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Martlesham Monthly Editors

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY MAMMALS

May:- Common rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*). The common rabbit was introduced to the UK by the Normans. The rabbits were farmed in Royal Rabbit Warrens as a source of food. The nearest recorded warren to Martlesham is Woodbridge. Some rabbits escaped and today they are commonplace through out the UK. The common rabbit breeds from February to July, having 4-6 litters. After 4 weeks old they are independent.

Rabbits live in burrows. The young are born in special nesting burrow and at 4 weeks are transferred to the family burrow. Rabbits are sociable animals living in large family groups with a dominance hierarchy. They are widespread across the parish.

POLICE

Community Police Officer

PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office—01473 334980

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

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 7 volunteers (funded

entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

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

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

**THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER?
ARE YOU READY? DO YOU
NEED ADVICE?**

If you need to talk to a consultant about the cable disconnection here on Martlesham Heath and about the Digital Switchover, come along for FREE advice and help.

ALSO IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS A PROBLEM OR ANY OTHER TOPIC, PLEASE COME TO THE PAVILION, THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY THERE WHO CAN HELP YOU

IT IS ALL FREE

10 am – 12 noon

on Saturday 11th June

**MARTLESHAM HEATH
PAVILION**

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

There will be a representative from

- The Parish Council,
- Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd
- The Suffolk Constabulary
- District Councillors
- County Councillor
- **FREE ADVICE FROM A SOLICITOR**
- **FREE ADVICE FOR THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER**

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

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Centenary Playspace, adjacent to Gorseland School – Official Opening by British Athlete Helen Decker, Friday 27th May, 3:45 pm

By the time you read this we hope that the work will be finished! To celebrate we are holding an event on Friday 27th May, at 3:45 pm. Plans are not yet finalised but hopefully will include: opening by marathon runner, Helen Decker, goody bags whilst stocks last, ice cream van and live music. The most important thing of course will be trying out the new play equipment! Look out for posters on parish notice boards.

Litter pick on Saturday morning 28th May

Please join in – meet 10 am in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road. Sacks and gloves will be provided, along with a mid-morning break for refreshments!

Result of uncontested election for Parish councillors

We have confirmation from Suffolk Coastal District Council that the 3 Martlesham wards will not be contested. However don't forget to vote for your district councillors on 5th May! Parish Council results are as follows:

Martlesham Parish Ward: Jackie Bear, Chris Blundell, Leo Brome, Laurence Burrows, Stephen Denton, John Forbes, Tony Green, Mike Irwin, John Kelso, Colin Moore, Richard Staines, Wally Welch.

Martlesham North Parish Ward: Ian O'Brien Baker.

Martlesham West Parish Ward: Duncan Sweeting.

The Council wishes to thank Margaret Kersey and Richard Whiting for their work and contribution to the parish as they are standing down this time. It welcomes Stephen Denton as a new councillor.

We are left with one vacancy for the Martlesham North ward. At its first meeting on Wednesday 18th May the new council will be in a position to co-opt a councillor so if you thought of standing but didn't get round to it there is still time! Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Abandoned Tesco trolleys

Please report any abandoned Tesco trolleys to their helpline number: 0800 505555.

Forthcoming meetings

Please note the Parish Council meeting does not take place on the first Wednesday in May due to the election process.

*Recreation & Amenities – 4th May

***Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 18th May**

*Finance & General Purposes - 25th May

*Parish Council – 1st 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

website: www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk for latest news and events

Parish Office (at above address) opening times: 9 am – 12 noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance.

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 or write to The Booking Secretary, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich, IP12 4PB.

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered charity number 273769

Martlesham Community Council are holding a Charity Golf Tournament which is being sponsored by Barker Gotelee on Friday 6th May in order to raise funds not only for the replacement Village Hall but also for the East Anglian Air Ambulance at Waldringfield Golf Club.

The entry fee is £120 for teams of four which include 18 holes of golf, bacon roll and coffee on arrival and a light lunch. There will be prizes for best of three of four Stapleford, nearest pin and longest drive par 3. The Air Ambulance Service will be having a stall.

There is also a Grand Draw with lovely prizes. e.g., a short break in a Suffolk Cottage (up to 3 nights), a day at the Newmarket races, a trip on the River Orwell, plus many other lovely prizes

Sponsors are invited to sponsor one of the holes and display their own materials.

Those who would like to take part should contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 for further information.

JUMBLE SALE

The Community Council are also holding a Jumble Sale on the 18th June in the Pavilion Martlesham Heath from 10 am -12 noon. Admission 30p.

MCC SCRIBE

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event;

Volunteering in Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB

by Lynn Allen,
Countryside Officer with the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Unit

Tuesday 10th May

7:30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

This event will also include our AGM and the launch of our summer garden competitions.

There will be light refreshments, raffle and plants for sale.

Everyone welcome

Admission free.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact:-

J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Thank you to all the members who attended the Club's 20th AGM. The Minutes of the 19th AGM were adopted. 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 and Treasurer. The annual cups for the competitions held throughout the year were won by Mrs Ann Chisem/Senior class and Mrs Kate Burrows/Novice class. With one exception the present committee agreed to stand again. Mrs Ann Chisem has resigned as Treasurer due to other commitments. We then welcomed Mr Guy Barker, a landscape gardener from Diss, who gave an informative and entertaining talk on his life's work with plants and gardens.

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 the 18th May with a demonstration by Lyn Curtis entitled 'Fun with Flowers'. The competition is 'Flowers in an unusual container'. All are most welcome.

Margaret Doveston - 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Barbara Rose, a Kesgrave W.I. member, came to our February meeting and spoke about her work as Manager of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Felixstowe – a talk which provoked many questions at the end of the evening.

Unfortunately, our speaker for March was unable to be with us due to illness so we organised a quiz and a member gave an account of the Suffolk East AGM at

Trinity Park when Alan Dedicoat was the main speaker.

Our April speaker is Ted Wheatley with a talk entitled 'Travels Around the World on a Scooter'. At the May meeting the resolution to be put forward at the AGM in Liverpool will be discussed. This concerns the threatened closure of many rural libraries. There will also be a talk by Mrs Stennett from Lux Farm in Playford.

Arrangements are in hand for a visit to Southwold Theatre in August and some short guided walks around Ipswich.

In June one of our favourite speakers, Mark Mitchels, will be returning to tell us about Beatrix Potter.

We meet on the second Monday of the month, at 7:30 pm, in the Pavilion and any lady is most welcome to join us.

Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Our speaker this month was Mr Pip Wright who gave a talk entitled 'Frolic, Fervour and Fornication'. We were intrigued by this title but having seen some of the entries from parish records which he had collected over the years we understood why he chose it. It was Henry VIII who first suggested that parsons should keep records of births, deaths and burials and from many of these entries it was clear that some parsons were far from discreet. Because of these indiscretions legislation was changed at the end of the reign of Elizabeth I and parsons were all supplied with a record book and copies were sent to the Bishop every three months. Nevertheless this did not stop scandalous remarks being made in the registers, many of which were highly amusing. Mr Wright managed to find all manner of strange things which should not have been in the registers. These included a recipe for apple pie, two cures for the bite of a dog and the reason why the vicar could not get to the church – it was because of snow! Registers today are very different but will never be as entertaining as those discovered by Mr Wright.

The next meeting is our Resolutions meeting which will be in the Richards Room at 7:30 pm on 20th May. If you are interested in joining our small friendly group we would be very pleased to see you. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Martlesham Ladies Club invite you to their COFFEE MORNING on 14th May at the Pavillion, Martlesham Heath, 10 until 12 noon, 50p entrance fee which includes refreshments. All proceeds to charity. All welcome.

The Ladies Club meets fortnightly on Thursdays at the Richard Room, 7:30 pm. We enjoy speakers, quizzes and suppers. On 5th May Colin French will talk to us on the Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service and on 19th Pip Wright will talk on the Suffolk Witches. Newcomers are always welcome. Telephone Doreen Boar for further information on 01473 622768.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

A few weeks ago 228 members of the Mothers' Union gathered in the church of St Edmund, King and Martyr in Southwold to celebrate the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. More commonly known as "Lady Day", the address was given by the Mothers' Union chaplain, Rev. Andrew Dotchin and the service was led by the rector of Southwold, Rev. Simon Pitcher. This was just one occasion when members were able to get together in fellowship, faith and fun. Most members stayed in Southwold for lunch before returning to the various parts of our beautiful county.

Another occasion when friendship was shared locally was Shrove Tuesday, when pancakes were made and devoured in copious numbers, and Lent lunches have been produced each following Tuesday up to Easter. There is something very comforting about sharing food together, even the washing up afterwards is better shared!

The MU in Martlesham meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm, and of course these meetings always finish with a good old cup of tea and biccys.

You would be **very welcome** to come along and join us at these meetings. Further information can be obtained from Florence Fisher on 01473 631347.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

As a group we raised £18.50 for Comic Relief. A big thank you to everyone who baked the lovely buns - we enjoyed eating them.

Congratulations to Sharon, Carol, Aviar and Gemma - the winners of our Mother's Day hampers.

For the Easter holidays we will be closed on Wednesday 13th April and will reopen on Wednesday 4th May.

We will be holding our AGM in the Martlesham Pavilion on Tuesday 17th May 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 details 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. The committee members are usually the mums, but dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles can all get involved.

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.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our sponsored woodland trail last term was a huge success and great fun for everyone taking part. All children received something chocolatey for taking part! Thank you to their parents and friends for raising so much money – we shall have a total soon. Funds raised will enable us to improve our outside area.

The summer term is going to be very busy for us, all our sessions are full. We welcome all our new children and their families and hope they will enjoy their time with us. Can we remind parents to apply sunscreen before each session in the hot weather and provide sunhats/suitable clothing. We finish for half term on Friday May 27th and return again on Monday June 6th.

Our fundraisers are busy organising this year's Fun Day which takes place on Saturday July 2nd. Our Fun Day is always very well attended and extremely successful, helping to raise funds for all those little extras for the children to enjoy and use. The theme is kings and queens and we're hoping that our children will dress for the occasion! Make a note of the time – 12:30 to 4 pm. Come along for the BBQ and join in the fun and games. The Fun Day will have all the usual attractions – refreshments, tombola, raffle, stalls, bouncy castle, fun and games, entertainer, etc. Come along

for an enjoyable afternoon – the weather's going to be fantastic!!

If you would like to know more about us then visit our newly updated website for more details: 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. As mentioned, the summer term is full, but we would urge parents to get their children registered for future terms as soon as possible. Our sessions are 9 am to 12 noon, and 12:15 to 3:15 pm. Children staying all day are fully cared for from 9 am to 3:15 pm. We also have a pick-up service from Gorseland school so children can, if spaces allow, have sessions with us and Gorseland nursery. We are registered to take children from 2 to 5 years of age 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

We look forward to welcoming all our children back after the Easter break. Looking to the future, our proposed move to new premises is very promising, with all our proposals lodged with the planners. We will of course keep you informed as this progresses. This is a very exciting opportunity for the pre-school to develop, and if you would like to know more about it, please do not hesitate to ask the staff or committee members.

Last month proved a very successful fundraising time for us, with £330 being raised at the Douglas Bader Quiz Night and £178.14 at our Craft Fair. Many thanks to the Douglas Bader for holding the Quiz Night and to Kevin for organising and leading our team. Thanks also to everyone who helped to make the Craft Fair such a success.

We are a registered charity and therefore rely on the support and help given by parents/carers and families,, 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 the surrounding areas, and they then leave us to go onto all the local schools including Birchwood, Gorseland, 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 Sarah Tait on 01473 614174 or e-mail admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk or visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 3rd May from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch and to hear a talk from Janet Bull, an IAIM Certified Infant Massage Instructor, on the benefits of baby massage.

Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th June when Kim Bennett of Water Babies East Anglia will tell us about swimming classes for babies and small children.

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

KESGRAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE IS ONE YEAR OLD

On 6th April Kesgrave Children's Centre will have been open exactly one year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank every one who has accessed and supported us during this time. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all other young families in the area to come and visit us and see what we have on offer. We are a very small centre so most of our services are spread throughout the community from Rushmere St Andrew, through Kesgrave to Martlesham Heath. These services are all free to use and for most groups there is no need to book, just turn up and join in with the fun.

With Easter just around the corner we have a special programme of activities for families and at the moment we are in the

process of developing our new timetable for April through to September.

Please do call in and see us, or give us a ring and we can either send you a programme or put you on the waiting list for one of our specialist groups such as Infant Massage. We look forward to meeting you soon.

You can reach us at Kesgrave Children's Centre on 01473 636726. There are also two other Children's Centres in the area that you may wish to visit: Caterpillar (Woodbridge) 01394 388276 and Rendlesham 01394 462191.

KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL - THE STRATOS PROGRAM: NEW AND IMPROVED

Last year, the Kesgrave High School Space Club was given the title of "first school ever to deploy an object into the edge of space". Using our combined skills of physics and technology, a small group of young scientists that ranged from Year Sevens to Sixth Formers launched a helium powered balloon with a camera attached to it into the edge of space. Our aim was to get images from outer space using a camera. We managed to get the payload into outer space and the images were taken but because of the damage that the camera sustained from the impact when it landed on a farm near Norwich, the images were not retrieved.

Now, with the investment and assistance of companies such as BT, Trackaphone (a company that supplies state of the art tracking devices) and IBM, the Space Club is working on our second attempt at Project Stratos in Project Stratos II. This time, we are using a tracking system to be able to retrieve our camera more easily than we did last time. As well as this, a group of advertisers are going to concentrate on getting the public's attention as to what we are doing. We also plan to have a coating of polystyrene around the payload in order to protect it from the impact when it finally returns to Earth. If you would like to find out more

about Project Stratos, Project Stratos II and the history of the Kesgrave High School Space Club, you can visit us at www.projectstratos.com and you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We hope that you will support us in our mission to the edge of space.

Nick Burrows

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

The Community Hall was full on Friday 7th March for an illustrated talk given by a survivor from Nazi atrocities.

Our member Frank Bright's mother was born in Germany of Jewish stock and his father was Czech and also a Jew. This was all very bad news in Hitler's much-dreaded Third Reich. He lost both his parents in the gas chambers and has spent years tracing the fate of his classmates. Most of these were also murdered along with millions more. As for Frank, he was sent to Auschwitz and saw his parents for the last time as he was chosen for slave labour. He was one of the few who survived.

Frank made the point that most Germans at that time were ardent supporters of Hitler and the vast majority of them were well aware of the inhuman treatment of Jews, gypsies and other minority ethnic groups that the authorities were so hell-bent on exterminating.

Frank gives many talks to local groups and to schoolchildren. It is so important that all this should never be forgotten.

A vote of thanks was given by Don Kitt and he said that it should also never be forgotten that Britain stood alone until the United States entered the war after Pearl Harbour. This was indeed our finest hour. If we had been overrun the United States would not have had a base to face up to the Nazis and would no doubt have had to reach an appeasement.

Our next meeting is on Friday 6th May and is the occasion of our AGM, followed by the annual "Holly Hall" photographic competition. Meetings are always held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm with a tea

break half way through. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50.

The Control Tower museum is now open every Sunday from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. We now also have most of the ground floor of the Control Tower. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Duncan Sweeting's recent presentation, display and tour of the woods as part of the "Trees and Woodlands: A Community Resource For Humans and Wildlife" day organised by SCDC was well received by a mix of over 45 Tree Wardens, Greenprint Forum members and local people. A good turnout of volunteers in March meant that the bank at the back of the hazel copse was nearly cleared and we hope to have finished it in April. The birds are out and about building their nests. Please can you keep to the paths to avoid disturbing the ground and low level nesting birds such as wrens, robins and – stop the press – woodcocks that have recently been seen in the woods.

Nature Explorers, had great fun in March getting mucky with maintenance of the pond and discovering what creatures were living in there. This month there are opportunities for all youngsters and their parents to be involved in the activities in the woods. For 5 to 11 year olds there is the Nature Watch Club and more hands on work for the 10+ age group Nature Explorers.

Bookings and enquiries for these can be made by sending an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 21st May, 10 am - 12 noon. Meet at the Education Area.

Nature Watch Club Saturday 14th May 10 am - 12 noon. Subject: Small Mammals.

Nature Explorers Club Saturday 21st May, 9-11 am.

For details of the above and more information about PWCG and its activities, please access our

website at

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

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Our regular monthly work party will take place on Sunday May 15th in the woodland. We will be conducting our usual bird survey of the woodland. Please come and join us, no special expertise is needed and bring binoculars if you have them. Meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

Many thanks to all those who responded to our appeal for help with the bird survey of the heath. The information gained will help inform our management plans for the heath.

At our last work party we created some areas of bare ground on the heath SSSI in the form of short banks of sandy soil as an experiment to see if we could successfully create habitat for specialist heathland insects. Many thanks to those who helped on the day. We will continue to monitor the area over the summer and if successful look for other suitable sites.

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. We would especially like to hear from anyone who can help out with the wildlife surveys we intend to carry out as a contribution to the management plans for the heath SSSI.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

Events coming up in May:

On Sunday 8th May from 2 pm - 4 pm we have our Plant Sale at Foxburrow Farm, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton (signposted just off the A12). We will have a wide range of plants, refreshments and cakes, and hand crafts. Please come and join us, buy a few plants and enjoy a stroll around the farm or sit by the

ponds and soak in the relaxing atmosphere. Admission is free. If you have any plants or can help with the sale on the day or setting up on the Saturday 7th, please get in touch with me.

On Friday 20th May at 7 pm - 9 pm approximately we have an evening walk for wildflowers at Bromeswell Green nature reserve. Meet at the car park (Grid Ref TM 296504). Bromeswell Green has a mixture of wildflower meadows and woodland and supports a wide range of birds due to the mixed habitat and also because it is adjacent to the river Deben. Admission is free - donations are always welcome.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD

As many of you are aware Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd now has a long term lease on the northern section of the Martlesham Heath western corridor including part of the site of special scientific interest. Martlesham Heath SSSI Ltd is being set up as a not for profit/ charitable body under the auspices of Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd so as to manage the western corridor land independently of the other commitments of Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd. Progress has been made on the separate company registration and formation and we now have a board of three directors - Phil Wallace, Clive Wilkins and Phil Smith, and we have held our first meeting. Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd has also entered into a 10 year agreement with Natural England under their Higher Level Stewardship agreement. This agreement guarantees us a regular source of funding for ten years provided we meet the wildlife and habitat management commitments outlined by Natural England. We will be working closely with Martlesham Conservation Group and others in order to meet our commitments which include both practical management objectives and regular monitoring of the habitat and wildlife. We ask for your support in this initiative. Please contact us if you feel you may be able to help.

We would like to appeal to all those dog walkers who regularly walk their dogs across the heath. We are keen to see more ground nesting birds present on the heath such as Skylarks and Woodlarks. Please can all dog walkers walk their dogs on a lead during the nesting season from March to August and keep to the main paths. This simple action could make a real difference.

We appeal to volunteers for their help, for example through monitoring birds, or being on hand to oversee practical tasks undertaken by contractors.

We expect to hold regular meetings (all welcome) and provide regular updates in future editions of Martlesham Monthly.

Phil Wallace, Clive Wilkins, Phil Smith

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

Everyone will be very welcome at our Spring Concert on Saturday 7th May at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath, 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. 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 Summer Fayre is on Saturday 11th June at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. It starts at 1:30 pm, 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.

Liz Benyon (Publicity Officer)
liz.benyon@btinternet.com

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COMPETITION AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

At Speak Easy, the speakers club in Martlesham, things were a little different one meeting in March. With the Toastmasters International (TI) speech contest in full flow, the three contestants taking part in the Club Round, Dave Nightingale, Brian Faulkner and Sue Coppens-Browne, all put in outstanding and thoroughly entertaining performances.

Jason Manning then gave his second speech from the TI Competent Communicator manual (a manual all members work through) which was evaluated by 3 members of the club. These evaluations were then themselves judged, as part of the TI International Evaluation Contest. Chaired by Mike Watts and officiated by Ian Read, the evening was a great success with parts being played by many of the members.

Ultimately Brian Faulkner won both contests and went forward to represent the club at the Area Contest in Manningtree, winning the Evaluation Contest there too – well done Brian!

As part of Toastmasters International, Speak Easy at Martlesham offers a platform for aspiring orators, those who want to hone their public speaking and leadership skills, or simply for those that want to feel more confident when speaking or making presentations to a group of people. In a friendly, welcoming, non-pressured environment, speakers at all skill levels are encouraged and mentored toward achieving their goals.

Speak Easy always welcomes new members so, if you feel you would like to improve your confidence and public speaking abilities, why not come along as a guest to one of our meetings? We would be very pleased to see you. Don't worry about having to speak straight away - if you want to ease yourself in slowly, that's fine. You will be made very welcome and we

won't ask you to join straight away. Come along to a few meetings to see whether you think it is the right sort of environment for you. We look forward to seeing you.

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind the Tesco superstore) and guests are always welcome. Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm.

Future Speakeasy at Martlesham meetings:

May 12th and 26th

June 9th and 23rd

Further details can be found at www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk or call Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196.

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET

Throughout May the market will be full of bright and colourful trays of bedding plants and after a very short time the wonderful tasting home grown vegetables will be plentiful. Cooks, not to be outdone, will be using this season's strawberries and other early fruits in their summer recipes. Our gardeners and cooks are always on hand to help customers with their requirements, either with advice, or to deliver items that may be awkward or heavy to carry home.

Do you have any spare time, or garden produce that you cannot make use of? We are always looking for new 'producers'. A producer becomes a member of the Country Market co-operative, and can enjoy the friendship and comradeship of fellow producers whilst doing what they really enjoy. As a cook you require a Health and Hygiene certificate (we can advise you on how to achieve this). As a garden producer your love of good tasting vegetables, and the ability to grow them, assures you of the compliments of our customers, and a craft producer receives the acclaim from those who envy your ability to complete a piece of work in which you have pride.

*Kesgrave Scout H/Q, Twelve Acre Approach, Saturdays 9:30 am – 11:30 am

*Martlesham Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Tuesdays 9 am – 10:15 am

If you would like further information please call Margaret Gayfer on 01473 623849.

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

DOG MESS

Perhaps the dog owners on our village get some satisfaction from walking away and leaving their dog's mess behind making the village look like an open toilet. I would like to know if they just have no consideration for their neighbours or are too bone idle to clear up. Maybe a fine should be imposed if the offenders are caught in the act, then they might start to think about other residents and not just their selfish selves.

Lark Rise Resident

DOG MESS IN MARTLESHAM

It is an offence to not clean up after your dog but some people obviously prefer to let playing children stand in it, which is disgusting. Since walking to school the past couple of years, I have noticed increasing amounts of dog mess around Martlesham and there really is no need as there are plenty of bins around. Today I got it on my pram wheels walking to school, cleaned it off and somehow got more on the way home, and my 6 year old also stood in it and brought it in the house, so I had to clean the carpets and his shoes. It is absolutely disgusting that children can't walk on the grassy areas (although I hasten to add my route to school is on the main path along Eagle Way) without getting covered in dog mess.

Disgruntled Martlesham Mum

DOGS BARKING IN GARDENS

We have been having some intermittent sunny days recently, which look very Spring-like but don't feel it as the air is often bitterly cold.

I am becoming increasingly concerned at frequently hearing dogs barking for long periods of

time, which appear to be outside in gardens. Unfortunately for the dogs this is usually during the coldest parts of the day, i.e., mornings and evenings.

I appreciate that they need to go out, but please owners – can it be for shorter periods of time? After all, being in a garden is not the same as out on a walk.

Bridget Purbrick

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our AGM will be held in the Community Hall on Tuesday 3rd May commencing at 2 pm. This will be followed by the presentation of cups to the winners of the Club Competitions. We hope that many members will be able to attend as has been usual in the past.

Following the AGM there will be refreshments and an opportunity for a roll-up for those members wishing to stay.

Last minute information; as we were about to 'go to press' we heard that Bramford had lost their match against Nayland and this put us into second place in the League. Consequently we will be going up into the First Division next season.

We now have a few weeks without matches until the Summer League begins so our members can relax and enjoy their roll-ups.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB WE ARE ALL ONCE AGAIN ENJOYING THE WARMER DAYS AND LIGHTER NIGHTS

**SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY
YOUR HAND AT THE GAME OF
BOWLS WHY NOT COME ALONG
AND JOIN US?**

**WE WOULD BE ONLY TOO
PLEASED TO GIVE COACHING IF
NEEDED**

**WE HAVE A FULL CALENDAR OF
BOWLING FROM MAY UNTIL
MID-SEPTEMBER**

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

PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY

**LINDA BROWN (01394 384698)
AND ARRANGMENTS CAN BE
MADE FOR YOU TO COME TO
THE BOWLS CLUB AND SPEND
SOME TIME ON THE GREEN**

**SO WHETHER YOU HAVE
PLAYED BOWLS BEFORE OR NOT,
PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN
US**

TABLE TENNIS

Martlesham residents are invited to try their hand at Table Tennis. The club runs term time every Friday from 7 pm to 9 pm, restarting after Easter on 6th May. In operation since September 2007, the club was started to give people the chance to play table tennis socially on the east side of Ipswich. Beginners to league players are welcome and depending on numbers, singles or doubles are played. Bats and balls can be provided at no extra charge. If you haven't picked up a bat before or have played sometime in the past, you can try your hand at the Kesgrave Sports Hall. Pay and play at £3 per 2 hour session. A limited number of junior coaching places may be available. For further information please ring 01473 610177.

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

The Ipswich & District Support Group of the NOS has arranged a Pain Management Talk by Dr. Mike Bailey at 2 pm on Friday 13th May at St Augustine's Church Hall, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich. This will be followed by afternoon tea. The talks are always very informative and interesting and it is a time when members and friends can meet up and chat, so do join us if you can. For further information about the Group please contact Diana Thomas on 01394 277337 or Jean Nunn on 01473 625246.

YOUR BIG OPPORTUNITY - 15TH - 21ST MAY

Imagine living without proper access to clean water, sanitation or healthcare and being hungry all the time. 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. Then there's the recent earthquakes in Japan, New Zealand and Myanmar, floods and forest fires – there seem to be so many disasters and so much need in the world that we can easily feel powerless.

Can we help? Well, this month, yes, we can! **Christian Aid Week** is seven amazing days of raising funds to give aid in disasters and tackle the root causes of world poverty. 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 that 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. We try to cover every road but we desperately need **new** volunteer collectors – especially in Martlesham. Please contact us if you can deliver or collect envelopes in your area.

And when you receive your red envelope please give as generously as you can. The credit crunch is biting and we're all finding we don't have as much to live on as we used to. But actually we are rich beyond many people's wildest dreams!

Poverty is a disgrace – but we can help end it!
Carolyn Smith 01473 625630
Chris Cobb 01473 622585

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"The lavish love of God"

We walked the front at Felixstowe today. The wide sea, appearing to be without limit, reminded us of the love of God.

There is so much about Almighty God which is beyond measure. His great power, for example, which is clearly shown by the vast-

ness of the universe and the complexity of His earthly creations. The wideness of God's love is shown in His willingness to pardon the greatest of sinners, and to restore him/her to a life of balance and productivity. The horizontal arms of the cross are also illustrative of this. They point to that 'lavish' love, which gave His only beloved Son as a sacrifice for the sins of us all.

An old hymn puts it this way:
"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made.

Were every stalk on earth a quill,
and every man a scribe by trade.
To write the love of God above,
would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky!"

ACTIVITIES IN MAY

SUNDAYS - Worship teaching and Communion, 10 am

TUESDAYS - No Tuesday Circle in May. Re-starting June 14th.

WEDNESDAYS - House Groups 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS - Mums and Toddlers, 10 am

FRIDAYS - Friends on Friday, 10 am

For further information ring John Mellen (01473 624401).

SUMMER TERM AT BRIGHT STARS

If you are a pre-schooler, toddler or baby who enjoys singing, listening to stories and being creative, why not come along with your parents or carers and join us at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (during term time), 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath? At our last session in March we made an Easter Garden from plants and flowers which was placed in the lobby at St. Michael's to welcome people entering the church. We have lots of things planned for the term ahead so why not come along and join in? The half hour Bright Stars sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Why not come and visit us this summer?

The dates for our Summer sessions are:

**May 9th, May 23rd, June 13th,
June 27th, June 11th**

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon on 01473 622160 or
Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196

ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

Please continue to use 01473 622424 for any Church matters. Any message left will be responded to promptly, however occasionally you may be asked to dial an alternative number to ensure a swift reply.

Three house groups are held presently and new members are always welcome to join the informal Bible-based discussions. Group members find this an enjoyable way to get to know people better whilst developing their knowledge and Christian faith. Groups meet weekly on Monday afternoons and on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see the Church weekly news sheet or ring the above telephone number for further details.

Two Youth Groups meet at St. Michael's on Monday evenings. The earlier group running from 6 – 7:15 pm (approximately years 6 and 7) involves activities and games with a Christian discussion based on a passage from the Bible.

The later group is supervised by James May, a professional Youth Worker who also works in Kesgrave and Rushmere. Running on a drop-in basis from 7:30 – 9 pm, this group is for years 8 upwards. Apart from the games equipment and xbox, this group also play indoor football and have been known to cook!

The St. Mary's grass cutting rota is being set up for the season ahead and anyone who could help with this task would be much appreciated by John Symes, the Church Warden. Please ring him on 01473 736266 if you would like to get away from it all whilst doing a really useful job!

**BUILDING
GOD'S
FAMILY
TOGETHER**

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 1st May 2nd Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 8th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	6:30pm Evensong	11am Family Worship	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 15th May 4th Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW) and Baptism	9:45am Worship and Junior Church
Sunday 22nd May 5th Sunday of Easter	6:30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Baptism	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 29th May 6th Sunday of Easter		11am Benefice Service	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 5th June 7th Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
<u>MIDWEEK SERVICES:</u>	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars meet on Mondays 9th and 23rd May at 10:30am in St Michael's A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.		

Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers and pray for:

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| 5 the local elections and those people who will form the new council | 26 our friends |
| 6 MCC Golf Tournament raising funds for a new village hall and the air ambulance | 27 the RSPCA struggling to meet its running costs |
| 7 young people preparing to take exams | 28 the RNLI |
| 8 that our churches may grow in love, faith, service | 29 strength to hold on to God's promises in good times and bad |
| 9 countries recovering from natural disasters, Haiti, New Zealand, Australia, Japan | 30 the First Responders |
| 10 our families | 31 the Country Market |
| 11 the residents of Coopers Road | JUNE 1 the residents of Crown Close |
| 12 the PCC and its work during the interregnum | 2 Suffolk Wildlife Trust |
| 13 the work of Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd | 3 our neighbours |
| 14 our General Practitioners | 4 all those worried about keeping their jobs |
| 15 Christian Aid Week and the house to house collections | |
| 16 Libya and other countries seeking democratic rule | |
| 17 home carers and the people they look after | |
| 18 Martlesham Parish Council Annual Meeting | |
| 19 the residents of Copse Close | |
| 20 the businesses in The Square | |
| 21 all those who receive help from Christian Aid | |
| 22 help to spread God's saving love and truth | |
| 23 that we may stay faithful all week | |
| 24 the Safer Neighbourhood Team | |
| 25 the residents of Crane Close | |