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Martlesham Monthly Editors

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### MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

#### **Parish Council meetings**

We have been reviewing the way we work and as a result have decided to reduce the number of regular meetings, initially on a trial basis. This should not in any way

affect the accessibility of the Council to parishioners. The Development Plans Committee will now meet on a quarterly basis but this does not preclude a meeting if deemed necessary. If a parishioner has objections to a planning application on substantive planning grounds this will influence a decision on whether to hold a meeting or not. We aim to improve our efficiency through increased delegation to the Clerk and more specifically defined participation by councillors in local projects and consultations. To this end the Council has already formed an LDF (Local Development Framework)/BT Development Working Group to pursue the interests of the parish.

#### **Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy**

SCDC has informed us that as a result of their Council meeting on 18th March, the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies have been adopted as "interim planning policy for the determining of planning applications and enforcement". Further information can be found at: [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy/](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy/). This means that they are likely to determine the BT planning application in the coming months on the basis of the new policies. As yet we have no confirmed dates/deadlines.

The interim policies will remain in force until the Core Strategy has been through an Examination in Public in front of an independent inspector, likely to take place around February time 2011. Before that there will be a further round of consultation commencing in June 2010 for 8 weeks. This will be specifically on the "soundness" of the document, i.e. whether the proposals are justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

#### **New item of play equipment in the Harry Higgins Play Area, next to the Pavilion**

The Parish Council is installing a motorcycle spring mobile to replace the see-saw which could no longer be repaired. This item has kindly been funded through County Councillor Patricia O'Brien's locality

budget.

### **General Election on Thursday 6 May 2010**

Suffolk Coastal District's count for the General Election will take place at the close of the poll on 6th May at the Assembly Hall in the Suffolk Constabulary Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath.

### **Forthcoming meetings**

Please note that from 1st April the Council is making changes to the frequency of its committee meetings.

\*Annual Parish Council - Wednesday 5th May, followed by a brief meeting of each committee (listed below) to appoint their chairmen

\*Recreation & Amenities - Wednesday 12th May

\*Development Plans - Wednesday 19th May (**only if necessary**)

\*Finance & General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 26th May

\*Parish Council - Wednesday 2nd June

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

### **Contacting the Council**

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

Telephone: 01473 612632

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

### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM**

To enquire about booking Martlesham Community Hall or the Richards 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 available.

Alternatively, e-mail **the new** e-mail address

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

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

## **JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

### **The BT Adastral Park planning application**

The latest information as to when the BT planning application is likely to go to Suffolk Coastal's Development Control Committee is sometime between the end of June and the 22nd July. Please keep an eye on the N.A.N.T website for the latest information updates.

Please be aware that the BT application has some way to go yet before a final decision is reached, you may not believe this from comments made in the local press.

Possible outcomes are as follows:-

- Suffolk Coastal grants outline planning consent in June or July. The Government Minister involved may then call the decision in and allow a form of enquiry to take place.

- Suffolk Coastal grants outline planning consent and the Government Minister decides not to call it in. Planning permission will then be given.

- Suffolk Coastal refuses planning application. BT has the right to appeal and a Government Inspector will hold an enquiry giving all interested parties an opportunity to express their opinions before either upholding Suffolk Coastal's decision or overruling it and giving planning permission to BT.

From the options above you can see that some type of enquiry may still take place to allow everyone to have their say.

### **Suffolk Coastal's LDF**

You will be aware that at the Suffolk Coastal Full Council meeting held on March 18th it was recommended that the policies as presented be adopted as interim planning policy for the determining of planning applications and enforcement.

What happens next?

In order to complete the process through to adoption, the Core Strategy is required to go through one final round of public consultation when comments will be sought specifically in relation to the 'soundness' of the document. All comments received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate before a

local examination in public is held by an independent Planning Inspector. For more information about assessing the 'soundness' of LDF documents please visit the following website:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/public/tools/ldfguide/ldfguidancepub>

### **Mr Pipe's Field and Mill Farm Bloor Homes exhibition**

Hopefully I managed to contact **most** of the residents directly affected by these proposals and that you managed to attend this exhibition and let the Bloor Homes representatives know your feelings on the matter. For those of you who are not aware, Bloor Homes are intending to apply for planning permission to build 280 homes on the field next to the common and opposite the Black Tiles pub right through to Mill Farm, Felixstowe Road. Previous attempts have been made to develop this area and they have always been refused by Suffolk Coastal planners. Hopefully commonsense will continue to prevail on this matter. I will keep you updated as and when events occur.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues please e-mail [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or phone 01473 626308 after 6 pm or in writing to John Kelso, District Councillor Martlesham Ward, 115 Carlford Close, Martlesham Heath.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS**

You may have noticed that there was no column from MHHL in the March edition of this paper (Martlesham Monthly ran the previous month's column again). This was due to the writer having had an accident and thus it was overlooked. You may also have noticed that there was no representative at the Village Help Desk morning. This was due to only one director being available who then realised he was also due to be at another morning meeting elsewhere. As the AGM had only recently taken place he decided the other meeting took precedence. Why am I pointing this out? These two omissions illustrate the need for more Directors to be appointed to the Board of MHHL.

We are all trying to fit in MHHL business along with our regular daily lives and the fewer of us there are, the more difficult it is. If you have lived on the Village for some years and enjoyed all it has to offer, could you not give up a few hours a month to help out in managing this unique environment? We know plenty of people volunteer in all sorts of ways on the Village, be it Scouts, Martlesham in Bloom, youth club, coffee mornings in the church, etc. However, there must be a few people out there who don't yet volunteer, are newly retired or work part-time perhaps who could consider getting involved with MHHL work. Please think about it and let us know if you are interested.

Briefly, the gorse stumps have finally been removed along Eagle Way between Heathfield-The Oaks-Westland. MHHL has now received the forms for applying for funds from Natural England to help maintain the SSSI (a lengthy process). We have had our first small fire in the woodland (during Easter half term). Suffolk Coastal Services have done a very good job of cutting wide paths through the woods where gorse and bramble had come down during the recent snowfalls. As I write I await the first nightingales to return to the woods and hope that the lack of shrubby areas (beaten down by the snow) does not put them off. Too much dog mess still around the woods and the village green.

We have had to take down some trees growing too close to houses and hope to replace these in more appropriate places in the autumn.

Next Board Meeting (anyone can attend) is Monday, 17th May in St Michael's Church Centre, 7:30 pm. Contact with MHHL can be by phone 01473 612207, e-mail [mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk) or by letter to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Website is <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

**MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM & MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**“A Moment in Time in Martlesham”**

**23rd to 25th July**

**Paint, draw or photograph on the above theme during those days in the parish of Martlesham.**

**Open to everyone, whatever your age or ability, amateur or professional.**

**This is not a competition, the aim is to make a record for future generations.**

**There will be an exhibition on Saturday 18th September to highlight the weekend's work, with this there will also be an Open Art Exhibition.**

**For further details of how to take part in “A Moment in Time in Martlesham” or the Open Art Exhibition**

**please contact the Burrows family on 01473 625196 or Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.**

**MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

Thank you to all the members who attended the Club's 19th Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of the 18th AGM were adopted. Our President, Mrs Sheila Woods, gave her address and stated that she will remain as President. Our Chairman, Mrs Margaret Forbes, read her report followed by reports from 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 Margaret Perry/Novice class with Mrs Ann Chisem/Senior class. With one exception the present committee agreed to stand again. Mrs Barbara Bown has resigned as Secretary due to other commitments and Mrs Margaret Doveston will take up the position.

We then welcomed Mrs Lyn Eatwell of the Woodbridge Flower Club who gave us a short demonstration.

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 remains at £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 19th May when Mrs Eve Regelous will give a demonstration entitled “A Kind of Magic”. The competition is “Colour and Sparkle”. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Margaret Doveston  
01473 624422

**MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITIONS 2010**

For Martlesham parishioners and businesses to enter:

**(A) Most Attractive Summer Front Garden**

The Martlesham in Bloom Cup.

**(B) Most effective use of hanging basket(s) and/or container(s) in the front of your property**

The Meadhome Cup (Home Meadows Nursery Ltd).

**(C) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a Commercial or Business premises**

The Martlesham in Bloom Commercial Cup.

**(D) Most Interesting Back Garden**

The Martlesham in Bloom Shield.

**(E) An Unusual Planted Container in your garden**

Certificates will be awarded by Martlesham in Bloom.

**(F) Environment Personality of the Year**

Certificates will be awarded by Martlesham in Bloom.

**(G) Best Kept Community Area, Close, Lane, Place, Road, Square or Street in the Parish of Martlesham**

Certificates will be awarded by Martlesham in Bloom.

The competitions will be judged by Martlesham in Bloom committee members by early August. Martlesham in Bloom reserves the right to photograph all entries for Martlesham in Bloom purposes.

For (D) and (E) above the date and time of judging to be arranged with the entrant

All entries, except for (D) and (E) above, must be able to be viewed

from the road or other publicly accessed area.

**Closing date for entries is Monday 12th July (entry free).**

**Please contact the Secretary (details below) for entry forms.**

**Summer Hanging Baskets in The Square and containers of summer bedding elsewhere within Martlesham**

As in previous years we are arranging to have floral hanging baskets in The Square for the summer and several containers of summer bedding plants at other locations in Martlesham. They make very colourful displays that are enjoyed by many people and each year the Anglia in Bloom judges have been impressed by the display.

We are looking for sponsors to help pay for the baskets and containers and if you are a member of an organisation or business, or you yourself would like to help, whether by sponsoring a basket or container or providing a donation towards their cost, please contact the secretary for a sponsor form.

We will be advertising our sponsors as much as possible and the sponsor's names will be attached to the baskets when they are hung in early June.

**Our next event:-**

## **Jumble & Plant Sale**

**10 am to 12 noon**

**Saturday 19th June**

**in The Pavilion**

**Martlesham Heath**

**If you have any jumble/ bric-a-brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007**

**The above sale is 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 W.I.**

It was obvious from listening to our speaker Miss Maryanne Bartlett that art is her passion. She started drawing and painting when she was

with her grandmother as a young child. Whilst on a visit to Malawi several years ago, a safari company asked her to run an art weekend and she enjoyed it so much she decided to set up a company called Art Safari and she now takes groups of artists to Malawi to draw and paint. Maryanne told us of the poverty in the villages of Malawi and how she and a journalist friend published a book of sketches in 2006 and the money raised through the sale of the book was used to build an orphanage. A further book of sketches was published in 2008 and income from selling this has enabled the orphanage to increase its number of children to 120. The sketch books were stunning with numerous drawings of African animals, landscapes and villagers.

Maryanne is also involved in other projects which are supported by her Art Safari company including one in Namibia where a sports academy has been set up and another in Antarctica supporting the Albatross fund. There seemed to be no end to her enthusiasm and we all admired her beautiful art work, energy and dedication.

Our next meeting will be our Resolutions meeting on 20th May at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

## **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Just two more months to go before we break for the Summer and we have some really interesting speakers to look forward to, they are:

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

\*6th May: Armchair Walk - Speaker; Ann Day from the Ipswich Tourist Office

\*20th May: A Dog Handler - Speaker; Chris Place from HMPS Hollesley

\*3rd June: Doll's House - Speaker; Doreen Durrell

\*17th June: AGM

We then have our Summer break and our Autumn Meetings will start again on 9th September.

Our meetings are held

alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre at 7:30 pm and new members are most welcome at any time of year. Any enquiries, please telephone Margaret on 01473 380393.

Margaret Green

## **MARTLESHAM MUM'S CLUB**

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 4th May. Lunch will be served at around 1 pm followed by a talk on the important subject of 'Baby and Toddler First Aid' by Philip Byrne. All mums with pre-school children will be most welcome.

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

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

We would like to invite members, their family and friends to a Pamper Evening we are holding at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath on Thursday 20th May from 7:30 pm – 10 pm. Entrance is free. We will be holding a raffle on the night and tickets are available in advance from the session leader.

We've booked a photographer for Friday 28th May. 15 minute time slots are available between 10 am and 5 pm and can be booked with the session leader. A £10 deposit is required, which then gets you a free 9" x 6" photo.

We will be holding our AGM in the Martlesham Pavilion on Tuesday 1st June at 8 pm. The AGM is a crucial event in the life of the group. Not only do we need a full committee to be able to run the group, we also need plenty of members at the meeting to elect that committee. Without your attendance the group will sadly have to close, and we've come very close to it each time round over the past 3 years. Please spare us an hour (maximum) of your time to make sure that this valuable resource keeps going.

There are likely to be some vacancies on the committee for next year. Please speak to any member of the committee (our contact de-

tails are displayed on the board at sessions) or e-mail us (address below) if you're interested in joining the committee or would just like to find out a bit more.

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 email [martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm](mailto:martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm).

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

This year our 25th Anniversary Fun Day takes place on Saturday May 22nd. The theme is "medieval" and we're hoping that our children will dress for the occasion and make some medieval-style hats. Make a note of the time – 12:30 to 4 pm. Come along for the BBQ and then join in the fun and games. The Fun Day will have all the usual attractions – refreshments, bouncy castle, fun and games, pony rides, entertainer, coconut shy and crockery smash! If your children (or you) attended the playschool at the Old Control Tower come along and visit us!

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. As mentioned, the summer term is full, but we would urge parents to get their children registered for future terms as soon as possible. Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

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

#### **Martlesham Heath**

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

A big thank you to the families who attended the AGM and welcome to the new committee members. Committee members will be added to our website shortly. We are always looking for new ways to raise funds for the playschool, so if you have any great ideas please speak to staff or committee members. We are also collecting the Tesco for Schools vouchers and Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and a collection box is in the foyer for all tokens.

We are now booking for September and have limited spaces available, so please contact our bookings secretary to register now to avoid disappointment.

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 4 3 6 1 2 5 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

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

On the front of the Church Diocesan website is a picture of the new Mothers' Union President for St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Val Jeffreys is standing with Bishop Nigel and The Mothers' Union Chaplain, Rev. Andrew Dotchin. This photograph was taken after the commissioning of the new president, in our beautiful cathedral in Bury St Edmunds on March 25th. More than 300 members from all over Suffolk attended this very special occasion, which only happens every three years.

The Mothers' Union has a very full and informative website at [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)

I do recommend this site to you; Mothers' Union is involved in so many projects both in the UK and worldwide. Locally, members have been very busy sharing the Easter Experience with school children, and dramatising bible stories for them

A parenting course is about to start at St Michael's, and members are now offering hospitality to parents and friends of remand prisoners that are visiting at Hollesley Bay Prison.

There are so many areas where members can offer a helping hand.

For more information please get in touch with Elizabeth Corker on 01394 210793 or Marion Naylor on 01473 624196

### **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP**

Thank you to all those parents, relatives and friends of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who bought tickets in our recent fundraising raffle. Special thanks to Fraser-Hann Financial Services, Roselea Nurseries, Colchester Zoo, Eastern Farm Park and Beacon Rally Carts for donating the prizes. Also thanks to Martlesham Monthly for donating the cost of the raffle tickets. Overall this event raised around £200. Well done to our winners O Chapman, H Fricker, J Alexander, L Smith and J Rhodes. This term the groups are planning lots of exciting activities...more details next month. As a group we still have a few vacancies so if you are

interested please contact the Membership Secretary Paul at marsh.pr@gmail.com

Heather Hann

### **1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS NEED HELP TO GO RETRO**

To celebrate Girlguiding UK's Centenary, we are planning a special Retro camp at Sutton Hoo, at the end of July. To help us add to the authenticity of our camping experience, we would like to use kit and equipment that is sympathetic to the era of the 1940's/50's and 60's. We are still looking to find/borrow a bell tent, items of enamelware large and small, metal buckets, wooden crates for camp storage & a tea chest, to try and make into a hay box for cooking. If you could help with any of these items, please contact Jo Dixon on 01473 622160.

Suffolk County Guiding Archive is also putting together a display to be used at the National Trust visitor centre, whilst we are camping on site, to illustrate the history of Guiding in Suffolk and the Camp experience in general. If you have any photographs or Guiding memorabilia that could be included in this, please contact Wendy Spencer on 01379 871125.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Friday 9th May and the subject at our monthly meeting was "The Alcock and Brown Story". The speaker was Group Captain Tony Alcock, MBE retd. Tony, who lives locally, is the nephew of John Alcock, who with Arthur Whitton Brown made the first non-stop transatlantic flight. Tony comes from a family of aviators. His father was a career officer in the RAF and interestingly was one of a select number of servicemen who was actually detailed to assist in the establishment of Imperial Airways when the government of the day was keen to open up the "Empire Air Routes". Tony's father clocked up 25000 hours of flying before retiring in 1955. Tony Alcock followed in the family tradition and also had a most interesting and eventful RAF career. However the

subject for the evening was the first crossing of the Atlantic by his uncle and Arthur Whitton Brown.

Tony Alcock explained that the pair were late getting to Newfoundland and had difficulty finding a suitable field to take off from. A very good 45 minute video was then shown and this told the complete story of how despite all the odds the Vimy flew the Atlantic to end up ignominiously in an Irish peat bog. Somewhat bent, but triumphant. They were knighted by a grateful nation.

As for the story of Tony Alcock's RAF career, perhaps we can persuade him to return to tell us all? One of the crowning achievements of his career was to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first crossing by flying a gaily painted Phantom F4 with a navigator called Brown across the Atlantic.

A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey on behalf of an enthusiastic, near capacity audience.

Our next meeting is on Friday May 7th and is the occasion of our AGM, followed by a photographic competition. Non-members are welcome for no charge on this evening.

All meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road, (behind Tesco's), and start at 7:30pm.

The Control Tower Museum off Parkers Place is now open every Sunday afternoon from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

March Work Morning, we continued clearing the scrub, building barriers with dead wood and fallen branches to create more habitats.

We were visited by a woodcock while working and he has been seen a number of times since. This is a first for our woods.

**Nature Watch Club** - will be held on Saturday 22nd May and the children will have the opportunity to discover more about deer. For more details please go to our website, and to book a place send an e-mail to

naturewatch.pwccg@martlesham.org.uk

### **NEWSFLASH – THE FIRST MEETING OF NATURE EXPLORERS CLUB IS ON 15TH MAY.**

This club is aimed at the age group 10+, with more emphasis on the practical side of wildlife. There will be one hour of fun learning, followed by some practical hands on work. The first area covered will be habitats. If you are interested in this again please use the e-mail above.

#### **Dates for the diary:**

**Nature Watch Meeting** - Saturday 22nd May - Deer, 10 am—noon.

**Nature Explorers Club** - Saturday 15th May, 9 am - 11 am

**Woodlands Work Morning** - Saturday 15th May, 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 [pwccg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:pwccg@martlesham.org.uk) or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Our regular work party meeting will take place on Sunday May 16th. Please note the difference from the pattern of previous months. We will be conducting a bird survey by walking around our woodland on the heath looking and listening for the birds present. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

The birdsong has already started to pick up. More migrants are arriving.

It would be great to also get some of the rarer specialist heathland bird species such as the Nightjar and Woodlark out on the heath. These birds are ground nesting birds and so are particularly vulnerable and prone to disturbance. However, the southern end of the heathland area may be too open after the fire we had in May last year. Dog walkers could help considerably by walking their dogs on a lead until the end of July.

Several butterflies have been seen on the warmer sunnier days. I have seen plenty of Peacocks and Comas myself and several people have reported they have seen the wide ranging bright yellow Brimstones.

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

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 Sunday 9th May from 2 pm to 4 pm at Foxburrow Farm, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton, we have our annual plant sale. Lots of plants will be available, all at bargain prices, and we will be serving refreshments and cakes, and having a raffle. There is also the farm nature trail to explore. Please come along and support us.

We welcome any donations of plants, raffle prizes, etc. If you can help either on the Saturday afternoon before or on Sunday please give me a call, as we are always in need of helpers.

On Sunday 2nd May we have an early morning walk around our Newbourne springs reserve from 6 am to 8:30 am approximately when we hope to hear and see a great variety of birds. Meet and park at the car park at OS grid reference TM 274433.

We have another walk from Rendlesham Forest to Staverton Thicks on the afternoon of Saturday 22nd May at 2 pm - 5 pm approximately looking out mostly for birds in the varied habitat along the route through pine forest, heathland, ancient woodland and wood pasture. Meet and park at OS Grid reference TM355490 just before the forest car park. Please contact myself or Mervyn Miller on 01394 411237 for further details.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

The Winter season has now been  
on Saturday September 20th

officially completed and, as we anticipated, we have, unfortunately, been relegated.

Now we can look forward to the Summer and our first match will be against Bealings on 14th May. Hopefully we will make an impressive start to the season!

The Fours competition was completed on Sunday 21st March, the winners being Colin, Bob, John and Oscar. An enjoyable afternoon for all involved.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th May commencing at 2 pm.

Maureen Banthorp

### **MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

Brian Davey - 01473 624789

Linda Brown - 01394 384698

George Gould - 01473 636155

The bowls season is now under way. If you would like some fresh air, good company and light exercise then bowling is the pastime for you.

The Club is situated on the recreation ground in the old part of Martlesham. We enjoy a sheltered and very quiet position, away from busy roads.

We are only too pleased to welcome newcomers to the game. We will help with instruction but the best way to learn how to play the game of bowls is to take part and to learn as you go along.

For those of you who know how the game is played or have played in the past and are looking to take it up once again, we have a full programme of bowling throughout the outdoor season to offer you. We have Social Club bowling twice a week and have various club competitions running throughout the season. We enter into three Leagues, various Cup competitions and play a number of Friendly matches.

If you would like to visit the club and try your hand at the game on our Green please contact one of our members above.

Once a month on a Wednesday throughout the season we hold an Open Pairs Tournament, which are very popular with both our own members and non-members of the club.

We also hold two Open

7

7 pm until 7.00 pm

Weekend Pairs Tournaments:

\*The Sheila McIntyre Rose Bowl - Saturday 19th June - starting time 10 am.

\*The Cyril Marsh Memorial Shield - Sunday 12th September - starting time 10 am.

If you would like to join us on the above days please contact Linda Brown on the above number, we would be very happy to welcome you to the club.

Linda Brown, Secretary

### **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

#### **Making Music Fun in East Anglia**

Everyone will be very welcome at our Spring Concert on Saturday 1st May at Kesgrave Community Centre starting at 7 pm. Tickets are £2.50 (children 11 and under free) from either 07802 868924 or order online at [www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk). All our bands will be performing, from the beginner group to our main band, there will be a raffle and light refreshments will be available during the interval.

The band has recently been awarded £469 from Councillor Steven Hudson's locality budget. This will be used to purchase some new Christmas and marching music for the band. We are very grateful to Steven for his continued support towards the band.

The Band Summer Fayre is on Saturday 12th June at St Michael's Church Centre on Martlesham Heath. It starts at 1:30 pm and there will be a BBQ and cake stall and the Grand Draw first prize is £100 (kindly donated by Itron).

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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Visit our website -  
[www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk)

**Do come and support the event below**

**HPE Music presents:-  
A  
FAMILY CONCERT  
FOR HAITI  
Saturday 8th May, 7:30 pm  
At St Michael's Church Centre,  
Martlesham Heath**

*Featuring  
Music, Song and Verse  
by  
Martlesham Cantilena Choir  
and  
Melton Folk*

**Profit to the DEC Haiti Appeal.**

There will be light refreshments and a raffle.

Admission on the door £5 (adults),  
£3 (children under 16)  
Further details from Burrows  
tel. 01473 625196

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

### VILLAGE VIEWS

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

#### **GARDEN BONFIRES**

May I make a plea, via the pages of Martlesham Monthly, for residents of Martlesham to be considerate to their neighbours when burning garden rubbish?

On the days with good weather, most of us have washing drying outside and/or windows open, but they are exactly the same days that some residents choose to have garden bonfires. It is extremely frustrating to have to re-wash clothes, to dry them indoors and to close all windows because of this, so I'm politely requesting that if you must burn your garden waste, that you do so in the early evenings

when there is less likelihood of washing being out and windows open. Thank you.

Mrs Harper

### MENINGITIS TRUST

The coffee morning held for the Trust in Kesgrave in March raised £555. A very big thank you to every one who came along and gave support and donations. It was a pleasant time enjoyed by many. THANK YOU.

### SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM EVALUATION - THE KEY TO SUCCESS

At our meetings not only do members have the opportunity to give impromptu and prepared speeches but they also take turns to provide verbal evaluations on speeches given by others. Evaluations provide an opportunity to highlight skills that the speaker has, suggest points for improvement and comment on what has worked well in a speech; this provides the speaker with something to work on for the next speech so that they continue to improve and become more confident in their abilities. Positive evaluations can give food for thought for not only the speaker but the rest of the audience too who may be able to relate to some of the points themselves, so are a key part of meetings. Why not come to a meeting and hear some for yourself?

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:

\*29th April, \*13th May, \*27th May,  
\*June 10th, \*June 24th

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.

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### BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Solar Thermal Presentation

Thursday 20th May 3 pm/  
Thursday 27th May 6 pm

The children and staff at Birchwood Primary School would like to invite you to a presentation by our School/Eco council of our solar thermal project. The panels were installed last October and we have been following the progress and benefiting from free hot water.

We would like to take this opportunity to share this project with you.

Birchwood are proud to be a part of the Eco-Schools project, a programme designed to help reduce the environmental impact of the school on the community whilst encouraging our students to take responsibility for the future of their own environment. We are committed to the involvement of our students throughout the entire programme including the planning, monitoring, and decision-making. We currently hold the internationally recognised 'Green Flag' and are winners of this year's 'Suffolk Greenest County event' in the Buildings, energy and water category.

We would appreciate if you would let us know which date you would be able to attend by replying to our school office.

Tel: 01473 610701

E-mail: [ad.birchwood.p@talk21.com](mailto:ad.birchwood.p@talk21.com)

### KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL 'GREENEST SCHOOL'

In February Kesgrave High School was shortlisted in the 'Greenest



School' category for Suffolk's 'Creating the Greenest County' awards 2010 and myself and three sixth form students (Rachel Dally, Jess Green and Mark Peak) attended the awards ceremony, at Wantisden Valley, on Thursday 18th March. We were honoured to be awarded the 'Greenest School' award!

Our achievements would not have been possible without our student's commitment and enthusiasm; whether it's their decision to cycle to school or their decision to become part of an eco-project, each of them plays a part in Kesgrave High School's rapidly improving sustainability and therefore in our achievement of the 'Greenest School'.

This is an amazing accolade for Kesgrave High School and we are very proud that we are leading the way in sustainability for Suffolk schools and communities.

### **POVERTY – LET'S END IT.**

#### **PLEASE HELP 9TH-15TH MAY**

Imagine living in a slum without proper access to clean water and sanitation. Sorry, it's not a pretty picture. But that's what many of the world's poorest people have to put up with every day. Can you help? Well, this month, yes, you can!

Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, action and prayer, raising funds to make real and lasting changes in the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Organised by the different churches in the UK and Ireland, the money is sent to anyone in need, irrespective of race or creed, through partner organisations who are best placed to make a difference on the ground.

And this is where you can help. We're organising a house-to-house collection in Martlesham and Martlesham Heath, so when you receive your red envelope please give as generously as you can. We try to cover every road but we desperately need new volunteer collectors – especially in Martlesham. Please contact me if you can spare a few hours delivering or collecting envelopes in your area.

Poverty is a disgrace. We

can help end it!

Carolyn Smith - 01473 625630

### **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

Two special Services for May are the Rogation Service on Sunday 9th at 3 pm in the Churchyard, weather permitting – a service of thanks and blessings for crops and agriculture generally, and on the fifth Sunday, May 30th, A Songs of Praise entitled "Chapter and Verse" where we are inviting anyone who has a favourite hymn or bible reading to ask for it to be part of the Service. This will be rather like a Service of nine lessons and carols. Please let me know if you would like to select an item for this Service.

We are already well on with our plans for our Patronal Festival of St John the Baptist which will be centred on an exhibition at the Church over the weekend of June 26/27th. We are also planning a concert at the Church Hall for the evening of Friday 25th June as part of the same event.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary  
brightwellpcc@tesco.net

[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

#### **"365 steps to Heaven"**

My wife and I recently spent a holiday in Majorca. We visited a town in the North East called Pollensa. The courier on the coach said as we approached the town, "I will take you to the 365 steps, which have a Church at the top. Tradition says that if you climb all the steps, then you are exempt from doing penance for a whole year." The exercise was good and rewarding but hard work!

Many people live under the impression that we need to 'climb steps' in order to reach the Kingdom of God, or to merit His forgiveness. But God is Holy and perfect, and no one can do enough to earn their salvation. The Christian Gospel teaches that Christ, in His love for us, has met God's demands on our behalf by His perfect sacrifice for our sins. God is able to forgive us

and cleanse us because of the price paid by Christ.

So Paul is able to write in Romans Ch 3 - "An acceptance from God is now available. Not through our efforts and good works. This acceptance comes through faith in Christ Jesus, to all who believe."

There is a sense in which Christ has climbed those steps for us, bearing our load of guilt.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING MAY**

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

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

**Tuesday Circle:** 11th May - 'The Work of the Missing Persons Bureau'

**Thursdays:** Mums and Toddlers - 10 am

**Fridays:** Friends on Friday - 10 am

**'Café Church'** - Sunday 2nd May

For further information contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

### **SUMMER AT BRIGHT STARS**

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. We incorporate stories, crafts, activities and songs into sessions, each of which is based on a different story from the Bible.

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 seeing you.

The dates for the summer term are:

April 26th, May 10th, May 24th,  
June 14th, June 28th, July 12th

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



## 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 2nd May Easter 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Friday 9th May Easter 6	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Communion & Junior Church
Saturday 16th May Easter 7	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Communion (CW)	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 23rd May Pentecost	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday	6:30pm 'Chapter & Verse	11am All Age Worship Benefice Service	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 6th June Trinity 1	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 Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Mondays 10th and 24th May in St Michael's Church Centre. **A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.**

Pray daily for peace in our world, and  
 5 for the residents of Roma Avenue  
 6 for a fair and just general election  
 7 for the EACH Treehouse Appeal  
 8 for victims of forced marriages  
**9 give thanks for our parish and its people**  
 10 for victims of the Moscow underground bombing  
 11 for members of our armed forces  
 12 for the residents of Saddlers Place  
 13 celebrate Christ's ascent to Heaven  
 14 for victims of mudslides in Brazil  
 15 for those who feel lonely and unloved  
**16 give thanks for our freedom to worship**  
 17 for peace between Israel and Palestine  
 18 for all those serving prison sentences  
 19 for the residents of Sandy Lane  
 20 for those facing redundancy and financial hardship  
 21 give thanks for our families and friends  
 22 for an increase in parenting skills  
**23 celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit**  
 24 for ongoing rehabilitation in Haiti  
 25 for victims of domestic abuse  
 26 for the residents of School Lane

27 for firefighters  
 28 for our annual Parish Meeting  
 29 give thanks towards the move for less emphasis on nuclear weapons  
**30 give thanks for God's unconditional love**  
 31 for safe travel on this bank holiday  
 JUNE 1 for students shortly leaving university  
 2 give thanks for the reign of our Queen  
 3 for the residents of Shaw Valley Road  
 4 for those who work in our shops and supermarkets