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MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HALL

TOP STREET

Although we have regular bookings for evenings throughout the year, morning and afternoon sessions are available. The hall is ideal for small groups who need to meet at a reasonable cost, discount for residents of Martlesham.

For any queries or bookings please contact 01473 623655.

THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

"I hope you like my picture of a Dunnock that was a visitor to my garden." Taken by Linda Bohea, Martlesham, Suffolk.

If you have any interesting photographs of Martlesham that you would like to see on the cover of the Martlesham Monthly, please e-mail them to the address in the panel. They need to be suitable for the layout on the front, and of good resolution.

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 3 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to many 999 calls received by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details contact, Paul Stockdale 01473 621225 (e.mail: paulpstockdale@btinternet.com)

POLICE

Community Police Officer PC 1732 Rachel Cable

In case of emergencies please always call 999.

In non-emergency situations call the the new number 101.

E-mail: the Safer Neighbourhood Team kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

The Pavilion is a great location for a children's party at weekends. If you want to book the Martlesham Heath Pavilion or need more information please call the booking secretary on 07732 199 712 Alternatively, you can book on our website:

<http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/index.htm>

which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

For all NEW enquiries to join Guiding as a young member or adult volunteer, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or call 0800 1 69 59 01.

For general enquiries about Guiding in Martlesham, please contact

Jo Dixon (Martlesham District Contact) 01473 622160

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the group, becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Sarah Cooke on 01394 387858.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2014

The mobile library is expected to visit on the following days/times in the next three months, on the same Tuesday/Thursday 4-weekly schedule.

Tuesday 22nd April, 20th May, 17th June:

Angela Close: 1:35-1:50pm

Redwold Close: 1:55-2:10pm

Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2:20-2:50pm

Douglas Bader: 3:00-4:30pm

Thursday 10th April, 8th May, 5th June:

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

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

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Two vacancies for Parish Councillors - Your Village Needs You!

Sadly, in addition to the resignation reported in the March newsletter, we accepted the resignation of Roger Ward from the Council at the end of February due to health reasons. We thank Roger for his input to the Council and enthusiasm to enhance the quality of life for the parish.

The Council will consider co-option at its meeting on 02 April 2014.

If you would like to know more, the best way is to come along to a full Council or committee meeting, as listed below. The Clerk is also happy to provide information or put you in touch with a councillor to get first-hand knowledge!

Your parish councillors represent many walks of life and their work experience and local knowledge is invaluable in advising others and ensuring that the interests of the Parish are taken into account. We need input from both young and old, irrespective of gender, employment status or race. The Council's current activities include:

maintenance of footpaths and the Common provision and maintenance of bus shelters, litter and dog-dirt bins and seats maintaining four play areas and bike trails grass cutting and maintenance of the Green and Recreation Ground

major challenges at this time include Neighbourhood Planning, the BT & Bloor Homes developments.

What have we been doing recently?

Clearing graffiti from our bus shelters

Carrying out regular inspections & maintenance of the play areas & bike trails

Developing a Management Plan for the Recreation Ground & Kronji's Piece, The Street

Commenting on planning applications

Meeting the District Council re important planning issues for Martlesham

Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Suffolk Coastal

Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Suffolk Coastal District Council have been issued. Please go to www.lgbce.org.uk for the full report, detailed maps, and ways to comment. The consultation is open until 28 April 2014.

Martlesham has 3 wards for electoral purposes: Martlesham West, Martlesham North & Martlesham, with representation by 6 district councillors but in Martlesham West and North the councillors primarily represent Kesgrave East & Woodbridge Riverside. Ideally the Parish Council would like to return to just one Martlesham ward for the whole of Martlesham parish represented by 2 dedicated district councillors. The recommendations make no change to our ward boundaries but increase the number of district councillors to 7. If you have views on the warding arrangements we would like to hear from you but please do respond to the Boundary Commission.

Gloster Road bus shelter

The site for a shelter has been approved and the shelter will be primarily funded from our County Councillor Patricia O'Brien's locality budget. We are now waiting for the County Council to carry out the installation.

Telephone Preference Service (TPS) – unsolicited phone calls

The TPS is the only free and official opt out

register to stop receipt of live unsolicited direct marketing calls. We have been advised that some Martlesham residents have received calls from a company offering to reduce the problem of unsolicited calls for a charge of £2.20 per month. The TPS advises residents to beware of companies claiming to be TPS or BT asking for a fee to register/renew an expired or soon to expire TPS registration. TPS is not associated to any of these companies. They may be commercial companies offering services for which they charge a fee and some may be fraudulent. For more details of the TPS visit www.tpsonline.org.uk or phone 0845 070 0707 to register free.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 2 April 2014

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 9 April 2014

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 7 May 2014

All meetings start at 7.30pm 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

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB

01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

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

Last chance to shape Martlesham's future?

At the Christian Fellowship Hall in Black Tiles Lane on Tuesday 8th April between 7 and 8.30pm

This could well be your last chance to brief the team developing Martlesham's Neighbourhood Plan on how you would like our village to develop over the next 14 years.

Those working on the plan will be available at the Christian Fellowship Hall in Black Tiles Lane between **7 and 8.30pm** to discuss aspects including the design and height of new housing, the provision of shops, doctors' surgeries, schools and leisure facilities, roads, parking and public transport

Most importantly, they'll be there to hear your views. What sort of place do you want to live in? Do you want it to feel like a town or a village? How should leisure interests be catered for?

If you didn't come to one of the earlier consultation evenings, come and have your say!

Can't make it and still want a say?

To find out more about what's going on and what people have told us so far, point your web browser at martlesham2028.org.uk.

You can leave comments on our Facebook page or email us at martlesham2028@gmx.co.uk.

To contribute by phone, call 01473 612632 and leave a message with the Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting –

Wednesday 30 April 2014, 7.30pm, Parish Room

If you live in Martlesham, this meeting is for you!

Come along and find out what the Parish Council has been spending your money on during the year and find out what other local organisations have been up to. It's also your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham.

Grants awarded by the Parish Council for the financial year 2014-15 will be presented at the meeting.

All welcome. Light refreshments included!

For more information, please contact the Martlesham Parish Council Clerk.

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

At the AGM held on the 6th March, approximately 40 members attended, for which the Board is very grateful. The Chairman's report was endorsed, and the Secretary's report about the accounts was approved, as were the minutes of the last meeting. In addition, the resolution that the maintenance charge be raised to £25 on the 1st March, 2015 was carried unanimously.

MHHL intends to undertake a survey of trees on its land in the near future in order to develop a woodland management plan which will help prioritise routine tree work that is required over the coming years. This will be supplemented by emergency work that may be required on occasion, such as the storm damage from last autumn, the cost for which has risen to over £3,000.

A number of local residents have questioned the removal of various trees, but it is MHHL policy that this work is only conducted when absolutely necessary, usually motivated by safety considerations. Our tree surgeons will display boards confirming MHHL endorsement in the near future when carrying out their work. Please notify MHHL if you suspect that unofficial tree surgery is being carried out on public land.

As reported previously, several bollards have been installed around the green to prevent unauthorised access, and consideration will be given to the placement of others to improve this security.

It has been noted that several residents have taken to parking their vehicles on paths, often to the inconvenience of pedestrians, particularly those with young children, the elderly and visually-impaired. Similarly, cars have often been parked in front of the entrance to paths, preventing access, and it is obviously hoped that greater consideration will be shown in the future.

Unfortunately, there have been instances of graffiti to bus shelters and other installations such as street signs and private fences. These anti-social acts often escalate unless checked, and we need to be vigilant in reporting such acts if they are witnessed.

We would once again remind the householders that the dumping of unwanted topsoil or other garden refuse is illegal.

Contact can be made with MHHL via PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB, by voicemail on 01473 612207, or by e-mail (mhh@martlesham.org.uk). A wide range of information is available on the website: <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event is:- Wednesday 16th April, 7.30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL.

This event has a gardening theme and will include our AGM where you will hear about the summer garden competitions and what we do and will be doing in the parish. There will also be light refreshments, plants for sale and a raffle.

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.

Chris Blundell's

District Report April 2014

Community Enabling Budget.

I am pleased to report on yet another success. Martlesham Brass wished to expand their percussion section with the introduction of musical bells as well as drums etc. I was pleased to be able to facilitate the allocation of £800.00 to help establish this feature. Martlesham Brass is not only an excellent musical group but also a centre for the education and development of many young budding musicians. I wish them lots of success.

Street Lighting.

Suffolk Coastal DC is introducing a 'Part Night Lighting' (PNL) system to its Footway Standard Lighting installations (i.e. Street Lights). 'Telecell' sensors have been fitted to all street lights and these will communicate with SCC base stations that support an Intelligent Lighting System (ILS) called 'Telensa'.

It is estimated that switching to a PNL will save SCDC around £30k per year based on current costs. Part Night Lighting is when a street light can be switched off for part of the night, generally between midnight and 5.30 am. SCDC is to introduce this scheme for the footway standard lighting that it is responsible for. The lighting will switch on again from 5.30 am to dawn if dawn is not earlier than 5.30 am.

SCC will manage the system for SCDC. However there will be some exemptions in Martlesham which are: Lark Rise Unit 292 on footpath between 4-6 on right side rear of 4. Mayfields Unit 692 1st on R.H. side of footpath to Heathfield. York Road Unit 682 on footpath to Eagle Way beside 16 York Road.

If you wish to comment on this new arrangement, please send your written comments to SCDC for the attention of Mr David Gallagher, Head of Commercial Partnerships, Melton Hill Offices, Woodbridge, IP12 1AU or by email to lacey.crowe@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk for the attention of Mr David Gallagher.

If you would like to discuss these or any other matter with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

CALLING ALL MUMSIt's party time at Martlesham Mums' Club on Tuesday, 1st April when we celebrate the 14th birthday of the group. We meet at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath between 12.45 and 2.30p.m. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch, birthday cake, music and games. The party will have an Easter Bunny theme so why not hop along and join us?!!

Looking ahead - our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th May when Philip Byrne will talk to us on Baby and Toddler First Aid.

The Drinks and Dribbles Baby cafe, a drop-in for Mums with Babies and Toddlers, will be open in St. Michael's between 10a.m. and 12 noon on Thursdays, 3rd and 17th April. Pop in for refreshments, friendship and toys.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group was originally formed in May 1978 we are a small, friendly, relaxed toddler group meeting twice a week every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Pavilion in Martlesham.

The group is non profit making and all monies raised are put back into the group. Our group is run on a voluntary basis by a committee solely made up of parents and carers who attend the sessions.

To celebrate Easter we will be holding our Easter Parties on Wednesday 2nd April and Friday 4th April. Sessions will have be at the usual time and price but please bring some extra pennies for the Easter Themed activities and games including Name the Easter Bunny, Making Cards and Bonnets and a very special Easter Egg Hunt !

We will then be closed for the Easter Holidays and re-opening again on 23rd April for the Summer term. There will be lots more exciting things happening for the coming summer months.

We would love to see some new faces so if you've never visited us before, please come along and join us for a cuppa and biscuit !

mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk or find us Facebook and Netmums.co.uk

THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath

Baby Room, Pre-School, Breakfast Club, After School Club & Holiday Club

Let's explore outside! This month we are hoping for some spring weather as we have lots of outdoor activities planned! Session Leader Dawn will be taking our Rising 5 Preschoolers on a nature quiz trail and has lots of activities planned with letters and numbers, including name printing and phonics songs.

During April, After School Club Leader Amy has a range of outdoor activities planned to make the best of lighter evenings. Our After School Clubbers will be enjoying trips to the playground and green, ball games, running races and obstacle courses.

Our littlest learners from our new baby room The Seedlings will also be busy exploring outdoor sounds, colours and textures in our garden and also on trips to the playground and woodland walks.

We are now taking bookings for our May Half Term Holiday Club (27th - 30th May 2014), where our Holiday Clubbers can enjoy outdoor activities, cooking, crafts and more! The Saplings is open Monday - Friday, from 7.30am - 6pm for children ages 3 months -11 years. We offer a Baby Room (3 months - 2 years), Preschool (2 - 5 years), Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club sessions (2 - 11 years) and a 'Walking Bus' to Birchwood Primary School. For more information, please call our friendly team of dedicated and experienced staff on: 01473 614753, email: news@thesaplins.org.uk, or visit our website: thesaplings.org.uk



MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL Join us on Thursday April 3rd from 9.15, we're "Going On a Bear Hunt" through Portal Woods, having an Easter egg hunt, guess the name of our bear, planting sunflowers, decorating Easter cookies, plus there'll be refreshments. This is open to family and friends of the playschool and we want to extend a warm welcome to all those families on our waiting list and anyone considering applying for a place. It's a great opportunity to meet our staff, have a chat, see what we get up to and take part in our activities!

September seems a long way away, but if you are looking for high quality childcare from a well-regarded, long-standing playschool then please contact us now. We shall have spaces for the September term, and MAY have some all day spaces available. We currently serve families on and near to Grange Farm and Martlesham Heath, but we would also like to hear from you if you live or work in surrounding villages and beyond.

If you would like to put your child's name on our waiting list please visit our website for more details :- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We are a popular and well thought of playschool and are registered to take children from 2 years and the younger you register your child the better. We are next to Gorseland School so make an appointment to come and look round.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

A PREGNANCY, BIRTH AND BABY FAIR

will be held on Saturday, 12th April, at the Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a range of stalls, plus demonstrations of activities like baby massage and pregnancy yoga, as well as refreshments.

The fair is to raise money to launch a charity called Bryn's Helping Hand, which aims to help families who have children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

For more information visit www.brynshepinghand.co.uk

SUMMER TERM AT BRIGHT STARS

All preschoolers, toddlers and babies who enjoy having fun are invited to bring their parents or carers to join us at Bright Stars! Last term we heard the story of Noah's Ark and took home Arks and rainbows we had coloured ourselves, made our own palms to wave while we heard the Palm Sunday story and created an Easter Garden, along with lots of singing and other activities.

Bright Stars is a fun children's worship and activity session held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play. Why not come and visit us at our next session

The dates for our summer 2014 sessions are:

April 28th, May 12th

Half Term

June 9th, June 23rd, July 14th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196 or

Jennie Fidler Tel.07584 420729

1st Martlesham Scouts

Family Have-a-go at archery Event

Saturday 26th April

10am-1pm

Adults £4 & Children over 5 £3
for 6 arrows

**+ Spring Fayre with games, raffle,
refreshments, cake & craft stalls,
Phoenix cards & Avon**

All proceeds towards re-roofing
the Scout HQ

All Welcome to

Speak Easy at Martlesham's Open Evening

Thursday 10th April 2014

**7pm for a 7.15pm start, finishing at
9.30pm**

Admission free

**The Richards Room (beside
Martlesham Community Hall)**

Have you ever wondered what a speakers club is, wanted to improve your confidence or ability to speak in public? If so why not come along to our Open Evening? It is a great opportunity to meet members and see how our meetings run and what we do. Meetings are light-hearted and entertaining and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend. There is no need to book in advance just turn up, however if you would like any further information feel free to look at our website or telephone, details below. We look forward to seeing you.

Regular meetings of Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club are held fortnightly on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham IP12 4PB (behind the Tesco superstore) directions can be found on our web site www.speak-easy.org.uk. Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm. Guests are always welcome at any of our meetings, just turn up and enjoy the evening.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club meetings in 2014:

April 10th Open Evening

April 24th, May 8th, May 22nd, June 5th,
June 19th

Further details about Speak Easy can be found at www.speak-easy.org.uk
<https://twitter.com/SpeakEasyMart> and
<https://www.facebook.com/SpeakEasyMartlesham>

Or call Bob Booker Tel.07968372563

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS.

We are currently in third position in our League with a good win at Kesgrave this week and only one match left to play. Other teams in contention have games in hand so we will just have to wait and see whether promotion beckons !

On Sunday 9th. March we held the club triples competition. This was played up to the Final stage. After some really good bowling and closely contested games the teams of Margaret Gitsham, Gordon Levett and David Seggar will meet Diana Gaskin, June Levett and Vic Harrupin the Final on a date to be set.

Other Club Competitions are progressing well and will be completed by the end of April. As we go to press the team are off to Needham Market to play in the quarter final of the Chairman's Plate Competition.

We are all looking forward to our Annual Dinner at the end of March, a full report on this and the conclusion of the Winter League season next month.

Judith Longman

MARTLESHAM BRASS 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

We were pleased to hear recently that we have received a grant of £800 from the Community Enabling Budget, which we propose to use to purchase a set of tubular bells. These will enhance the percussion section of the band, and enable more young people to learn this instrument. We are grateful to Suffolk Coastal District Council, and particularly Councillor Blundell for their support and help in obtaining this grant.

Looking forward into May, our Spring Concert will be on Saturday May 10th in St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. There will be more details about the concert next month.

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 Howard. (Publicity Officer) e_m_howard@talk21.com 01473 625617.
Registered Charity No.1100922.

Visit our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

The Community Hall, Felixtowe Road was packed on Friday, 7th March to hear a talk by Gordon Thorburn, entitled, "Luck of a Lancaster". Gordon is a prolific author and has written books on many subjects. His latest book is entitled, "Luck of a Lancaster" and follows the fortunes of one particular Avro Lancaster, W4964.

The Avro Lancaster was the most successful heavy bomber employed by the RAF in WW2. As with all heavy bombers, both British and American, the attrition rate was extremely heavy. Young aircrew; many of them barely twenty boarded them night after night to bomb targets in Germany and occupied Europe.

The average life of a Lancaster was 22.7 missions and W4964 defied all odds to complete 107 missions.

A vote of thanks was given by Alan Smith.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 4th April and features an illustrated talk by Ian Anderson entitled, "Cardington and Airships."

Meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road, (behind Tesco's) and start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break half way through. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door. Alan Powell 01473 622458.

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 17h April at 7-15pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall, note the slightly earlier start time, we have a brief AGM followed by "Food from the Wild" with Maureen Hatton. This talk is a change to our published programme. Please come along and join us for an interesting evening. Admission is £2 as usual. All are welcome.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

Thank you to all those who completed the recent patient survey. Over the coming weeks, the results will be studied and analysed. A report on the outcome will be published on the surgery website (www.mhdoctors.co.uk) and in the waiting room. GP surgeries are now subject to inspections (like schools) so the results of the survey will also be used to share information about patients' views with inspectors.

In recent months we have lost a number of our patient group members so we are looking for new members to join us. We would especially like to hear from patients with young families. If you don't have time to attend regular meetings, you could participate by email or, if you would prefer just to attend one of our meetings to give us some feedback, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact the practice manager Mrs Lynne Marsh at the Surgery.

The group would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Andrew Schurr for his many years of dedicated service and to say how much we've enjoyed working with him in the pursuit of improving communication between the surgery and its patients. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Thomas O'Brien

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL (REGISTERED CHARITY NO 273769)

Martlesham Community Council are holding their next Jumble Sale on Sat 21st June in "The Pavilion" Martlesham Heath. If anyone has any Jumble, Bric a Brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473-623007

We are also holding a "Table Top" sale in St Michael's Church Centre on the 25th October 2014. If anyone would like to book a table please contact Jackie Bear on the above number for further information

Martlesham Community Council (MCC) are always looking for people interested in becoming a member of MCC. The aim of the Council is to try and provide recreational amenities, etc., for the residents of the parish of Martlesham, We are also always looking for anyone who can help either by helping at Fundraising events or in any other way. We meet once a month in the Parish room on the 2nd Monday of each month.

For further information please contact The Secretary Jackie Bear on 01473-623007 or the Chairman David Ely on 01473-630362

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET

Are you concerned about the 'air miles' our food travels. The cooks of Country Market do their utmost to source their ingredients locally. All Producers live within a few miles of both our venues, and are very careful regarding the packaging we use to keep our items fresh, and easy to transport. We, as a market are keen to assist any customer with dietary requirements, and have experienced producers ready to discuss your needs.

Monthly we will be introducing a line of products which reflect in some way the chosen ingredient. For the month of April, which will include Easter we will be concentrating on introducing to you as many different chocolate ideas we can and urge you to come to our markets to sample and see.

Kesgrave Market is held on a Saturday between 9.30 and 11.30 at the Scouts H/Q, and Martlesham Heath Market can be found on a Tuesday at the Pavilion between 9.30 and 11.15. At both venues you will find a warm welcome, somewhere to sit and enjoy light refreshments.

For further information please contact Margaret on 01473 623849

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Spring is just around the corner and the new bowls season will soon be upon us. There is nothing quite so pleasant as a game of bowls on a summer's evening. If you would like to give bowls a try or are looking for a new club why not come along and join us.

We will happily coach you in the game if you have never played before. We have a full calendar of bowling from May until mid September We bowl socially and up to county level.

This year our green opens on 19th April 2014. If you would like to join us please contact the secretary Carol White at any time, telephone number. (01473 625641)

We are looking to expand our membership so if you are interested we would love to see you at our Bowls Club, situated in the Recreation Ground in Martlesham.

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 14th April 2014.

Leiston Abbey ~ Sheila Harrison

Did you know that Leiston Abbey is one of Suffolk's most impressive monastic ruins and has some spectacular architectural features. If not, then why come along to our next meeting and find out more !

Meetings are held at Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 and commence at 7.30 pm. (Please note new start time of the meeting). Admission fee is £2.50 and meetings are open to all

THE MOTHERS UNION MEETINGS

Wednesday April 2nd at 2.30pm

Speaker: Lyndon Johnson

Subject "The Debenham Project". A support group for those with Dementia and their carers."

Wednesday May 7th at 2.30pm

Speaker: Sheila Hill with Quartize

Subject " Dogs for the Deaf"

Both meetings are at St Michael's and all Angels Martlesham Heath.

All welcome

MARTLESHAM W.I.

It's not often that the words "AGM" and "roaring with laughter" can be used in the same sentence, but that was certainly true of the Suffolk East Federation of W.I.s Annual Meeting at Trinity Park on March 4th. It all began routinely enough with the usual formalities and some interesting if sobering talks by various organisations, from the need for research into brain tumours to pressure for 20 mile an hour speed limits. After lunch, the fun began when Roy Hudd and his wife, Debbie, took to the stage as our main speakers of the day. Debbie's role was to "interview" Roy. It was a very slick performance which had us helpless with laughter. Not for nothing is Roy known as one of the country's top comedians with 56 years in show business. There are not many people who could get an audience of 800 women of a certain age singing along to "I saw Susie sitting in a shoeshine shop - where she sits she shines and where she shines she sits"!!!

In Martlesham our next meeting is on April 11th (note change of date because of Easter) when George Fradgley will be transporting us to the Azores. He is a highly recommended speaker so it should be a good evening. Please come along to our friendly group, visitors are always welcome. More information from Anne Bennett 01394380110.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Many thanks to all those volunteers who came along and helped at the Megabash event on Saturday 22nd Feb. An enormous amount of work was achieved in a short period of time, which will hopefully result in the regeneration of heather particularly on the SSSI close to Westlands and Broomfield, to the benefit of special heathland wildlife including the Silver Studded Blue, other butterflies and reptiles.

This year March has started with good dry weather. A Skylark was busily singing in early March, and several butterflies such as the bright yellow Brimstones, multicoloured Small Tortoiseshells and Peacocks with their bird's eye camouflage, were seen in flight on the warmer days. Reptiles were also out in sunny spots, warming themselves, accruing solar energy. April should bring in more summer migrant birds including Nightingales, Willow Warblers, Whitethroats, lesser Whitethroats and their songs should fill the days and through the spring nights in the case of the Nightingales. Other butterflies such as the Comma will begin to be seen more often, as the weather begins to warm up, and towards the end of the month one of the heathland butterflies, the Green Hairstreak may appear on the wing.

Our next working party will take place on Sunday 13th April at 10am. Please meet out on the Heath close to the bank that crosses it. All are welcome. We will continue with our micro-habitat changes to encourage more ants into areas of heather.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Our recent AGM was very well attended. The committee was elected for the coming year, with existing members standing again except for Lyn Parker who was thanked for her 3 years as publicity officer. Chairman Colin Webb thanked the committee and volunteers for their contributions over the past year. We have additional posts available so please let us know if you would like to become involved with the running of the group. The first winner of the Nature Explorers Award was Chloe King. Chloe, a deserved winner for her excellent contribution to conservation in the Parish of Martlesham over the past year, received The Powling Cup, a glass plaque, a certificate and a wildlife book. The Cup was presented to Chloe by Richard Powling, who was thanked for offering the Cup which was previously purchased by his Uncle Philip as a memorial for the men who lost their lives in WWII and used for the Martlesham Village Produce Association 'Best in Show' award from 1947 to 2008. Richard is pleased that the Cup now has a new lease of life rather than gathering dust in a cupboard. The AGM closed with a fascinating presentation on the 'Moths of Portal Woods' by Stephen Corley and Duncan Sweeting.

The 2014 Nature Watch season starts this month. This is a club for 5 to 11 year olds to get introduced to a range of wildlife subjects. It is essential that you book a place by sending an email to naturewatch.pwgc@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Volunteer Work Morning Sunday 20th April 10:00am – Noon
Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Nature Watch Club Saturday 26th April 9:00am – 11:00am
Small Mammals. Meet at the Control Tower

Information and dates for 2014 Work Mornings, Nature Watch and Nature Explorers are available at <http://pwgc.onesuffolk.net/> For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at pwgc@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Looking forward to Spring and our April meetings we shall welcome Rev. Glyn Jones on 3rd April to give a talk entitled 'Flying for Life'. Our Easter Party with Bring and Share refreshments is on 17th April. There will be games and quizzes with an Easter theme. On 1st May Brian Dyes will talk about Wheels of Ipswich.

Our Bring and Buy sale held last month raised £86 for our chosen charity Age UK.

All ladies are very welcome at our meetings which are held fortnightly on Thursday evenings in the Richards Room at 7.30pm.

To find out more ring Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

The Roger David Burrows Music Fund

presents its next event

**An illustrated talk
by Thomas Baker on his
'Indian Odyssey'**

**To India by container ship
to retrace the steps of a 19th century
missionary.**

Saturday 5th April 2014

7:30pm

at

St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham
Heath IP5 3PL

There will be light refreshments and a raffle
£2.50 admission at the door
All Welcome

Further information about the Music Fund
and the event can be found on the website:
www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk or from The
Roger David Burrows Music Fund, c/o The
Burrows Family, Tel. 01473 625196

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

This month our Meeting was honoured with the presence of both the NAFAS Area and Group Chairmen, Ann Bridge and Liz Rigby.

Our demonstrator Mrs Vicki Hease produced an excellent display of Spring flowers using hedgerow and other materials to illustrate her title Spring Fantasy. Her designs included a St Valentine's circular basket, table setting and a classic Spring abundance arrangement. The competition was won by Margaret Forbes (Senior) Elaine Moses (Intermediate) and Norma Jessop (Novice).

The Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. The annual subscription is £20 with visitors welcome at £4 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

The next meeting will be April 16 when Mrs Moria Neville will demonstrate The Gift. The competition is a Basket Arrangement.

Visitors are always most welcome so do come along and just watch, if that is what you would prefer to do. (If you wish to be brave and join our numbers then, Florence, our Chairman will happily let you have more details). Please come and join our friendly Flower Arranging Club, we are waiting to welcome you.

Florence Fisher 01473 631347

UFFORD PARK GOLF

With the start of a new Golfing Year for the Ladies at Ufford Park Hotel, near Woodbridge we are offering an Open Morning on Thursday, April 17th. If anyone would like to come along to play a few holes or find out a little more about golf - maybe a beginner who would like to start lessons or a fully fledged golfer looking for a new club - then do contact our Lady Captain Pam Burgess on 01394 460039 for more information. Our membership is made up of all ages and abilities and we welcome new members to our small, friendly club.

WATER POLO CLUB

Diddy Polo is the beginner's version of water polo, it's a fun, high energy ball game for the swimming pool, ideal for boys and girls 7-11 years old.

FREE taster session

Thursday 1st May 7pm -8pm

Martlesham Beacon Hill Primary School
Swimming Pool, Black Tiles Lane,
IP12 4SS

Please contact us at admin@sc-torpedoes.co.uk for further info and let us know you're coming, or see our website <http://www.sc-torpedoes.co.uk>

BEALINGS ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday 26 April from 10.00 am - 12noon Bealings Village Hall IP13 6LJ

In its 21st year, there will be the usual vast array of plants including perennials, shrubs, specialist grasses and vegetable plants, to delight gardeners. They will anticipate happily, preparation of the soil which will nurture the plants in the warming sun.

In aid of Great and Little Bealings Churches, the sale has become a major event in the annual calendar.

There will be a raffle with great prizes and refreshments will be served all morning.

We look forward to seeing all our regular supporters as well as welcoming new ones.

The children's playground at the back of the hall is ideal for the children to let off steam and you will find good parking facilities

Further information from 01473 735565
01473 735565 or 610219

SHOW OFF YOUR GARDEN THIS SUMMER FOR THE HOSPICE

Are you proud of your garden? Then why not show it off this summer in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

The local charity is looking for green-fingered supporters to open their garden to the public between May and September this year.

Whether your garden is traditional or tropical, cosy or large, by opening it for one morning or afternoon and charging an entrance fee you can make a difference and help St Elizabeth Hospice provide local Hospice care for local people.

Fiona Ginn, St Elizabeth Hospice's Community Partnerships Fundraiser, said: "Last year around 15 gardens opened to the public across Suffolk raising money for the Hospice and this year we're hoping for more.

"If you think your whole village is full of pretty gardens, why not get together with your neighbours and open numerous gardens across the village?"

To find out more, please call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

St Elizabeth Hospice improves life for people living with a progressive illness in East Suffolk and South Norfolk. It costs £9.1million a year to run and relies on fundraising, donations and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Sunday Crafts (10 – 12 noon) –

Sunday 6th – Make a Spring door hanger for your bedroom;

Sunday 13th – It's National Gardening Week (14th – 20th). Come along and make a bumble bee flower pot and plant a sunflower seed;

Sunday 20th – Easter Sunday - CLOSED

Sunday 27th - Make a sunflower collage while you wait for your seed to grow.

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights. There's no need to book – just turn up and have a go.

BookStart – every Thursday

These are free activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Why not come along and join Emma every Thursday for songs, rhymes and stories.

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 10.30am – 11.00am.

Book Group

Kesgrave Library now has two book groups.

The afternoon group meets 2.30–3.30pm and are reading Atonement by Ian McEwan.

The evening group meets 7-8pm and are reading The Lost Boy by Camilla Lackberg.

The next meetings are on Wednesday 2nd April. Why not read the book and come along!

World Book Night – Wednesday 23rd April 6 -7.30pm – Cookies and Bedtime Stories.

We are putting on a special event for children to celebrate. Why not come along and join in the fun? Just turn up in your onesie and we will provide the cookies, stories and activities. We will also be handing out some teenage and adult fiction books to try and encourage people back to reading. Look out for our posters advertising this event.

Maggie Lusher Kesgrave Library Manager Tel: 01473 626103
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Opening Times

Tuesday	9am to 12 noon, 2.30pm to 5pm
Wednesday	2.30pm to 8pm
Thursday	2.30pm to 8pm
Saturday	10am to 5 pm
Sunday	10am to 3pm

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Love the Lord your God!"

Jesus qualified the above command by adding - "with all your heart, your soul, your mind and your strength!"

It is interesting and important to see that the Lord included the 'mind'. - Christianity is a belief, a matter of faith, but not blind faith!

Most people come to faith through a journey of debate, discussion and argument -By careful reasoning and weighing up many viewpoints.

The Christian faith is logical and reasonable and has been diligently followed by many of the leading intellectuals in our world.

At this time of the year, with nature springing into life and blossom, we see the evidence of the intelligent designer all around us, if we had eyes to see.

Let us use our minds, our thinking, to enhance our knowledge of the Faith in Christ in order to be able to serve Him more readily.

For "The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled" (Plutarch)

Paul, speaking of Christ's humility and unselfishness, wrote - "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. Ch.2)

ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE - 8TH APRIL

(Thoughts for Easter)

WEDNESDAYS

Home Group - 7.00 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

(For further information contact John or Ruth Mellen - 01473 805989)

April Fool.

It's not easy finding the origin of April Fools Day.

In 1983 a newspaper reported that the practice began during the reign of Constantine, when a group of court jesters and fools told the Roman emperor that they could do a better job of running the empire. Amused by the idea Constantine made a jester named Kugel king for one day. Kugel passed a law calling for absurdity on April 1st and the custom became an annual event.

It was a couple of weeks before the newspaper realised the report itself was a hoax.

I love looking out for hoaxes on the day. How many remember the Panorama programme about the spaghetti harvest? A personal favourite was a newspaper article about the police using kestrels with speed cameras round their necks, being trained to hover on motorways to catch speeding cars. My mum once got very excited at the prospect of farmers feeding their cows on different fruits so they could produce fresh milk shakes in a flavour of your choice.

Humour and the ability to laugh is one of the greatest gifts given us by God. There's a story in the Bible of a man called Nehemiah who got people to realise they weren't living lives honouring to God. Instead of telling them to regret it, he told them 'The joy of the Lord is your strength. Go and party, because God loves you'.

They did. We can. And that isn't an April Fool!

Revd Margaret Rittman

Assistant Curate

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

April heralds our Annual Church Meeting planned for Monday 21st April at 7.00pm to be held in the Church Hall. This gives all parishioners the opportunity to elect the Church Wardens as well as endorsing the Annual Report and Accounts. Please feel free to join us for this meeting. The final Lenten Evensong for this year will be held at Brightwell on Sunday 13th April at 6.30pm.

We are currently considering what we might do in the way of mission and social outreach for 2014 and these things are under discussion as I write.

Brightwell Men in Sheds continue to meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday with a varied programme of events. Our last meeting started with a hearty breakfast and concluded with an interesting talk by an expert on antique ceramics, which unfortunately overran our usual closing time such that members were late home to lunch and some were met by anxious wives. The person who seems to be pushed forward in these situations offers his apologies for any inconvenience.

Following our success with the Display of Photographs last summer entitled Some Suffolk Churches we are looking forward to getting out with our cameras again this year to take pictures of local places of interest. We were pleased to be able to visit the re launch of The Country Market in the pavilion and take some pictures of their gorgeous food and crafts and to conduct a brief interview with the Organiser. We welcome any new members who would like to join us and in testimony to the group all of the original members still attend regularly.

Geoff Lambert 01473 624130

Food Parcels

Martlesham Christian Fellowship continues to provide food parcels for the Homeless Unit at West Villa, Ipswich.

Donations from the village for this work are much appreciated.

Toiletries and Bed Linen are also regularly required

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THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 6th April	9.45am Benefice Holy Communion		
Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday	9.45am Holy Communion (inc children)	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Thursday 17th April Maundy Thursday	6pm @Passover' Meal		
Friday 18th April Good Friday	12 Noon Start of Walk of Witness	2pm Hour at the Cross	6.30pm Meditation
Sunday 20th April Easter Day	9am Breakfast@9 and short Easter service	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th April	10.30am Combined service followed by Annual Meeting and lunch		6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 4th May	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Midweek Services	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all our services		

April Prayer Diary Please include the following as an addition to your daily prayers

5th - For peace in the Ukraine

6th - For all local Church leaders

7th - Safety for children at half term

8th - Those suffering through flooding

9th - Those living in Redwold Close

10th - For all who are lonely

11th - For teachers enjoying a break

12th - For adequate supplies for Food Banks

13th - Palm Sunday ("Hosanna to the King!")

14th - For young people seeking work

15th - For farmers coping with saturated land

16th - Residents in Roma Avenue

17th - For Martlesham Responders (Established 10 years)

18th - Good Friday (Give thanks for Christ's Sacrifice)

19th - For Christians persecuted in many parts of the world

20th - Easter Sunday (" He is Risen!")

21st - For Single parents

22nd - For Kesgrave High School

23rd - For residents of Saddlers Place

24th - For the work of Hospices

25th - For Local Doctors and Nurses

26th - For Wisdom for The Parish Council

27th - For Continued freedom to Worship

28th - For all Churches in our area

29th - For opportunities to share our Faith

30th - For those living in Sandy Lane

MAY

1st - Give thanks for good medical care

2nd - For local teenagers

3rd - For those at University from this area

4th - For relief of suffering in Syria