served at the Hall. Last year over 50 people joined us and experienced a variety of weather conditions but nevertheless enjoyed the fellowship. Please do join us this year.

During July The Diocese of Ipswich and St Edmundsbury are hoping that all Churches in the Diocese will be open during Open Churches Week from 15th to 21st July and for our part Brightwell Church will be holding some special events during this period so please watch this space in the June and July issues.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

### **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.

On May 7th bank holiday the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place, where the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Michael Sabbah, will join us from one of our twin dioceses. At the end of May we will be celebrating the Ascension and Pentecost. During the Easter season we are asked especially to pray for new members of the church, vocations, right use of the media, the church and human work.

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.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION**

Did you know that there are regular meetings and activities going on in the pavilion for at least 24 hours each week?

**Each week there are –**

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Weight Watchers meetings
- Country Market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- Rainbows
- Bridge
- 2 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club
- Street Dancing
- Computer Training
- Lip Reading

**Every two weeks there are –**

- Cross-Stitch classes
- Kick Boxing
- Crossroads

**Every month there are -**

- WI meetings

**Occasionally there are -**

- Martlesham Historical Society meetings
- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- Martlesham In Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Village Produce Association meetings
- Martlesham Consultants Limited meetings
- Choir Group meetings
- Ipswich Photographic Society meetings

**During the summer there are –**

- Martlesham Nomad Cricket matches

**Did you know that there is some time available if you want to start a new club or society? For more information on any of these, please contact 01473 621406**

### **RSPCA MUTT STRUTT**

The Suffolk East and Ipswich Branch of the RSPCA are holding their annual Mutt Strutt (sponsored dog walk) on Sunday 20th May. The walk starts from the RSPCA Animal Centre, Mill Lane, Martlesham at 11 am, registration is at 10 am. The walk takes approx 1½ hrs. Sponsorship forms and more information can be obtained from Mo Reid 01394 276678, e-mail [m.o.reid@btopenworld.com](mailto:m.o.reid@btopenworld.com) or the Animal Centre 01473 623280 or turn up on the day and pay a donation of £5 per dog.

**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

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 6th May Easter 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th May Easter 6	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Thursday 17th May Ascension Day			7pm Holy Communion
Sunday 20th May Easter 7	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Saturday 26th May			4pm Pentecost Praise & Refreshments
Sunday 27th May Pentecost	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 3rd June Trinity Sunday	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 on Monday 14th May in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY

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

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| <p><b>6</b> give thanks that Christ rose for us<br/> <b>7</b> for the Diocese of Kagera<br/> <b>8</b> give thanks for spiritual writers like Julian of Norwich<br/> <b>9</b> for the residents of Chandos Drive<br/> <b>10</b> for wisdom for PCC members<br/> <b>11</b> for sick people everywhere<br/> <b>12</b> for families enjoying the weekend<br/> <b>13</b> give thanks for God's grace<br/> <b>14</b> for Christian Aid week<br/> <b>15</b> thank God for the crops<br/> <b>16</b> for residents of Church Lane<br/> <b>17</b> Ascension Day - give thanks to God for his risen son<br/> <b>18</b> for local government<br/> <b>19</b> for all Bishops<br/> <b>20</b> give thanks for our daily bread<br/> <b>21</b> for all suffering from allergies<br/> <b>22</b> for all scientists and chemists<br/> <b>23</b> for residents of Clayton Court<br/> <b>24</b> give thanks for John and Charles Wesley (hymn writers)<br/> <b>25</b> for all who are in service to God<br/> <b>26</b> give thanks for Augustine (first Archbishop of Canterbury)</p> | <p><b>27</b> give thanks for the Holy Spirit<br/> <b>28</b> for the elderly in our parishes<br/> <b>29</b> for the United Nations peacekeepers<br/> <b>30</b> for residents of Coopers Road<br/> <b>31</b> for everyone at the Suffolk Show<br/> <b>JUNE 1</b> for peace in our world<br/> <b>2</b> for our armed forces<br/> <b>3</b> praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit<br/> <b>4</b> for all young victims of aggression</p> |
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