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THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

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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: paulstockdale@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

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

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.

TUESDAYS:

15 JULY, 12 AUGUST, 9 SEPTEMBER

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

THURSDAYS

03 JULY, 31 JULY,

28 AUGUST, 25 SEPTEMBER

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

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.

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/pavillion/index.htm>

which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions

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!

Please join us in doing the best for your parish! The Parish Council will be considering co-option of 2 councillors to fill vacancies at its meeting on 02 July 2014.

We have quite a number of volunteers, i.e. non councillors, actively involved in various working groups however we do need members to be engaged with decision making and inputting on consultations relevant to our parish as well as helping in practical ways. We need people with different kinds of skills and knowledge and if you have a real interest in looking after the area in which you live, please come and join the Parish Council!

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!

What have we been doing recently?

- Petanque piste for the Recreation Ground agreed and work due to start in June/July.
- Council in the Classroom': practical & fun sessions to engage with pupils at Gorseland Primary School.
- Liaising with Suffolk County Council Highways Department for local improvements, in particular what can be done about the Eagle Way crossing at Manor Road and the encroachment over the footway down Lamb Barn Hill, Main Road, Martlesham.
- Ongoing discussions with Suffolk Coastal District Council planning officers re Neighbourhood Planning.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – Public Community Engagement Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 09 July 10.4, 6.30 – 7.15pm, in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, (prior to our Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting). This is your opportunity to let the police know your local concerns and participate in setting local priorities. Please come along!

Diamond Jubilee Bike Trails Summer Event

– Saturday 30 August 2014, 12noon – 4pm

Please look out for more details in August, on our website and on our notice boards.

Public Transport Changes

Summary of changes from 25 May 2014:

Martlesham Heath to Ipswich (and vice versa)

Service 66 is extended from Ipswich Rail Station to Maidenhall Green and Halifax on Mondays to Saturdays.

Sunday 66 buses are retimed to allow extra running time to improve punctuality. The service will also no longer serve Bourne Bridge due to low passenger numbers.

Following customer feedback, the final timing point for the 66 at Martlesham Heath will change to the lay-by opposite Manor Road (a very welcome move!)

Aldeburgh to Ipswich

For residents who want to visit Aldeburgh the Service 65 now has a journey from Aldeburgh, Fort Green to Ipswich (through Martlesham) at 1545 every day (Mondays to Saturdays).

There are also a number of other changes across the network, but none of these affect Martlesham. More information can be found at http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/suffolk_norfolk/

Also, if you travel in Ipswich, Ipswich Buses have extended their Happy Hour scheme on Sundays for an unknown period of time, giving free travel between 10am and 11am.

May Spring Clean event

We were too late to report in detail last month but, despite the threatening weather, we had an excellent turnout for our annual litter pick in May. This year, as well as some parishioners, councillors, our PCSO & police cadets, Tesco staff were mobilised. Many thanks to all those who took part and to Tesco who provided the refreshments. 37 bags of litter were collected, plus signs, a wheel, strip light and cone, with 37 people involved.

Please clear up after your dog & dispose of your bags in a bin

Litter pickers were disgusted to find bags with dog poo just thrown into bushes – please act responsibly and use the dog bins provided or dispose of bags at home.

Overhanging branches

Please check the boundaries of your property and make sure that there is no vegetation obstructing footways or roads. Always be careful to check that there are no nesting birds before you cut back bushes & trees because it is an offence to disturb the nests.

Danger of lighting fires

We have already received a police report about fires being lit near the Western Corridor, Martlesham Heath. It is that time of year again when, if we have a dry spell, fires can easily take hold and cause untold damage to wildlife as well as threaten peoples' lives and property. Make sure you and your children are aware of the dangers and act responsibly!

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 02 July 2014

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 09 July 2014

NO FULL COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST
Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 13 August 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.

Martlesham Christian Fellowship

The Fellowship will close its activities at the end of July 2014 after 58 years of Christian Witness. This is due to falling numbers and the absence of younger leaders.

Our last Service will be on
7th July at 10.00 a.m.

Visitors are very welcome, especially if you have had previous connections with the Fellowship. John Mellen.

Do you have fond memories of your days in the Brownies?

This year Brownies are celebrating their 100th birthday and we are still going strong with the core values that we have always had but with an updated exciting programme.

During this summer term the four packs in Martlesham are enjoying:

crabbing, grass sledging, conservation work, pond dipping, orienteering, crafts, kite making, cooking, sleepovers and a pirate party!

Would your daughter like to be part of all this? Brownies are aged from 7 - 10 years but we encourage names to be put on the waiting lists as early as possible.

To find out more or to add your daughter to a waiting list please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or call Jo on 01473 622160.

MARTLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

Over the past month all efforts have been on progressing with the Neighbourhood Plan Survey. Based on the input from the earlier public meetings we now have a list of the topics you feel are important to address in the Neighbourhood Plan.

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

Our target is to distribute the Survey during July to all residents within the Martlesham Parish. The last survey in 2005 was a huge success. Surveys were hand delivered to each home and picked up three days later. We are proposing to use the same method in July but in order to do this **we need the help of volunteers** to hand delivery the surveys. If you are able to help us please give us your name and contact details either by emailing martlesham2028@gmx.co.uk or by calling the Parish Council office on 01473 612632. Each volunteer will have a survey pack which pinpoints the area they will cover along with the surveys and supporting information. We urgently need volunteers to make the survey delivery and collection as easy as possible.

Other news – We have had constructive discussions with Suffolk Coastal District Council on the Adastral development. They have given us written assurance that the local community will have a central part in how the development will look and blend into the existing surroundings should the development go ahead. Of course all progress on the Adastral development is currently on hold pending the existing legal challenge. We have been talking to other government agencies on how best to get the most out of the new development by working closely with the District Council and the Developer to produce a living environment which will benefit everyone in the Parish. More news on this next month.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR JULY 2014

Apart from the usual ongoing day to day work of the Suffolk Coastal Council Officers there is not a lot of excitement happening at the moment. The main item at the moment is the consultation that is taking place with respect to an item known as the 'Community Infrastructure Levy' (or CIL).

CIL was first introduced in into national legislation by the 2008 Planning Act which stated that the overall purpose of CIL is to ensure that costs incurred in providing infrastructure to support the development of an area can be funded (wholly or partly) by owners or developers of land. Currently whenever a new development takes place the Council seeks financial contributions from a developer through the use of Section 106 planning obligations (i.e. legal agreements between developer and the local authority). These agreement are usually subject to extensive negotiations and in some circumstances are reduced or waived on development viability grounds. CIL is however non-negotiable which will help to speed up the decision making process on planning applications as well as providing more certainty and transparency to the local authority, local communities and developers alike.

The consultation is based on making a charge for each new development based on the square metres of the new property's footprint. The level of charge to be also based on the area location of that property within the district and in the case of business properties on the nature of the proposed business.

The consultation period is from 21st May to 2nd July 2014 and if you would like a more full explanation you can obtain more details from the council's website under the heading of Consultations. Replies should be made on line using the representation form (PDF 85KB). If you would like to discuss these or any other matters with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk .

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD REPORT

It has been a quiet time for the SSSI as we are in a window where maintenance work is not normally carried out. However we have, with a grant from the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund, and with the assistance of Natural England, installed three Information Boards at the most commonly

used entrances to the heath. These show the extent of the SSSI and also the wildlife you are liable to encounter.

We have a moth count, subject to weather, on the 19th July, people are welcome to come across and see what is happening when this is taking place. This will be going through the night from about 9.30pm until about 5.30 am so you may see large white illuminated sheets on the Heath to

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD REPORT

We have received a query about grass cutting because the grass got longer than normal in the warm, wet weather before the recent cut. We have used Suffolk Coastal Services for over 7 years for ground maintenance as they have delivered good service. They are also price competitive because they contract to SCC to cut the grass verges, and are able to cut MHHL's grass on the same visit. Their visits are on a cyclical basis along with all the other areas in the district that they cut. Just occasionally, as experienced recently, rain affected their cycle, and as a result they were unavoidably slightly behind schedule. The Parish Council pays for cutting the village green, which is also carried by Suffolk Coastal Services.

We have received complaints re the use of the MHHL visitor parking spaces. MHHL policy is that these are used on a first served basis. The visitor spaces do not belong to any individual house and that deliberately occupying one on a semi permanent basis is inconsiderate at best and can lead to neighbour disputes. Most houses on the Heath have ample allocated parking and we would ask that you avoid using the visitors parking if you can.

People have again been observed removing wood from Birch Woods, please note that Birch Wood is managed woodland and old wood is deliberately left to encourage insects and to allow native tree species to establish. We would therefore ask that no wood fallen or otherwise be taken without permission from any of the MHHL managed land.

MHHL welcomes volunteers to join the committee and help maintain and shape the future of Martlesham Heath. We can be contacted on 01473 612207 or via email mhh@martlesham.org.uk we meet once a month for around two hours.

attract the moths on that night.

The Police have reported that some people are lighting fires at the southern end of the SSSI and damage has been caused to the fencing. The police are monitoring the situation. Not only is this exceedingly dangerous both to life and property but as it is on a SSSI will be viewed extremely poorly by a court should the police apprehend the culprits.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our Fun Day takes place on Saturday July 12th from 12noon to 3pm. We will have all the usual attractions – the whoopee dipper, bouncy castle, fire engine, ambulance, craft stalls, refreshments, BBQ, raffle, fun and games. This is a super opportunity to visit the playschool if you are looking round for care for your child and if your child is joining us from September. Come and join us, there'll be plenty to do !

We have organized a trip to Woodbridge this month for our families. There'll be the fun of a coach ride, walks along the river, games on the field, picnic lunch and possibly some crabbing !

At the end of term is our end of term party, where we shall have great fun with our entertainer, plenty of party games and delicious snack ! We shall be saying a sad goodbye to quite a few of our children as they leave us to start their school journeys. We wish them and their families well for the future.

We still have some spaces from September so give us a call soon to arrange sessions. Or if you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please visit our website for more details :- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We are situated next to Gorseland School and serve families in all surrounding areas and school catchments further afield.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

BRIGHT STARS

Bright Stars is a fun children's activity and worship session for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents and carers 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. We have fun with crafts, stories, singing and games. Recently we made headbands with shiny paper flames on for Pentecost as well as singing, playing instruments and blowing colourful windmills. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play. Why not come and visit us in July? We look forward to welcoming you!

The last session date for the summer term 2014 is: July 14th

We will be starting our autumn term in September.

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jennie Fidler Tel.07584 420729 or
Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

CALLING ALL MUMS The next meeting of Martlesham Mums' Club will be on Tuesday, 1st July at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath between 12.45 and 2.30p.m. This meeting will take the form of a Bring and Share Picnic on the Green (in the Church Centre if weather is unkind!) Just bring along a small quantity of food to share and something to sit on. (Also don't forget sun-hats and sun-cream). All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us. We also welcome Dads, Grannies and Carers!

There will be no meeting of the Mums' Club in August - we meet again on Tuesday, 9th September.

Dates for the DRINKS AND DRIBBLES BABY CAFE in July and August are Thursdays, 3rd and 17th July and 7th and 21st August. We meet in St. Michael's Church Centre between 10a.m. and 12 noon. This is a drop-in for mums with babies and

THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath Baby Room, Pre-School, Breakfast Club, After School Club & Holiday Club

What makes a bee happy?' During July, Manager Rachel will be helping our Preschoolers learn all about bees. We will be bee-spotting and discovering what makes bees happy. Our Birchwood Rising 5's will also be 'busy bees', spending some afternoons in their new Reception classroom and all our Rising 5's will be practising phonics and numbers ready for their new adventure at 'big school', with a Graduation Ceremony and Leaver's picnic celebrating their time at Preschool.

After School Club Leader Amy has lots of exciting activities planned for the topic 'All About Me'. After School Clubbers will be getting creative with self-portraits and family trees. We are taking bookings for our Breakfast and After School Clubs in September, which include a 'Walking Bus' to Birchwood Primary School.

Manager Jo would like to thank our Fundraising Committee and all our parents and supporters who have helped us purchase new fencing and a playhouse for The Seedlings (Baby Room).

We are taking bookings for our Summer Holiday Club, with lots of fun activities planned - see our website: thesaplings.org.uk/holiday_club.php for more details!

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). For more information, please call: 01473 614753, email: news@thesaplings.org.uk, or visit our website: thesaplings.org.uk

Summer Reading Challenge – Mythical Maze – Saturday 19th July to Saturday 6th September.

This year's Reading Challenge is all about mythical creatures. Kesgrave Library will be running sessions during our opening hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 2.30-4.30pm and Sunday 10 – 12 noon), where children can come in, enrol and talk to the staff and volunteers about the books they have read. During the above times there will also be free craft activities which are linked to the mythical theme. To finish the challenge each child needs to read 6 books, at least one of which needs to be non-fiction.

If you are not sure what the Summer Reading Challenge is all about, staff from the library will be visiting the local primary schools during the next half-term to explain to the children what is involved or you can phone the library directly.

Maggie Lusher Kesgrave Library Manager Tel: 01473 626103

MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

At our last meeting we met with Dr Anne Fitzgerald to discuss the way forward for the group. The patient survey was once again a success, thanks to all those who took part. The results of the survey can be found on the surgery web site: www.mhdoctors.co.uk. We shall continue to work with the surgery to implement improvements and changes highlighted by the survey.

Thomas O'Brien Chairman

Matthew Puts Martlesham on The Music Map

Farlingaye student, Matthew Farthing, recently gained a place in the Category Final of the BBC Young Musician 2014 competition, held at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff

Matthew plays percussion, and chose two technically demanding modern pieces for the final: a marimba and vibraphone piece, accompanied by piano, "Spike" by John Psathas and a multi-percussion piece, "Tag" by Philip Cashian. Matthew had successfully come through two rounds of the competition, to be placed in the final five percussionists. The whole experience was eye-opening and memorable. Matthew was able to discuss his interpretation of the pieces with each of the composers and had the pleasure of working closely with this piano accompanist. Amongst the very positive comments he received from the judges was the excellent musical rapport he demonstrated with the pianist. The event was televised, and may still be seen on the BBC Young Musician website.

A former pupil at Kesgrave High School and Birchwood Primary School, Matthew, who is now 18, began playing drums at the age of 6 and the sound of him practising may be familiar to many Martlesham residents! He has played with his brother, Peter, and two sisters, Hannah and Sarah, in their family band, The Farthings at several local festivals, including Music of the Green – and with Hannah at Latitude. Matthew was a runner-up in the Young Drummer of the Year competition in 2011, and retains a keen enthusiasm for drumming, although he also became interested in percussion whilst a member of Aldeburgh Young Musicians.

He has subsequently played in several prestigious venues throughout the UK during his membership of the National Youth Orchestra, in which he is currently Principal Percussionist. His final performance for the NYO will be at the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in August, which will also be televised. There is little doubt where Matthew sees his future - he has attended the Royal College of Music Junior Department for the past two years and has been awarded a full scholarship to study music at The Royal Academy of Music in London from September. Amongst well known alumni of the Academy are Dame Evelyn Glennie and Sir Simon Rattle.

Martlesham Monthly and all the Residents send their congratulations to Matthew

MARTLESHAM BRASS 'Making Music Fun In East Anglia'

After a fairly busy June, Martlesham Brass are looking forward to a quieter July.

You will be able to see and hear the Intermediate Band between 12.00 and 12.45pm on Saturday 5th July at Gorseland School Summer Fete, and the Main Band are performing in 'Brass on The Grass' at The Arboretum, Christchurch Park, Ipswich on Sunday 20th July between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

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.e_m_howard@talk21.com

Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET.

Over the years we have built up a regular customer base in both Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath offering these customers home baked cakes and pies made using local ingredients where possible and without preservatives and additives. These baked items may be eaten immediately or with little preparation may be frozen to eat at a later date.

Many new residents have moved into the local area of the two markets and we would welcome their comments as to the suitability of our opening times, and if what we cook meets their requirements. We appreciate that we are not able to offer a full range of vegetables and fruit, but what we do have for sale are grown locally without pesticides being used. We are assured by our regular customers that the taste is superb. Talented ladies toil away creating craft items which make unusual gifts.

The Kesgrave market opens on a Saturday between 9.30 and 11.30 where refreshments are available at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach Kesgrave. The Martlesham Heath Market offers refreshments and is open on a Tuesday between 9.30 and 11.15. We guarantee a warm and friendly welcome at both venues.

Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Many thanks to all those who came along and helped at our last work party on 8th June clearing bracken on the heath. We can now see lots of new heather plants coming through, which we hope will establish in time.

Our work party in July will be on Sunday 13th at 10am. On this occasion please meet outside the Douglas Bader. We will be undertaking a survey of the Silver Studded Blue butterflies on the heath SSSI. We may need to move the date forward if these butterflies emerge a lot earlier than anticipated, please watch out for changes. If you are interested in taking part in the survey please get in touch or turn up on the day. We will at least do a general survey of butterflies on Sunday 13th assuming the weather is OK.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on Friday 6th June, was an illustrated talk by Stuart Mc Kay, the founding secretary of the, "De Havilland Moth Club." He is also the originator and organiser of the International Moth Rally. In a comprehensive and, of course, knowledgeable presentation, Stuart related the story of the much loved Tiger Moth. It was developed from the DH 60 Gipsy Moth and entered service with the RAF as a basic trainer in 1932 and was retired in 1959 to be replaced by another De Havilland aircraft, the Chipmunk. 8868 were produced from 1932 to 1944. Many privately owned examples are still flying. A vote of thanks was given by our archivist, Alan Smith.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 4th, July. (Our meetings are always on the first Friday of the month). Mr Phil Hadwen will relate the story of "The Schneider Trophy". This was won outright by the British in 1931 by the forerunner of the Spitfire, The Supermarine SB6.

This promises to be a fascinating story, told by a friend of our society and an expert on the subject.

Meetings are held at the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham and start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £3 at the door.

Alan Powell 622458.

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 18th August 2014.

The Suffolk Regiment ~ Gwyn Thomas

To coincide with the 100 years since the start of WW1 we are going to understand the involvement of the Suffolk Regiment in that conflict.

The AGM will commence at 7.30pm followed by the talk.

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

Kim Quinton

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

It was good to see so many members and visitors at last month's open meeting when Penny Stone gave us her demonstration *Thanks for the Memory*. She created five beautiful designs with bold colours bringing back memories representing the Winter of 1963, Wales, Scotland and Yorkshire.

The competition was won by Ann Chisem (senior) Kate Burrows (intermediate) and Janet Baxter (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 July 16 when Debbie Buckles will *demonstrate Summer Events*. The competition is *Beside the Sea*.

Everyone is most welcome.

Margaret Doveston 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL (REGISTERED CHARITY NO 273769)

We are holding an "Autumn Fair" previously called "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

The Suffolk Horse Society will be giving a talk titled "Working Horses, Working Lives: sharing our stories of the Suffolk Punch" on Thursday 11th September 2014 Further details will be given in the next issue"

Martlesham Community Council (MCC) are always looking for people interested in becoming a member of MCC. The aim of the Council is to 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

Garden open to the public in Kesgrave for St Elizabeth Hospice

Neighbouring gardens in Kesgrave will be open to the public in July in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

No.2 and no.4 Terry Gardens, Kesgrave, IP5 7EP, will be open on Sunday 13th July from 2pm to 6pm.

No.2 features herbaceous beds, a fish pond, shrubs and containers and no.4 is a small town garden which includes a Japanese area, flower beds, hanging baskets, raised wall garden and intensively planted vegetable plot.

Entry is £5 for both gardens and includes a tea or coffee at no.4.

All funds raised will go towards helping provide local Hospice care for local people in East Suffolk and South Norfolk.

St Elizabeth Hospice costs £9.1million a year to run and relies on donations, fundraising events and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

For more information, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 723600.

MARTLESHAM ART GROUP

We are a small friendly group of people who currently meet in The Annexe at St Michaels Church, Martlesham Heath to paint together. Our meetings are held every Wednesday morning from 10a.m. to approx 12.15p.m. and, at present, we have a limited number of vacancies. Our sessions are not tutored but we all gain from each others ideas and experience. If you would like to join us or want to know more please either call in and meet us one Wednesday morning or ring Diane on 01473 659257.

RSPCA SPRING FUN DAY - Putting the "fun" into fundraising

The RSPCA Animal Centre in Martlesham had its latest Spring Fun Day on Sat 31st May, raising a brilliant £2,537, which will all be used to help animals in the local area. What a wonderful day, the sun was out and there was a great atmosphere, with a sack race, egg & spoon, cuddly toy shy and the stocks. Many thanks to the staff, especially Tom Patrick who organised it, the volunteers and everyone who came along.

The Branch will be holding our Summer Quiz on Sat 12th July at St. Michael's Church Centre, The Drift, Martlesham Heath. Tickets will be £5 each (nibbles only). Pre booking only please, contact Kate on 01449 614057 or email katebranchadmin@talktalk.net, by Friday 11th July latest.

The next event at the Animal Centre will be the Pet Awareness Day and Fun Dog Show on Sun 20th July. Doors open at 11.30am.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th July 2014

At

341 Main Road, Martlesham

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Admission £1.00

Includes tea / coffee & cake

Various stalls, raffle, tombola etc

In aid of Age UK

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

You might have noticed that an area of trees has been cleared recently to reveal a section of the southern revetment and to create an access to it from the perimeter track. This work has been carried out by a third party without our knowledge. We are currently investigating the situation and assessing the impact of the works, particularly with respect to the loss of habitat which had bird nests, bats and great crested newts, which are all protected species. The trees, as with all the trees in the woods, are protected by a Tree Preservation Order. We intend to restore the habitat slowly in due course under the guidance of English Heritage who have been advising us on historic restoration projects in woods.

There have been two cases of dumping of garden waste in the woods by the back of Deben Ave. Dumping of any kind in the woods is illegal. We would kindly ask the people responsible for dumping the grass cuttings and eucalyptus tree parts to remove them as soon as possible.

In recent months we have hosted visits from Gorseland School, Brownies and Guides groups. So far over 120 people have enjoyed learning about the wildlife of the woods. If you would like to arrange a visit to the woods for a young person's group then please contact us. Following the change of day to Sundays for the Nature Watch Club meetings, the new dates for the rest of the year are 6th July, 21st Sept and 26th Oct. More details can be found on our website.

As part of their wildlife habitat activity, the Nature Explorers have put up the two bird boxes donated in memory of Bob and Vera Pawsey. We look forward to these being occupied soon, most likely next year.

Please book your place for Nature Watch Club and Nature Explorers by sending an email to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Club Sunday 6th July, 9:00am – 11:00am Meet at the Control Tower

Nature Explorers Saturday 19th July, 9:00 – 11:00am

Meet at the Education Centre (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Volunteer Work Morning Saturday 19th July, 10:00am – Noon

Meet at the Education Centre (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

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

Improve your Speaking and Presentation Skills

Would you like to improve your speaking or presentation skills? Speak Easy at Martlesham is a public speaking club, affiliated to Toastmasters International, that can provide you with the opportunity to practise and improve those skills in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. At meetings, members have the opportunity to give short impromptu speeches, longer prepared speeches and take on roles, as well as having the chance to learn from hints and tips sessions plus workshops. Why not come along to a meeting as a guest and try it for yourself? There is no pressure for guests to speak unless they would like to and you will be able to meet members as well as see how our meetings run.

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. Meetings are fun and informative and 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:

July 3rd , July 7th , July 31st

August 14th , August 28th

September 11th , September 25th

Further details about Speak Easy can be found at www.speak-easy.org.uk

<https://twitter.com/SpeakEasyMart> and <https://www.facebook.com/SpeakEasyMartlesham>

SpeakEasyMartlesham

Or call Bob Booker Tel.07968372563

THE ORWELL SINGERS – SUMMER CONCERT

The Orwell Singers will be holding their Summer Concert entitled 'Summer Delights' on Saturday 5th July at 7.30 pm at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL.

The concert will be a programme of light music. Their guest this year will be baritone, Gary Griffiths. Entry at the door will be £7.00 for adults and 50p for accompanied children and will include refreshments.

For more information please telephone 01473 635955 or email d.sharman@btinternet.com.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SEWING DAY

With the long school summer holidays fast approaching do you dream about having just one day to yourself without worrying about children and chores?

On Friday 15 August I will be having a 'Just For Me' day when you can get away from all distractions and create something from a selection of projects such as a cushion cover, ipad/tablet cover, notebook/journal cover, bunting, small wallhanging, quilted bag etc. All materials and full instructions will be provided, you just need to bring a packed lunch and your sewing machine (I do have a machine you can borrow if necessary). Alternatively you are welcome to bring your own project to work on.

If you feel you would like to charge your batteries before the holiday, my next modern patchwork class is on Friday 18 July which is a beginners class where you will be able to make either a wonky star cushion cover or quilted table mat.

Please contact me, Gillian Strange for further details, no obligation

Tel: 07708258765

Email: gillian_strange@talk21.com

WEDNESDAY WOOLLY WONDERS Knitting, Crochet or any woolly craft

A new group of people who get together, every other Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Scout Hut, Martlesham Heath, to share ideas pattern, and skills. Come along with your latest project, or join us in knitting blanket squares for the group creation! If you just want to learn, you are welcome too.

Come for a cup of tea and a chat.

Dates for July are 2nd, 16th and 30th

For further details contact Rachel rachel.pennick@btinternet.com
01473 610437

The Roger David Burrows Music Fund

presents

An Evening of Light Music

With

Helen Ellison & singers

and

Melton Folk

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

on

Saturday 19th July 2014

at

7.30 pm

There will be light refreshments and a raffle

Admission £5.00

(accompanying children 50p)

at the door.

Helen Ellison is a local musician and has been teaching piano, violin and singing for many years in this area. Her brother, Roger, was one of the original members of Melton Folk who play a variety of light and folk music at many types of events.

Further information about the Music Fund 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 W.I.

Woodbridge Tide Mill is one of the most iconic images of Suffolk, but when did you last visit? Like so many people who have lived in the area for a long time, I've only visited rarely when I've had visitors to entertain. But much has happened there recently and on July 18th our speaker, Nigel Barrett, will tell us about it's history and the recent programme of restoration. As an artist, I have to admit I preferred it when it was covered in rusty red corrugated iron – but – I'm probably in a minority of one! Anyway, do come along to the Richards Room on Felixstowe Road on July 18th at 7.30 to hear this interesting talk.

We have a break from meeting in August, instead a bit of retail therapy at Stonham Barns, but we have a really exciting evening planned for September, so book the date, Sept 19th as it will be an open meeting – everyone welcome. Watch this space for more details. Speak to Anne Bennett on 01394380110, for more information on all W.I. matters

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Summer is here so why not consider entering our **SUMMER COMPETITIONS**, closing date is **Monday 7th July**. These competitions are open to residents or businesses within the parish of Martlesham for any of the following categories:-

(A) Most Attractive Summer Front Garden.

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

(C) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a non-residential premises, this could include for example schools, industrial units and other businesses.

(D) 'Your' Back Garden

Hanging baskets and Planted Containers in the Square and elsewhere in Martlesham

There are floral hanging baskets in The Square for the summer and several containers of summer bedding plants in The Square as well as outside the Post Office Stores and outside the Community Hall. We are very grateful to the following who have given a donation towards the cost of the baskets and containers and those who help to look after them:-

Martlesham Heath Dental Practice

Duncan's Butchers and Bakery

Speak Easy at Martlesham

RDP Accountants

Anglia Care Trust

Martlesham Community Council

Martlesham Heath Surgery

Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd

Dummett Copp

The Douglas Bader

Admirals Fish and Chips Ltd

Saplings

Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee

Barton Property Consultants

The Post Office Stores

Home Meadows Nursery Ltd

A Date for your Diary:-

On Thursday evening 18th September, at St. Michael's Church Centre there will be an illustrated talk on 'Suffolk Plants' by Sarah Cook (former head gardener at Sissinghurst) and Jim Marshall (former Heritage Garden Adviser with the National Trust); further details nearer the time.

If you would like a competition entry form or details of any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. MARTLESHAM MOTHERS UNION

Instead of meeting in July at St Michael's, we have been invited on July 2nd by Kirton Mothers Union to a service in the church to celebrate Mary Sumner Day followed by tea. Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers Union in 1876 and there are now over 4, million members in 80 + countries.

August 6th at St Michael's Church there will be a Beetle Drive and cream tea at 2.30pm. Do come and bring a friend(s) and have a fun afternoon and help to raise funds for MU projects.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Happy is the Man....!"

Jesus said some strange things, when he taught his disciples in the sermon on the mount.

This is particularly so, in the beatitudes. He said:- Blessed are the poor in spirit Blessed are the meek! Blessed are the persecuted!

Jesus turns upside down, the values of our current generation. It is the people who are aggressive and who look after number one, who seem to be successful, and lauded.

As J.B.Phillips put it in his book (Your God is too Small):-

Blessed are the pushers; for they get on in our world

Blessed are the hard boiled; They never let life hurt them

Blessed are those who always complain: For they always get their way in the end

There have been several cases in the news lately, of people suffering with terminal cancer, who, despite serious illness, have done spectacular things for others.. We marvel too at the courage of those in refugee camps, who can rise above their bleak conditions to strengthen and help their fellow sufferers. They may be in a sense weak and without much hope in the world's eyes, but in the lord's estimation "Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" ie, They are doing it heaven's way.

ACTIVITIES IN JULY

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE -July 8th

(Cream Tea at Wyevale)

WEDNESDAYS

Home Group - 7.00 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

(Last Session July 17th)

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

Elsewhere you will read of the closure of M.C.F., after 58 years of Christian Witness.

It has been a privilege to contribute to the 'Martlet', but this is my 'swan song!' -

John Mellen

Who keeps you going?

Along the rail route between Freiburg and Titisee in the Black Forest area of Germany, there's a spot called 'The Deer's Leap'. It's a steep valley which now houses a dual carriageway and a railway.

The story goes that some hunters were chasing a stag through the forest along a route that led to this steep gorge. The hunters knew victory was in their sights. The stag knew it was a matter of certain death or a leap of hope and courage. It took the latter risk. Instead of stopping, the stag took an incredible leap and landed safely on the other side of the valley. The hunters were amazed and full of respect for this magnificent animal. A beautiful statue of the stag was erected on the spot, in honour of this incredible achievement.

It made me wonder who or what we rely on when things aren't going well in our lives. Through the prophet Isaiah, God said, "Don't be afraid, I've rescued you.I've called you by name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end - because I am your God'.

He never said things would be easy when we put our trust in him, but he has promised to walk by our side, and to take that leap of faith with us when things seem to be at their worst.

Margaret Rittman
Curate.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning with Judith Stinson. A great time was had by all who attended. If you missed this one be sure to note in your diaries the date of our next Coffee Morning with Sandie Little at 239, Main Road Kesgrave, same time 10.00 to noon on Tuesday July 15th.

As hinted last month I can now confirm that The Decibelles will be in concert at Brightwell Church on WEDNESDAY 17th September , commencing at 7.30pm. As always a Buffet Supper will be included in the ticket price and these will be available from the time that you read this copy..

In August we are planning an Away Day at the Wardens, Sizewell on Thursday 14th August from 10.00am to 3.30pm. The programme for the day will include a bring and share lunch, there is a cost of £5 per head for the use of the facilities but we have the advantage of having indoor and outdoor facilities so the weather will not be a deciding factor. If you would like to book a place please contact the Secretary below.

Further ahead, we are looking forward to another Quiz evening with the innovative Quiz Master, Simon Lambert, date to follow.

Geoff Lambert 01473624130
brightwellchurch@btinternet.com

Christian Aid Week in Martlesham

We have finally finished counting all the donations collected by our wonderful volunteers this year and are pleased to announce the resulting total of £2,222.65. Thanks to all those who filled in the gift aid slip for their donations, the final total will be more than this! In the current difficult economic climate this is a wonderful result. We would like to thank all those who gave so generously of their time and their money to help overcome poverty and enable more people in the world's poorest communities to live without fear.

Christian Aid recognises that 'Poverty is a scandal'. Working together, we are helping to tackle the root causes of poverty. Thank you

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THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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01473 612659

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 6th July	9.45am All Age Worship	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 13th July	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship <i>for Sea Sunday</i>	6.30pm Evening Prayer or Evensong TBD
Sunday 20th July	9am Breakfast @9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th July	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm <i>Evening Prayer or Evensong TBD</i>
Sunday 3rd August	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am <i>Holy Communion</i>
Midweek Services	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all our services		

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

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| 5 | give thanks for marriage and family life | 21 | all teachers & school staff as they reach the end of the school year |
| 6 | celebrate the centenary of the Anglican Diocese | 22 | those facing relationship breakdown |
| 7 | all local youth clubs, Scouts and Guides | 23 | the residents of The Oaks |
| 8 | the lunch club | 24 | the District Council meeting and our councillors |
| 9 | the residents of The Chase | 25 | fun & safety for the children in the summer holidays |
| 10 | the shops and staff in our community | 26 | those who volunteer to maintain heathland and woods |
| 11 | those facing loneliness | 27 | the members of Martlesham Christian Fellowship |
| 12 | for tolerance and respect between different faiths and cultures | 28 | those co-ordinating the Martlesham Neighbourhood plan |
| 13 | give thanks for new life in Jesus | 29 | give thanks for the beauty of our local area |
| 14 | the Open the Book presentations of Bible stories in schools | 30 | the residents of The Grove |
| 15 | those recently bereaved | 31 | those facing redundancy |
| 16 | the residents of The Drive | August | |
| 17 | the drinks & dribbles baby café and toddler groups | 1 | holiday playschemes and sports activities |
| 18 | those facing financial difficulties | 2 | those struggling with illness |
| 19 | the parish councillors who serve our community | 3 | give thanks for families and children in the churches |
| 20 | celebrate our differences within the churches in Martlesham | 4 | the businesses and employees in our community |