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Martlesham Monthly Editors

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

## MUSIC ON THE GREEN 2010

Friday 5th March is drawing ever closer, which can mean only one thing...it's nearly time for Music OFF the Green. Proceedings will begin at 8 pm in the Douglas Bader and its guaranteed to be an evening of great music, great entertainment

and an even greater raffle! As we mentioned last month, two Music on the Green staples - Cool Remedy and Blue Wave - will be performing throughout the evening and we hope to raise some much needed funds for our chosen charity, EACH.

The line up for Music on the Green 10th July ('The Three Tenors') will shortly be announced but we are delighted to confirm that we have a new addition this year, that of the fantastic 'Ipswich Community Gospel Choir'. Adding a new flavour to the day, this Ipswich based group will serenade the crowd with their own unique style of singing and entertainment. With their incredible voices and repertoire (including 'Lean On Me') we feel that this will bring another dimension to our day, but also bring Ipswich Community Gospel's music to a whole new audience.

We are still looking for various advertisers who would like to feature in our programme. The rates for 2010 are as follows:

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And please contact Emma Noye via e-mail at [emmanoye@hotmail.com](mailto:emmanoye@hotmail.com) if you are interested in learning more.

## **\*\*STOP PRESS\*\* – Change to Suffolk Coastal Council meeting date and time**

Yet again SCDC have changed the date of the Full Council Meeting to agree the LDF. They now say it's 18th March at 6 pm at Trinity Park. Please keep up to date at [www.noadastralnewtown.com](http://www.noadastralnewtown.com) in case they change it again. Please try to attend – it helps if they see the level of public opposition. **This meeting will be the last opportunity for the plan to build 2000 homes at Adastral Park to be reversed. After that it will be submitted to the planning inspector for approval.**

**MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP  
DESK**

**We are here to HELP YOU.  
HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM IN  
THE VILLAGE?**

Do you want more information  
about The New Adastral Town?

**IF SO COME TO THE PAVILION  
on Saturday 13th March  
10 am – 12 noon**

Do you have a problem in the Vil-  
lage?

Not sure who owns what land  
nearyou?

Need to discuss a problem with The  
Police or Local Village representa-  
tives?

**Need FREE advice from a solici-  
tor?**

No matter what your problem is The  
Village Help Desk can help you.

**On Saturday 13th March 10  
am – 12 noon** come to The Pavilion  
on The Green at Martlesham Heath.

There will be a representative from

- The Parish Council,
- Martlesham Heath House-  
holders, formerly MCL
- The Suffolk Constabulary
- District Councillors
- County Councillor

**A solicitor from Barker  
Gotelee Solicitors will be giving  
FREE advice**

So no matter what your  
problem or your concern is, there  
will be somebody who can help you  
on the day.

**MANDY GIBSON**

Alan, Margaret, Donna and Laura  
would like to say a big thank you to  
all those who sent messages, cards  
and donations on the passing of our  
dearly loved daughter and sister.

Special thanks to those who  
attended the funeral in spite of the  
awful weather, Reverend Ian Naylor  
who conducted the service, Smy  
Funeral Service and staff for their  
care and attention to every detail,  
and Caron, Tony and staff of the  
Douglas Bader for the lovely cater-  
ing.

**MARTLESHAM PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Planning applications and how  
the Parish Council deals with them**  
The Parish Council receives a copy

of all planning applications for  
Martlesham from Suffolk Coastal  
District Council, our planning author-  
ity. The PC acts as a consultee only;  
decisions on applications are made  
by the relevant planning authority.  
Members of the public are able to  
view any local planning application  
at the Parish Office by appointment  
(contact details below) and may  
also discuss it with the Clerk/or a  
councillor. Parishioners are welcome  
to make representations about  
planning applications to the Devel-  
opment Plans Committee of the Par-  
ish Council which at present meets  
on the third Wednesday of every  
month. The Council is however only  
able to comment on specific plan-  
ning issues.

**BT Planning Application C09/0555**

The Parish Council has recently re-  
ceived further information relating  
to BT's original planning applica-  
tion. An unrealistic deadline of 25  
February 2010 has been set for the  
Parish Council to respond to the re-  
vised documentation. At the time of  
writing this article the matter is still  
to be addressed. However, the  
original application and the revised  
documentation can be viewed on-  
line on the Council's website at  
[www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/  
yourdistrict/devcontrol/  
adastralpark/](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/devcontrol/adastralpark/)

**Date of Annual Parish Meeting**

Advance notice is given that this will  
take place on 28th April at 7:30  
pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe  
Road.

**Forthcoming meetings**

- \*Parish Council - Wednesday 3rd  
March
- \*Recreation & Amenities - Wednes-  
day 10th March
- \*Development Plans - Wednesday  
17th March
- \*Parish Council - Wednesday 7th  
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,  
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Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12

4PB.

Telephone: 01473 612632

e-mail: [clerk@martleshamcouncil.  
org.uk](mailto:clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk)

**MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY  
HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM**

To enquire about booking Mart-  
lesham Community Hall or the Rich-  
ards Room please telephone the  
Booking secretary on 01473  
623203 who will be available to  
help you with your enquiry or will  
telephone you back if not avail-  
able.

Alternatively, e-mail the new  
e-mail address

[martcomhall@btinternet.com](mailto:martcomhall@btinternet.com) or  
write to The Booking Secretary,  
Martlesham Community Hall, Felix-  
stowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich,  
IP12 4PB.

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall  
Charity Number 1009602

**JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**LDF (2,000 NEW HOMES) LATEST  
INFORMATION**

Firstly may I apologise for the con-  
fusion created over meeting dates  
to discuss this document. The original  
Suffolk Coastal Cabinet meeting  
due to be held 14th December was  
cancelled due to the large number  
of responses received to the public  
consultation exercise and it was also  
discovered that the council constitu-  
tion states that the LDF issue should  
have been presented to a council  
scrutiny committee prior to cabinet  
making recommendations to full  
council. The scrutiny committee met  
on 21st January but due to the  
amount of discussion ran out of time  
and suspended the meeting until 1st  
February. This meeting went on until  
about 5:30 pm and still did not get  
around to discussing the public con-  
sultation responses.

Scrutiny have recommended  
that cabinet consider certain issues  
before reaching a decision on what  
will be recommended to the full  
council meeting to be held at 6 pm,  
18th March at Trinity Park.

The Cabinet meeting is now  
due to be held Wednesday 24th  
February 9:30 am at Ufford Park  
Hotel, Melton. I have been assured  
that they will be receiving an offi-

cer's report on the results and responses of the latest public consultation.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of those residents that took the time to attend the above meetings.

### **BT'S PLANNING APPLICATION**

On February 3rd a large amount of documents showing revisions and amended information was received from BT's consultants in response to issues raised by Suffolk Coastal and other consultees.

Unfortunately Parish Councils and others were only given until 25th February in which to respond. As I write this report I have also been reading these latest documents and I certainly feel that the response timescales are totally inadequate.

The largest parts of the above documents are the Habitat regulations assessment, SSSI assessment and the mitigation strategy as well as a transport assessment addendum.

A small piece of good news is that the latest site plans now include a site for high school provision as well as a primary school.

The latest information that I have received from officers as to when BT's application will be dealt with by the Suffolk Coastal Development Control committee will be April at the earliest. Please keep an eye on the Suffolk Coastal Website at [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or on the NANT website at [www.noadastralnewtown.com](http://www.noadastralnewtown.com) for the latest information.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW**

The Government has now made the following statement:

"After careful consideration of the Boundary Committee's recommendations and representations from local councils, MP's, stakeholders and the public Ministers found that there were divergent views across Suffolk local councils as to what would be the best unitary solution for the county. No single proposal emerged that Ministers believed that local councils would unite behind. We are therefore inviting all Suffolk councils and MP's through a countywide constitutional convention to reach a consensus on a

unitary solution for that area."

It appears we are back to square one and at some substantial cost to the tax and council tax payer. John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward  
John.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk  
115 Carlford Close, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3TA

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS**

Thank you to all those householders who braved the cold to attend the AGM on 11th February. There was an attendance of approximately 50-60 people which was a little disappointing when we represent approximately 1400 households. A resident asked about the handover of the North Green from Grainger to MHHL and unfortunately the response is that Grainger are still holding on to the Green although we continue to press for its handover. Another resident asked for more trees to be planted around the Heath and hopefully this is something we will be looking at for next autumn. The main topic of the evening was the BT New Town. MHHL were asked to confirm that they were not connected to NANT (No Adastral New Town) in any way. This confirmation was given and MHHL will only make representations on behalf of householders when the plans directly affect our land or assets. We have submitted objections to the plans with respect to how it will affect everyone living on the Heath in terms of increased traffic, a possible bridge and cycle route going through the woodland and environmental problems. The usual request was made for new Directors as many of our Directors have served for a number of years and may not wish to carry on much longer. Please consider volunteering as any help would be gratefully received – you have to be a resident of Martlesham Heath Village, be over 18 and there is no upper age limit. No special skills are required, just a desire to keep the Village a wonderful place to live.

We have received word from Natural England that the classification of the SSSI (Western Corridor) is 'unfavourable, no change'. We are still waiting for funding to enable

work to start on bringing the site to 'satisfactory' classification.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday 15th March at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre. MHHL, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Tel: 01473 612207 e-mail: [mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk) website: <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Martlesham Community Council are holding the following events for the coming year:

**"JUMBLE, PLANT AND BOOK SALE"** on 19th June in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, from 10 am – 12 noon, admission 30p. If anyone has any jumble, bric-a-brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

**BOOK SALE** at "JAYDENE", Main Road, Martlesham, on 25th July - details to be provided later.

**"JUMBLE, PLANT AND BOOK SALE"** on Saturday 16th October in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, from 10 am – 12, admission 30p. If anyone has any jumble or bric-a-brac, please contact Jackie Bear on the above telephone number.

**CRAFT FAIR** to be held on Saturday 20th November in St Michael's Church Centre, details later. However, if anyone would like to book a stall please contact Jackie Bear on the above number.

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

'Take a Blank Canvas' was the title of Helen Bird's demonstration at our last meeting and Helen created some wonderful arrangements for us. Working with two baskets she formed a line of colour with two-tone yellow/red roses and orange mini gerberas cleverly connecting the two designs together. She used a large wooden chug to contain her second arrangement which included red anemones placed underneath blue delphiniums, burgundy tulips and a whole 'clump' of daffodils. A cream watering can containing cream lilies and burgundy foliage gave a stunning effect for her third design and Helen followed this by using a copper coal scuttle for an arrangement with orange and peach roses, single

orange carnations and pink lilies. She recessed her next arrangement into a silver square container adding white spray chrysanthemums and gypsophila. A fancy gothic wrought iron container featured in her final design when Helen created two connecting arrangements using yellow and pale cream orchids, with broom, gold carnations and burgundy amaryllis.

The competition was won by Ann Chisem with Margaret Perry winning the Novice class.

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

The next meeting will be on 17th February when Mrs Brenda Evers will bring us some 'Spring Fever'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.  
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

**Our next event:-**

#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Tuesday 13th April**

**7:30 pm**

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

The evening also includes  
our AGM,  
launch of our Summer Garden  
Competitions  
and our entry into the  
Anglia in Bloom Competition 2010.  
There will be light refreshments,  
raffle and plants for sale.

Everyone welcome.  
Teams can be made up on the  
evening.  
Admission is 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 HEATH W.I.**

After a cancelled January meeting we were welcomed by our Presi-

dent, Bernadette Smith, to our first meeting of the new year when she introduced our speaker Mr Ken Stone with his talk 'A Royal Year'. This gentleman has been an avid follower of the Royal Family since a teenager and he had many lovely slides of the Royals taken over the last year as they went about their duties. Lots of the pictures he had taken were informal shots and included several of Edward and Sophie Wessex with their two young children who are very rarely featured in any royal photographs. Unfortunately, our Christmas meal scheduled for January was cancelled because of the weather and is now rebooked for May! Some members will be visiting Hintlesham Hall in March for afternoon tea and a guided tour of the Hall. We have been invited by Nacton WI to their annual lunch and also to a talk on 'Birds of Prey' at Bucklesham WI. Woodbridge Deben WI has invited us to join them for a trip to Southend to see 'Calendar Girls'. The main speaker at our AGM at Trinity Park in March is Adam Henson, the farmer from the television programme 'Countryfile'. Our monthly walks will start again when the weather improves and some members are joining a Scrabble group run by Kesgrave WI.

Our speaker for March is Angela Pratt with a talk entitled 'D.N. A. and All That'.

We meet at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of each month in the Pavilion.

Mary Bloomfield - 01473 625577

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

It was unfortunate that the bad weather forced us to cancel our last meeting. However it has been decided that we will have a meeting in August this year and hopefully we can rearrange for Jane Walker to come and speak to us then. Meanwhile we look forward to our next meeting which will be held in the Richards Room on Friday 19th February. Mr G Baxter will give an illustrated talk on 'The Origin and Tradition of Pearly Kings and Queens of London'. Visitors and new members are always welcome

to join our small, friendly group and contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Peter Driver once again returned to the Ladies Club recently to give a very interesting and amusing talk entitled 'Little Bits of Suffolk.'

Our meetings for March and April are:

\*11th March: 'Chernobyl Children's Lifeline' - Speaker; Elizabeth Parker

\*25th March: Easter Supper

\*8th April: Heraldry - Speaker; Peter Durrell

\*22nd April: Easter Supper - Satire in Song - Speaker; Joyce Kimber

Our meetings are held in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre on alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are a friendly Club and new members are always welcome. Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

A big thank you to everyone who supported our lunch in aid of Overseas Projects, a marvellous total of £496.65 was raised. This will make a huge difference to so many families particularly where women can be taught to read and write. This means they can teach their children and they will know they receive the correct amount of money for their work and cannot be tricked out of what is rightfully theirs. Another important aspect of this is that they can read the labels on medicine that has been prescribed and not give their children the wrong medication. Also their husbands often have greater respect for their wives and there is less domestic violence so you can understand how this can be life transforming for them.

If you would like to know more about Mothers' Union then please phone Marion on 01473 624196 or Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

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

Martlesham Mums' Club will celebrate its 10th birthday at its meeting on Tuesday 2nd March. As we have done for the past ten years we meet at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. We will share lunch (and birthday cake!) and then we will welcome back Julia Drewell who will entertain the children with a 'Mummy and Me' session which will include soft play and music. All mums with babies and children are invited to help us celebrate.

There will be a second Mums' Club get-together in March as due to the Easter holidays there will be no meeting in April. This will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 12:45 to 2:30 pm at St Michaels and will take the form of a 'Chomp and Chat' gathering. Come along and enjoy lunch and then chat to your friends whilst your children play.

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

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

Hurray – spring is almost here.

There are some special days coming up in March and April, Mothers' Day and Easter. With that in mind we will be making Mothers' Day cards on 10th/12th March and holding our Easter Egg Hunts on 24th/26th March. Also for Easter this year we will have an Easter hamper, which will be drawn on Friday 26th March.

For the Easter holidays we will be closed on Friday 2nd April and will re-open on Wednesday 21st April.

For anyone who would like to join us, our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great activity table for the children. Refreshments are included.

Our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am during term-time. Our members pay just £2 per session for the first child and only £1 for each additional child attending. If the first child is under 6 months old you pay a reduced rate

of £1 for them. There is a one-off joining fee of £6 to help cover administration costs. However, there are no session charges when you pay the joining 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 Catherine on 07515 435876 or e-mail [martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm](mailto:martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm)

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

This year is our 25th Anniversary of being at the Old Control Tower and to celebrate we shall be holding a "medieval" style Fun Day on Saturday May 22nd. If your children (or you) attended the playschool at the Old Control Tower come along and visit us! Come and see what's changed – or stayed the same... The Fun Day will have all the usual attractions – BBQ, refreshments, bouncy castle, fun and games, pony rides, plus lots more. We're hoping that our children will dress for the occasion and make some medieval-style hats.

We shall be holding a sponsored Egg and Spoon Race during the last week before the Easter holidays. This is always great fun for our children. Thanks to their parents and friends generosity we are able to raise funds to purchase new equipment, such as a new wooden garage and cars, and a new dolls house, plus lots more exciting toys.

We shall be organising a trip to Rendlesham Forest during May. The children always look forward to a trip on a coach!! And of course, there is lots of exciting play equipment to enjoy.

Visit our website for more details:- [www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk) or you can contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We currently take children from 2 ½ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any

area.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

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

**Martlesham Heath**

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

Easter is on its way, and everyone at St Michaels are gearing up for our Easter Craft Fayre, on Saturday 20th March from 10 am until 3pm, (date changed from previously advertised). The fayre is being held in St Michaels Church, where there will be lots of stalls selling a vast selection of local merchandise, as well as refreshments including our infamous home make cakes, and also a chance for the children to be creative in the pre-school corner.

Our AGM is now on Thursday 1st April, starting at 7:30 pm. We cannot stress how important it is that parent/carers attend the AGM and in conjunction with this will be a 'Enriching the Home Environment' presentation. Also a chance to chat with committee and staff in a more relaxed setting and discuss any concerns you have.

We are a registered charity and therefore rely on the support and help given by parents/carers and families. We are currently looking for new committee members, so if you would like a say in how your children's pre-school is run, come and join us at our monthly meetings.

We welcome children into our pre-school from Martlesham, and all surrounding areas as well as Kesgrave and they then leave us to go onto all the local schools including Gorseland, Birchwood, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings, and Rendlesham. If you are interested in sending your child to St Michaels Pre-School and would like a prospectus or to arrange a visit please call Julie Benford on 01473 436125 or e-mail [admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk), or visit our website at [www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk).

Louise Peck

### **BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Martlesham Heath**

Birchwood Primary School at Mart-

lesham Heath is very proud to be displayed nationally as one of the top 20 performing schools in Suffolk. They came 18th out of 135 entered schools. Birchwood was second out of the Kesgrave pyramid of schools.

The Head Teacher, Mr Steve Cloke, and all the staff team at Birchwood should be congratulated for their diligence and commitment to achieve such a great result.

Mr Cloke said, "I am so proud of all my staff and pupils. We have all worked together to achieve this great result, and we intend to carry on the good work in the future to maintain Birchwood as one of the top primary schools in Suffolk."

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH** **AVIATION SOCIETY**

Friday 5th February and another large audience was present for an illustrated talk entitled, "From Bomber Crew to Fighter Controller" by Isaiah Levene, who is a resident here at Martlesham Heath. Many will know that Lee, as he prefers to be known, was the original proprietor of "Memories", the shop in The Square.

Lee had a most eventful career in the RAF. It began in 1940 and he was demobbed as a Flight Lieutenant in 1946, soon after marrying. Lee soon rejoined the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant and eventually retired in 1963.

His wartime career was as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner and he survived many operations over Germany with 100 Squadron, both in Wellingtons and Lancasters.

The story that Lee had to tell was too long to be concluded and after the break our own archivist Alan Smith recited a few incidences associated with Martlesham Heath between the wars.

A remarkable story by Lee was much appreciated by the audience and a vote of thanks was given by our President, Gordon Kinsey. It seems that both of them shared similar postings for part of WW2.

Our next meeting is on Friday 5th March. The speaker will be WgCdr, (ret'd), Gerry Honey, OBE,

FRAeS and the title of his illustrated talk is "Harrier Operations and Vintage Display Flying".

This promises to be a most interesting evening and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £1.50 at the door. All meetings are at the Community Hall Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm with a break for tea and coffee mid session.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

### **Martlesham in Bloom and Martlesham Community Council**

will be organising  
a

### **COMMUNITY EVENT**

in July

Watch this space!

More details next month.

More information - Burrows

01473 625196

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS** **CONSERVATION GROUP**

For some of you who maybe new to this area, our little woodland is situated behind the Martlesham Police HQ and can be accessed via their access road on the right, or from walking alongside Gorseland School, Deben Avenue and heading to the left of the green control tower building, visible from the school.

**The Working Party** continued to clear trees and bushes damaged by the snow. They also cleared around the recently planted hazel bushes.

One of our volunteers mislaid a spade in the woods. If anyone spots it please let us know.

**Nature Watch Club** - existing members are getting excited about starting back to Nature Watch next month. If your child enjoys being outside and learning about nature, why not find out more information and bring them along?

If you missed our AGM, don't worry, you are welcome to come to any of the workdays throughout the year! We are always looking for new volunteers. Please do not think of the workdays as hard, gruelling

work sessions, far from it: everyone does as much or as little as they like. No specialist gear is required, just wear old clothes and sensible footwear and we provide the tools, the cake and a cuppa!

**Dates for the diary:**

**Nature Watch Meeting** - Saturday 24th April

**Woodlands Work Morning** - Saturday 20th March, 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

For more information about PWCG and its activities please access our website at:

[www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup), or if you have any questions please e-mail us at [pwcg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:pwcg@martlesham.org.uk) or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

### **MARTLESHAM** **CONSERVATION GROUP**

Our regular monthly work party will take place on Sunday March 14th on the heath, western corridor. We will be following up on the Megabash event. Please come and join us, no tools or special expertise is needed. Meet out on the heath or outside the Douglas Bader at 10am if you are not sure where to find us. We may again have a bonfire if conditions are suitable.

The butterflies that have spent the winter in hibernation, such as the Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and the less frequent Brimstone, may emerge on warm days. These butterflies are some of the 30 species that may be seen on the heath; only 31 species are regularly recorded in our county. This high count bears out the importance of our local habitat, Dingy Skipper being the only species not present here.

If you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observations on local wildlife, please get in touch.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST** **Woodbridge Group**

On Thursday 18th March we have

an illustrated talk on "Dragonflies of Suffolk, Indicators of Climate Change" with David Healey who is a leading county expert on this fascinating group. The talk starts at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a great evening whilst David shares his passion for dragonflies with us. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member. Admission is £2 as usual.

Next month on Thursday 15th April we look at the Wildlife Trusts great project which is developing on a much larger scale than ever before - "Creating a Living Landscape for the Future" with Michael Strand at 7:15 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a great evening. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member. Admission is £2 as usual. We will have a very short AGM at the start of the meeting.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

**MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

We've won a match! 8-2 against Nayland, but due to our precarious position it may not be sufficient to avoid relegation next year. Still, it will mean "pastures revisited" and a renewal of old acquaintances.

A team from the club, Chris, Doug, June and Gordon, entered the drive at Leiston to raise funds for the 'Help for Heroes' charity. They did not gain any honours in the competition but at least their attendance showed support for the charity.

The club competitions are proceeding well and the next one will be the Triples which will be held on Sunday, 21st February. This will be quite a long session to fit in all the rounds during the afternoon to find the 'champion team'.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Alnesbourne Country Club on 4th February. This, with 32 members attending, was a successful evening with excellent food and company, and the event concluded with a quiz and a free draw provided from club funds.

Maureen Banthorp

**MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**  
**THE OUTDOOR BOWLING**  
**SEASON IS ALMOST HERE ONCE AGAIN**

**SO WHY NOT COME ALONG AND TRY THE GAME OF BOWLS?**

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

**WE BOWL BOTH SOCIALLY AND UP TO COUNTY LEVEL**

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 FROM: LINDA BROWN, SECRETARY OF MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB  
 ADDRESS: CHARNWOOD, 7A CALIFORNIA, WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK, IP12 4DE

**MARTLESHAM BRASS**

**Making Music Fun in East Anglia**  
 Everyone is welcome to our AGM on Friday 5th March at 7:30 at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath. This is a great opportunity to find out what the band has been up to over the past year and find out what plans the Bandleaders have for us during the coming months! Two very advance dates to put in your diaries - our Spring Concert on Saturday 1st May at Kesgrave Community Centre and our Band Summer Fair on Saturday 12th June at St Michael's Church Centre on Martlesham Heath.

Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

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 01473 623276  
 Registered Charity No. 1100922  
 Visit our website -  
**www.martleshambrass.co.uk**

**A TASTE OF SPRING**

Presenting 'Folk Songs and Other Ditties' in aid of The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. With Stephen Miles - tenor, Kathleen Wyatt - piano, also featuring The Orwell Singers with Musical Director Gloria Wilson. St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath on 10th April, 5 pm.

Light refreshments. Tickets £6 from Brenda 0770 8783136 and Debbie 01473 635955.

**MARTLESHAM HEATH COUNTRY MARKET**

After a break over Christmas and the New Year the market is now open again offering home baked savoury and sweet goods. We also have a good selection of hand made cards and various craft articles. Vegetables and eggs are also on offer.

The market trades every Tuesday from 9 am until 10:30 am and also offers coffee, tea and cakes.

Orders can be taken for specialist cakes and outside catering can be managed on a small scale. For more information please contact Penny Kerry 01473620922.

**Ooh! Sore Feet?**  
**Choose from a male or female practitioner**  
**Tel: 01473 720655**

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE DISASTER APPEAL**

**SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY AT TESCO MARTLESHAM**

Customers at Tesco Martlesham Heath dug deep into their pockets and gave £800.48 for the Rotary Shelter Box Appeal for Haiti. The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben had on display a fully equipped box and great interest was shown in what it contained, which is a tent for at least eight and all the necessities for a temporary home, like cooking equipment, blankets and even colouring books for the children, all designed to get a little normality back into a chaotic situation. With a little extra from Club funds the money for two shelter boxes was sent off on Monday.

Collection organiser, Richard Boothe, said that despite the recession people were very generous. One small child was heard to say that she had seen the boxes being loaded onto the plane on TV the night before as Mum gave her a handful of coins. The people of Haiti know every little helps.

So far 2,000 shelter boxes have been dispatched since the disaster with a further 3,000 going off this month. For more information about Shelter Box go to [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) or if you would like to get in touch with your local Rotary Club contact us on [www.debenrotary.org](http://www.debenrotary.org)

### **VILLAGE VIEWS**

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

#### **IN PURSUIT OF FASTER BROADBAND**

In my continued pursuit of faster broadband for Martlesham Heath I have been lobbying various people in BT and have been in contact with MHHL and the Parish Council and even the local press. Unfortunately this has so far had little effect and when BT recently announced the next phase of 62 exchanges to offer superfast broadband, none of these were in Suffolk. I'm sure there are many people on the Heath like me who are fed up with the excruciatingly slow broadband (especially at the South end of the village where speeds are less than 1 Mbps) and want to do something about it - well now there could be a way of getting our voices heard.

The East of England Development Agency (EEDA) is conducting a project called EREBUS to register demand for next generation broadband services in the Eastern Region. This is done on a postcode basis so if we can register enough demand in the IP5 postcode area we may have a better chance of getting high-speed broadband on Martlesham Heath.

It's very easy to register, takes less than 5 minutes and requires only your name, e-mail and postcode. You can also leave a message if you wish. I would en-

courage everyone who wants faster broadband on the Heath to register at: <http://erebusonline.org.uk/index.html>

Peter Loosemore  
[peter.loosemore@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.loosemore@btinternet.com)

#### **SIGN UP FOR MIDNIGHT WALK**

Ladies are invited to sign up for St Elizabeth Hospice's Midnight Walk 2010.

BBC Look East news presenter Susie Fowler-Watt is a supporter of the work the Hospice does and is urging women to sign up for the fundraiser, which takes place on Saturday 22nd May.

Women of all ages and abilities can take part in the eight mile circular walk, which leaves Ipswich Town Football Club in Portman Road around midnight.

You can register online now at [www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk](http://www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk)

Susie said: "I am a supporter of the work St Elizabeth Hospice does and the Midnight Walk is their biggest fundraising event of the year.

"Every penny raised will really make a difference to the support the Hospice gives to its patients, their families and carers throughout East Suffolk."

Men have a part to play too and can volunteer to help out on the night.

St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity which costs £5.9 million a year - or £11 a minute to run. The Hospice improves the quality of life for people in East Suffolk who have an illness from which they will not recover. For more information about Midnight Walk 2010 call 01473 707043 or e-mail [midnightwalk@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:midnightwalk@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

#### **STORYTELLING AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM**

Speak Easy at Martlesham enjoyed a fun and fascinating meeting in February when Andrew Brammer, an award winning member of Toastmasters International, came and gave his workshop on storytelling. His excellently delivered examples brought points to life about

not only how to tell stories but also the importance of storytelling as a way of getting information, points and messages across; it is not an art of the past but a vital one to take on into the future.

Speak Easy at Martlesham meet on alternate Thursdays at The Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB (behind Tesco) 7 pm for a 7:15 pm start. Guests are always welcome to come along to meetings.

Our next meetings are on:  
\*4th March, \*18th March, \*1st April, \*15th April

If you would like to learn more about the club please contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462. Further information can be found on the Speak Easy website - [www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk](http://www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk)

#### **VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER**

If you are having difficulty finding a satisfactory contact telephone number through which to direct your enquiries to Virgin Media, then please call Paul Keane on 01206 507473.

Paul is a manager with Virgin Media and is based at Colchester. Please contact him if you have any problems and hopefully he can assist you.

Martlesham Monthly

**MENINGITIS TRUST**  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
**THURSDAY MARCH 25TH**  
**10 - 12 NOON**  
**COME ALONG AND ENJOY A**  
**CHAT, COFFEE, AND CAKE**  
**AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF**  
**THE TRUST.**  
**KESGRAVE SCOUT HALL ( BY**  
**TESCO)**  
**BRIC-A-BRAC, STALL AND**  
**RAFFLE.**  
**ALL WELCOME.**

#### **QUIET DAYS IN A GARDEN**

Jeremy and Cynthia Walsh are offering informal Quiet Days in their garden and home again this year



on the following **Thursdays: 13th May, 24th June, 5th August and 9th September** (10 am - 4 pm).

All are welcome. There is a maximum of six places on each day, so booking in advance is essential. A simple lunch will be provided. Cost £5, payable on the day. Ring 01473 620797; or write to 6 Warren Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3SH; or e-mail: jandcwalsh@warrenlane6.freereserve.co.uk

### **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

March sees us well and truly into Lent during which season we will be visiting other churches in our Benefice and neighbouring Waldringfield Benefice. We welcome visitors from other Churches to Brightwell on Sunday March 14th at 6:30pm. But, of course, our Brightwell welcome is open to all at any time, not just during Lent!

What a joy to see the snowdrops breaking through in the churchyard and this serves to temper our discontent with nature as we suffer large numbers of molehills around the Church. At the time of writing, on a cold February day, it seems difficult to imagine warmer weather ahead but we look forward to April when we will be holding a Quite Quiet Day at the Church for artists, readers and relaxers on Friday April 30th. More details next month.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary  
brightwellpcc@tesco.net  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

**"Train up a child..."**

This coming Sunday (14th Feb), Martlesham in Bloom are planting trees at the recreation ground at the bottom of Martlesham Hill. This is a long term project, to be enjoyed not so much by us now, but by many future generations.

Bringing up children is a 'long term' project also. Parents try to so train a child that they will grow to be fulfilled people, good citizens and the kind of unselfish adults who will find ways to help people less fortunate.

Responsible parents will provide good education, balanced diets, health promotion and wise discipline, having longer aims in view.

If you are a parent have you considered a 'spiritual input' into your child's life? The writer of Ecclesiastes said "Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trial come". He knew that having a faith, a 'spiritual base', would help in the ups and downs of life.

Several churches in this area run suitable clubs for young people. At M.C.F. we have a cafe church on the first Sunday of each month, which is a 'family friendly' service. We also run an after school club on Mondays at 3:30 pm which caters for years 5, 6 and 7.

We all want our children to 'blossom' into wholesome, balanced adults. Now is the time to start planting good seed in their lives.

#### **ACTIVITIES IN MARCH**

**Sundays:** Worship and Teaching - 10 am, Communion - 11:45 am

**Mondays:** After School Club - 3:30 pm (Years 5, 6 and 7)

**Tuesday Circle:** 9th March

**Wednesdays:** House Groups - 7:30 pm

**Thursdays:** Mums and Toddlers - 10 am, Youth Club - 7 pm

**Fridays:** Friends on Friday - 10 am  
**'Café Church'** - Sunday 7th March

For further information, see the website [www.m-c-f.org](http://www.m-c-f.org), or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

### **EASTER AT BRIGHT STARS**

Bright Stars has been brightening up the dark and dull weather we have had recently with a theme of light. This has included finding out why Jesus is often called the light of the world, through games, singing, stories and crafts such as collage and making door hangers. Bright Stars is a fun children's worship and activity session held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath for pre-schoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers.

The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to welcoming you in the run up to Easter.

The remaining dates for our Spring 2010 sessions are:

March 8th,

March 22nd

The first date in the summer term will be:

April 26th

If you would like any further information please contact: Jo Dixon 01473 622160, Sonya Burrows 01473 625196 or Rev. Ian Naylor 01473 622424.

### **FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH**

Yet again I am writing this looking out on a white world - there has been more snow falling when we thought we had seen the last of it. But the signs of Spring are everywhere, with the leaves of bulbs showing through the cold earth. If you would like to see snowdrops go to St Mary's churchyard - they are a picture. Seeing the flowers blossom at this time of year is a reminder that God is at work in our lives, bringing new life into situations that had seemed cold and dead. His love is always there for each one of us and sometimes we forget to look for it, forget to spend time with him. Why not make a new start and come to one of our services where you can be assured of a warm welcome?

God Bless You.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

**prepared by the Christian Women of Cameroon**

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

**on Friday 5th March at 10:30 am**

**Speaker; The Rev'd Val White**

**also services at Woodbridge, St**

**Thomas's RC Church - 2 pm**

**Melton, St Andrew's - 7:30 pm**



**THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

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 Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 7th March Lent 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 14th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship/ Baptism	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 21st March Lent 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion 6:30pm Evensong	9:45am Worship Service and Junior Church
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday		8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church 6:30pm Evensong
Thurs 1st April Maundy Thursday		7pm Holy Communion	
Fri 2nd April Good Friday	7pm Service	10:30am Service	2pm Hour at the Cross
Sunday 4th April Easter Day	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Family Holy Communion

**NOTE:** : In Lent on Mar 7th Evensong will be at Newbourne at 6:30pm. **MIDWEEK SERVICES:** Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Monday 8th March and Monday 22nd March in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

**PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH**

Please use the following suggestions as a basis for your thanksgiving and intercessions:

5 Women's World Day of Prayer	18 the residents of Peel Yard
6 add your voice to Global Poverty Prayer Week (Tearfund)	19 integrity in the run-up to the General Election
7 the congregations at St Mary's & Brightwell Church	20 as Spring begins, thank God for his faithfulness
8 the Commonwealth	21 the congregation at MCF
9 Gorseland School	22 Beacon Hill school
10 the residents of Parkers Place	23 prisoners and prison Chaplains
11 Haiti as the people rebuild their communities	24 the residents of Pine Bank
12 Kesgrave High School	25 those struggling with addictions
13 Passion for Life events with Stephen Gaukroger (Corn Exchange)	26 protection for Christian freedom in UK legislation
14 mothers and family relationships	27 immigration issues (justice, compassion, etc.)
15 peace in Afghanistan	28 the congregation at St. Michaels
16 Birchwood School	29 those with mental health issues
17 Northern Ireland	30 Christian Youth Ministries (Ipswich)/Karen and Fusion 316

locally; 31 the residents of Portal Avenue; APRIL 1 "The fool says in his heart heart 'there is no God'": Pray for those who struggle to believe; 2 receive God's forgiveness at the foot of the Cross; 3 take time to forgive anyone who has hurt you; 4 Celebrate the Resurrection