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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

Saint Mary's Church, Martlesham, in the Spring by Alan Powell

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

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

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

Martlesham Community Responders are 10 Years Old!

On New Year's Eve, the Martlesham Community Responders reached our 10th Anniversary, and in that time we have responded to about 1000 emergency calls to the Ambulance Service from the Martlesham area. Our role is to provide a first response in the event of an emergency, in order to start treatment before the arrival of an EEA Ambulance.

Unfortunately it is not all good news, because we are currently desperately short of members who are able to actively respond. We work in collaboration with the BT Adastral Park Emergency Services who provide cover during normal working hours, so we try to be available to respond during the evenings and over the weekend. If you feel that you might be able to help us, by training as a Community Responder, then please contact Paul Stockdale (01473 621225, or paulpstockdale@btinternet.com) or take a look at www.eastamb.nhs.uk/get-involved to find out more.

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.

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

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 30 April 2014, 7.30pm, Parish Room

Not a formal meeting of the Parish Council! Come along and find out what we've been spending your money on during the year and find out what other local organisations have been up to. Also your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham. For the financial year 2014-15 we have awarded grants to Beacon Hill Primary School, Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk), Greenways Countryside Project, Home-Start Suffolk Coastal, Martlesham Conservation Group, Martlesham in Bloom, Martlesham Heath Baby & Toddler Group, Martlesham Historical Society and the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. Cheques will be presented at the meeting.

All welcome. Light refreshments included!

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - Your Village Needs You!

It is with regret that we recently accepted the resignation of Anna Thomason from the Council. We are very grateful for her input to our work, which included representing us well on MHHL and taking on the inspection of a play area. This leaves a vacancy and, if an election is not called, 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.

Please park considerately!

We have been notified that some people are parking on footways and, in so doing, causing an obstruction for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with pushchairs forcing them into the road. This habit can also damage the footway and lead to unnecessary costs for us all in the long term. So please think about others when you park.

Severe Weather events - Contacting UK Power Networks

The whole country has suffered from severe weather in recent months. As this goes to press we can only hope that March will be a calmer month. UK Power Networks urge the public to stay well clear from power lines and to report any damaged power lines to UK Power Networks.

To report any power cuts and damaged lines in the East of England, please call 0800 783 8838 or 01243 50 8838 for mobile users. You can also look at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk and follow the company on twitter for updates.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 5 March 2014

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 12 March 2014

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 2 April 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.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

The Core Strategy. It was quite a surprise to learn so soon after the event the decision by the judge of the judicial review requested by NANT (No Adastral New Town) on the core strategy. The Judge gave her decision in favour of Suffolk Coastal District Council. At the time of writing I understand that the NANT group are proposing to appeal the decision.

Planning. On Monday 10th February the Development Control Committee deferred their decision on the creation of a new Hotel adjacent to the BT roundabout. Although all members present agreed that the establishment of a substantial hotel in the area would benefit all concerned in this part of the district particularly with respect to company visitors, tourism and local employment, the project appeared to lack some of the essential services that one would expect of a first class hotel.

Community Enabling Budget. I am pleased to announce my first success in that I was able to request £1000.00 toward the creation of an 'Amenity Area Project' at St. Mary's Church in Martlesham. The church which was built in the 13th Century lacks any form of Amenity and was difficult for users with disabilities, mothers with pushchairs and wheelchair users. It will also be of benefit when wedding and funeral services are conducted there.

Boundary Commission. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) were due to report on a new warding pattern for Suffolk Coastal District in which the proposal is to reduce the number of councillors from the current 55 to about 43. The new proposals were scheduled to be published in February 2014. At the time of writing the LGBCE has not yet presented their proposals which will have to go out for consultation before a final decision can be made. Again it is a case of 'watch this space'.

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.

A WINTER'S TALE

It was a wet and windy night, but, despite this, about 60 residents and volunteers turned up at St Michael's Church on 23rd Jan to hear about progress on the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan, and to add their comments on issues that they would like the plan to consider.

A lot of people left comments about roads, cycleways, footpaths, A12 noise and pollution, and traffic volumes. Parking was a big concern - especially for new developments, as was access by foot and cycle to the new shops (Next, Tesco etc). Traffic calming on Main Road and Eagle Way was mentioned, as was the high level of traffic on old Felixstowe Rd.

On housing, people were concerned about the design and height of future houses, with many feeling that they should blend in with existing housing styles and the countryside surroundings. The need for housing for young people was mentioned as was the need for more housing suitable for older people, plus retirement homes and a nursing home so our ageing population can remain local.

A number felt that preserving the character and open spaces of Martlesham Heath was important, as was having a policy to prevent unacceptable infill elsewhere.

The need for more accessible country areas close by was mentioned, as was the need for more community open spaces in old Martlesham.

A new community hall in old Martlesham and proper youth community centre were both mentioned, as was a not-for-profit community cafe also selling local produce. Finally a common concern was the future of the surgery and the need for it to be able to expand in or near its current location to provide a wider range of services and cater for the ageing population.

We will be holding further public events, followed by a questionnaire which will be sent to every household in the Parish. To keep up to date, and for more information about the comments we've had so far, please visit our website at martlesham2028.org.uk or find us on Facebook where you can also leave comments. Our email address is martlesham2028@gmx.co.uk. By phone please leave a message by calling the Parish Council office on 01473 612632.

JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Local Development Framework/Core Strategy and the BT planning application

Most residents will have seen the recent newspaper reports regarding the legal challenge made by the No Adastral New Town (NANT) group. At the time of writing this report the High Court Judge has found in favour of Suffolk Coastal District Council and decided that the Core Strategy is sound. I understand that NANT may appeal against this decision. Please visit the NANT website for the latest information. If the appeal fails BT will need to update and consult on some of their planning application documents. Once this work has been completed the Suffolk Coastal Development Management Committee will meet to decide on the BT application.

Hotel Planning applications at the BT roundabout and Barrack Square

The planning applications for a stand-alone 4 storey hotel, a hotel and pub/restaurant and a drive through fast food restaurant have been discussed by the Suffolk Coastal South Area Development Management Sub - Committee. It was decided that the stand-alone hotel decision should be deferred to allow further discussions to take place between the Head of Planning and the applicant to come up with an appropriate design for this strategic and important location. The applications for a hotel with a separate pub/restaurant and a fast food drive through restaurant were refused for the following reasons, that the applications do not conform with established planning policy, the use becoming a destination and is unlikely to represent the scale and design of building that had been envisaged on such an important gateway site. The refusal does not relate to the hotel development.

My Community enabling Budget

At the time of writing this report I have still not received any requests for funding any start up projects or new facilities. If you have any ideas or if you feel that our village is lacking any specific facilities or that your organisation needs funding for a new project please get in touch. Via email john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephoning 01473 631682.

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD

There has been a lot of activity on the SSSI in the Western Corridor over February starting with preparatory work undertaken by Greenways to clear a section of gorse followed by the Mega Bash on the 22nd February.

Additionally we would like to thank the two residents that attended our site meeting on the 9th February. This meeting was held to allow us to explain the Mega Bash and address any concerns with the residents of Westland's.

Over the next month or so three information boards will be installed around the SSSI to illustrate the area affected and the wildlife you may see. These boards are sponsored by the "Sustainable Development Fund" managed by Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB. They will be located close to some of the most-used entrances to the heath and should appear some time this month.

Thanks to the Greenways project more scrub has been cleared from several areas on the heath, with the intention of halting the increase of tree cover and promoting the recovery of heather and acid grassland, as well as improving the pathways.

Thanks also to Portal Woodlands group who thinned out some of the tree cover from areas of heather so that we can recover some more of the heathland character of the site and produce better conditions and habitats for the special heathland wildlife, including reptiles, butterflies and beetles. As we enter the spring period all scrub clearance activities have ceased to allow the birds to continue nesting undisturbed and will not commence again until the late autumn or winter. However bracken control activities are expected to re-commence in the summer.

The current board members are Duncan Sweeting, Clive Wilkins, Peter Davies, Phil Wilmot, David Foster and Phil Smith. We aim to progress activities again through this forthcoming year. If any volunteers are interested in helping please contact a member of the board. Please take a look at our web site for further information about our activities.

martleshamheathhouseholdersltd.onesuffolk.net/

CALLING ALL MUMS..... The Mums' Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath between 12.45 and 2.30p.m. on Tuesday, 4th March. After lunch we will introduce Kim Stevens who will tell us about SwimSure Swim School who hold classes and activities for mums and pre-school children at Beacon Hill Pool, Martlesham. (This is a change to our previously advertised speaker. We will now have our Baby and Toddler First Aid talk at our May meeting.) All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome.

Looking ahead - on 1st April we will celebrate our 14th Birthday with a party. You are invited to join us for fun, games and cake!!

The DRINKS AND DRIBBLES BABY CAFE will be open in St. Michaels on Thursdays, 6th and 20th March. Drop in for refreshments, friendship and toys.

For more information about Mums' Club or The Baby Cafe please feel free to ring Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

BRIGHT STARS AT EASTER

Easter is approaching and we would like to invite all preschoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers who enjoy having fun to join us at Bright Stars to find out more about the Easter story with singing, stories and crafts.

Unfortunately as the spring term draws to a close we will also sadly be saying goodbye to Jo Dixon, who after helping at and running Bright Stars for many years is leaving at Easter. I know everyone from Bright Stars past and present would like to say a big thank you to Jo for all the time and work she has put in over the years to making Bright Stars fun and enjoyable for everyone there (children and adults!) and we wish her all the best for the future.

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? We look forward to welcoming you!

The dates for our Spring 2014 sessions are: March 10th, March 24th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon Tel.01473-622160 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group is a small informal group run by Mums, we meet every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Pavilion Throughout the spring term we have organised a host of wonderful activities for your children to enjoy. During Valentines week (12th 14th Feb) we will be making cards and selling some homemade cakes, and during March (26th and 28th) there will be some special Mother's Day crafts to take part in.

Our Easter Parties will be in April and there will be lots to do, including an Easter egg hunt, cards and windmills to make and of course, more cake! Bring some extra pennies as there will be lots for sale in aid of the Groups Toy fund !!

We would love to see some new faces so if you've never visited us before, please come along and join us.

We have plenty of Tea, Coffee and Biscuits on a weekly basis we even have a sing song. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

What is your favourite book? This month our Preschoolers will enjoy dressing up as a favourite story character, as we celebrate World Book Day. Preschoolers will also be celebrating mums (and nans) during our Mum's Stay & Play week. Manager Rachel is organising more dressing up fun for Sports Relief and (weather permitting) some races on the green!

This month our After School Clubbers will be focusing on construction. Leader Amy has lots of activities planned for making cars, rockets, robots and marble runs.

Our littlest learners will be busy exploring sounds, colours and textures in our new baby room The Seedlings.

Our EASTER FAIR will be held on Saturday 29th March, 10am - 12pm at The Saplings. Please join us for a fun morning of Easter craft activities, games, face-painting and our popular Easter egg tombola.

We are now taking bookings for our Easter Holiday Club (7th - 22nd April 2014), where our Holiday Clubbers can enjoy Easter-themed cooking and crafting activities 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@thesaplings.org.uk, or visit our website: thesaplings.org.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL CHILDCARE SPACES NOW—MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

If you are currently looking for, or thinking about, an early years experience for your pre-school child, we would appreciate your help. As a very popular local playschool with children aged between 2-5 years old there is always a demand for sessions, which results in a long waiting list. We would like to hear your views on how beneficial you feel it would be to have another playschool situated on Grange Farm? For example, is it difficult to find spaces for your child to start when it suits you, e.g after Christmas or Easter, and to get a good choice of sessions? Is there enough choice of quality well established playschools in your area? If you can help with any feedback and you are interested in attending an Ofsted inspected Playschool which may be located on Grange Farm, and will be run by an existing well established, and well regarded playschool, please e-mail us at mplayschool@btinternet.com . We currently serve families on and near to Grange Farm, but we would also like to hear from you if you live or work in surrounding villages and beyond, and need high quality childcare.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon!

**GROWING GUIDING....
MARTLESHAM!**

We are currently looking for 2 Adult leaders for Rainbows (5-7yrs) in Martlesham. We would love to be able to continue to offer the Rainbow Guiding experience on the Heath, but in order to do this, we need your help. Our existing Rainbow Unit needs a new Guider from January 2014, otherwise the Unit may have to close. If you can spare a couple of hours each week, enjoy working with young people & want to make a difference in their lives, please contact us. No previous experience of Guiding is required. To find out more, please contact Jo Dixon on 01473 622160 jo.d@btinternet.com Thank you.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on Friday, February 7th was well attended to enjoy an illustrated talk entitled, "The Liberator in RAF Service", given by Ian White.

Ian, who lives locally, has extensively researched the role of the American Consolidated Liberator. More Liberators were built than any other heavy bomber in WW2. 18400 were built. Half of them by the Ford Motor Company. His book, entitled, "The Consolidated Liberator" will be published shortly. His most interesting illustrated talk showed just how much painstaking research went into it.

Liberators supplied to the RAF fulfilled no less than 9 different roles from anti-submarine work in the Atlantic to the Middle East and the India/Burma campaigns.

A vote of thanks was given by our Archivist, Alan Smith.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 7th March. The subject is, "Luck of a Lancaster." Gordon Thorburn has written a book by the same name and will be telling the story of an Avro Lancaster, (W4964), that survived 107 missions during WW2. It is a fascinating story of courage and endurance and promises to be a very good evening.

Meetings are held at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7.30pm with a break at half time for tea or coffee. Non-members are welcome for the payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell 622458 (Or Howard King 01473 274300.)

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

In the second leg of our game against Bramford in the Chairman's Plate competition we managed to scrape a win so now will go on to the quarter finals which will be held at Needham Market in March.

In the League we had an excellent home win against Stutton, taking all 10 points, but did not fare so well against Sproughton losing 2 - 8 after some closely fought games. Plans are going ahead for our Annual Dinner which this year will not be until the end of March. The delay is deliberate as for the last 2 years we have had problems with the weather. There are also plans to visit Blythburgh in April. We had a very enjoyable social evening with them in the autumn with some good bowling so this will be a return fixture.

The Club Pairs Competition was held on 9th. February. As usual a good afternoon's bowling. Congratulations to the strong pair of Peter Mullett and George Golding who saw off Diana Gaskin and Robert Wellington in the final. The Club Singles are now under way and will be completed by the AGM in May. We also have to look forward to the Triples and Fours competitions which will be played on Sundays in March and April. Judith Longman

MARTLESHAM BRASS 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

On 1st March do come and support our Preliminary Band at 'Tea & Tunes' at St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham Heath, between 10.00 am & 12.00 noon. There will be a raffle, craft & cake stalls & refreshments. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome to our AGM on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath. This is a great opportunity to find out what the band has been up to over the past year and find out what plans the Bandleaders have for us during the coming months! On 8th March, our Intermediate band is performing in a concert at Alan Road Methodist Church in Ipswich at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5, and are available at the door on the night.

Do you have a garage in which Martlesham Brass can store their band trailer? The band would need to access the trailer each Friday and for other events during the year. If you can help please e-mail bandleaders@martleshambrass.co.uk, or contact me on the details below.

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

USED STAMPS APPEAL FOR THE HOSPICE IN FOXHALL ROAD, IPSWICH

I have been collecting used stamps for the hospice for many years, and I am always grateful for the support everyone gives. Occasionally I am given an original Stanley Gibbons or similar album - someone's collection of stamps, carefully arranged, saved over many years. I feel honoured to be able to pass them onto the hospice - they send them off to auction and are able to raise more money by selling these items as a complete collection. Even if you don't have such a collection, your average used stamp is still important. Put together they can be sold in bulk to raise money. So please keep supporting the hospice and save any stamps you get, pop them through my door and I'm happy to pass them on to the hospice. Thank you.

Bev Read 15 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath
Tel 01473 622721

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 20th March we will be joined by Samantha Gay who is the warden of one of Suffolk Wildlife Trust's latest reserves at Knetishall Heath. She will be talking about the wildlife of the heath, progress so far and future plans for management. Please join us at 7-30pm in Woodbridge Community Hall. Everyone is welcome, admission is £2 as usual.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL WOODLAND CONSERVATION GROUP

A pair of tawny owls has been heard calling at the southern end of the woods. This is a welcome return following their departure from the northern end possibly due to works around the Police HQ. Keep an eye out for waxwings and redwings on their journey through the woods on their hunt for winter berries. The Nature Explorers are in the process of clearing and maintaining the bird boxes ready for the new nesting season.

As there were a total of 23 trees lost during St Jude's storm work has gone on to clear away the debris so that some of the planned jobs have had to be postponed. The woodland area is regularly inspected by the group but if you should see anything dangerous at any time would you please report it to us on the address below. The Tumuli are starting to take shape as the trees are cleared and the grass develops on the open area. This is will be an on-going project for the next 3 years

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on 3rd March. All are welcome. The agenda includes a talk on The Moths of Portal Woods, the inaugural presentation of the Powling Cup to the Nature Explorer who has contributed most to conservation in the Parish of Martlesham during the year, and the election of the Committee for the coming year. If you would like to become involved with the running of the Group then please email your nomination to pwcg@martlesham.org.uk.

Dates for the diary:

Annual General Meeting Monday 3rd March, 7:30pm Martlesham Parish Room

Nature Explorers Saturday 15th March 9.00-11.00 Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 15th March 10.00- 12 00 Meet at the Education Area (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

PATCHWORK AND QUILTING BEGINNER CLASSES

After the success of my first classes, I will be running another class on Sat 22 March in my studio in Martlesham Heath for beginners to learn the basics and move on from there. After this first class you will come away with everything needed to complete the project.

I am also going to start running a different course which will be suitable for beginners where we will make a lap quilt/picnic blanket/cot quilt from start to finish over about 5 or 6 monthly sessions. The first session will be on Friday 14 March.

For each class you will need to bring your own sewing machine and a packed lunch. The classes have a maximum size of 5 so it should be a fun day with no pressure. There is the opportunity to borrow a machine if required.

Please contact me, Gillian Strange for further details, no obligation
Tel: 07708258765

MEN IN HARMONY CHARITY CONCERT

29TH MARCH 2014, 7.30PM

The Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir is pleased to once again present a concert in aid of a local charity, at St John the Baptist Church, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

The choir is delighted that St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir will be their guests on what will be a wonderful evening of male voice singing. The concert commences at 7.30pm.

The charity to benefit from the proceeds on this occasion will be the Suffolk Family Carers '8 Days A Week Appeal'. This appeal has been launched to raise over £500,000 to buy a mobile family carers centre. This vehicle will tour the more rural and isolated areas of the county, reaching many of Suffolk's hidden Family Carers and providing a place where Family Carers can be listened to and supported. It will also provide a space to deliver health and well-being activities.

Tickets for the concert are priced at £8.00 and available from 01449 672600 or on the door.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

Already our 'Year of the roof' appeal stands at just over £1000 thanks to the very successful Christmas scout post, archery day & Christmas Raffle.

Our next fundraiser will be a TableTop Sale on Saturday 8th March 10-12 in The Scout HQ

£5 a table please contact Rachel.pennick@btinternet.com or 01473 610437.

If you are having a clear out & would like to donate any toys, books or games in good condition there will also be a table with all proceeds going directly to the scout hq new roof funds.

Look out for the next archery day on Saturday 26th April - more details in next month's magazine

SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY

Tom Hart Dyke will be opening the Suffolk Orchid Society Spring Show on Saturday 8th March 2014 at St Michael's Church Centre, (near Douglas Bader Public House), MARTLESHAM HEATH, IP5 3UY, between 10 am and 4 pm. In addition to our own magnificent display of orchids there will be first class orchids for sale, re-potting demonstrations, advice on the cultivation of orchids and problem solving.

Admission £1.

CAR BOOT AND NEARLY NEW SALE - CEDARWOOD SCHOOL

Have you got a good eye for a bargain !! There'll be plenty of bargains to be had at our Car Boot and Nearly New Sale on Sunday March 23rd between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Come and join us at Cedarwood School, Wilkinson Drive, Kesgrave. We have a hall packed full of nearly new items for sale, plus those car boot sellers will be in our car park. There will be lots of items to interest you, toys, baby and children's equipment, clothing, household - the list is endless ! We will have refreshments available inside, and a raffle. Bring the family, 50p entry for adults, children free. !! Please come and support us, we're raising money for new sports equipment, library books and lunchtime games and crafts. Contact us at pfcedarwood@gmail.com in case there might still be spaces left for sellers. Come on - bag a bargain !!

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The next working party for Martlesham Conservation Group will take place on Sunday 9th March at 10 am. Please meet on the western corridor SSSI - northern end - where we intend to follow up the work undertaken on the Megabash that took place on Saturday 22nd February.

Of the migrating birds the Chiff Chaff is one of the first to arrive, usually in mid-march and may begin to occupy our local woodlands in the second half of the month. The cheerful repetitive song of the Chiff Chaff is a welcome addition as it reminds us of warmer times to come. Other migrants with more varied song such as the Willow Warbler and Nightingale should arrive in April. All these birds were present on our heath last year, contributing to the rich soundscape of birdsong.

Many butterflies have very interesting life-cycles especially those in the "blue" group, the nationally rare Silver-Studded Blue butterfly, which occurs on our heath, is no exception. It relies on small black ants, during part of its life cycle, especially during the caterpillar phase as well as having suitable food plants of heather to feed on. The ants are thought to provide protection in return for rewards of sugar produced by the caterpillar. Consequently a healthy population of butterflies also needs a healthy population of ants. Next month we will be aiming to create some patches of bare ground within regenerating heather in order to encourage more ants and hopefully more Silver-Studded Blue butterflies.

MALGA - AGM Take 2 - Last Chance Saloon!

So where were you? Martlesham Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14 January was attended by zero people, apart from the current committee.

This has confirmed the current committee's view that we should formally; 1) either suspend MALGA's operation for the foreseeable future or 2) wind-up the organisation entirely.

I have highlighted in previous articles that, in spite of several years concerted effort, MALGA has not secured an allotment site within the Parish. We believe the current wait for the Local Development (planning) Framework and a decision about the Adastral Park development, means the situation is unlikely to change for the next 1 - 2 years. i.e. availability of suitable land and willingness of landowners to lease it for allotments.

We have rearranged the AGM for Tuesday 11 March, 7.30pm, at the Parish Room (Martlesham Community Hall buildings, Felixstowe Road). If you're in any way interested in MALGA's future and the potential for allotments at some point, can you please attend this meeting, to help guide the committee on the best way forward. If you are a past MALGA member we'd be really pleased to see you and hear your views.

If anyone would like any further background information or to share ideas or views with me beforehand, please either call me on 01473 622721 (evenings/weekends) or email me via (info@malga.org.uk). Ian Read Chairman

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET

In March we expect the weather to improve, and as we look around we wait with anticipation for the first signs of new life.

To encourage new interest into the two markets, one at Kesgrave and the other at Martlesham Heath we have introduced a fresh look at Martlesham Heath, and new cooks are being encouraged to produce for both. Visit us and comment on your reactions to what we hope you will see as improvements.

Lyn the new cook will be concentrating on savoury items, introducing some old fashioned recipes to include rabbit and game, when available. Mothering Sunday is in the minds of Producers for March 30th.

Kesgrave Market Saturdays between 9.30 and 11.30 Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach Kesgrave, and Martlesham Heath between 9.30 and 11.15 on a Tuesday at The Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath.

A WARM WELCOME IS GUARANTEED AT BOTH.

Margaret. Tel.No 01473 623849

MARTLESHAM W.I.

We only ask a speaker to come back if members have really enjoyed their first talk. So we are anticipating a good evening on Friday March 21st, when Dr Geoffrey Kaye will be returning. Last time he told us about the Great Exhibition of 1851 – now fast forward 100 years to the Festival of Britain in 1951. This time some of us will remember the exhibition, to others it will all be new, but it was no doubt an equally important event, giving a tremendous fillip to designers and industry in the post-war world. As the only remaining building from the exhibition is the Royal Festival Hall, it will be interesting to be reminded of some of the iconic buildings such as the Dome of Discovery, the Shot Tower and the Skylon that were part of the site on the South Bank.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and prospective new members. Just come along to the Richards Room at 7.30 on Friday March 21st For more information contact our secretary, Anne Bennett on 01394 380110.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

This was the Club's 23rd Annual General Meeting and our Chairman, Mrs Florence Fisher, read out her report informing members that, sadly due to the lack of funds and committee members, the Club will close in November of this year. A decision was taken to carry on with the arranged programme with meetings and demonstrations continuing until that time.

The competition cups for the year were won by Dorothy Willett (Senior) Kate Burrows (Intermediate) and Elaine Moses (Novice). The overall winner's cup went to Dorothy Willett.

We then welcomed Mrs Sam Sainty who gave us an informative talk and short demonstration. Mrs Sainty and her husband run the Laurel Farm Garden Centre at Henley. They have on offer plants, flower and basket arrangements, a vintage shop and coffee shop - all the makings of a pleasant visit.

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 19th March when Mrs Peggy Albertini will demonstrate "Easter in Mind. Workshop/Basket Arrangement.

Margaret Doveston on 01473 624422

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

An Invitation to join us at an Open Evening

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the prospect of speaking to a room full of people? Perhaps you have had to give a presentation at work, or deliver a wedding speech, maybe you feel you do not give your best at job interviews?

It is often said that our greatest fear is having to speak in public, there is a solution, come along to Speak Easy at Martlesham, part of Toastmasters International, we are a friendly, supportive and encouraging group where you can learn to overcome your anxieties and develop confidence in speaking.

On Thursday 10th April we are holding an Open Evening, admission free, from 7pm for a 7.15pm start till 9.30pm in the Richards Room beside Martlesham Community Hall, join us for our meeting, you will have an entertaining enjoyable time observing the club. Our meetings are light-hearted and entertaining and are structured to give everyone the chance to speak.

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:

March 13th March 27th April 10th
Open Evening April 24th May 8th May 22nd

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 LADIES CLUB

2014 has begun with visits from very varied and interesting speakers.

This month we will welcome John on the 6th March, who will entertain us with 'Book Readings and Music' and on the 20th March, Christine McEvoy will tell us about 'Life in the 18th Century'.

We are busy organising outings for this year. Suggestions include visits to Ely, Pakenham Water Mill, Sudbury Silk Weavers and Dunwich for fish and chips. All ladies are very welcome at

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.

our meetings, which are held fortnightly on Thursday evenings in the Richards Room at 7.30 pm.

For more information ring Doreen Boar 01473 622768. All Welcome

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

It is very much hoped that members will have read the AGM report and attend the meeting on Thursday, 6th March. Reports on the work undertaken by MHHL will be provided, and there will be opportunities for members to express their views. A key topic will be that of the maintenance charge, particularly as costs related to the autumn storm damage now exceed £2, 800.

These costs have been incurred in ensuring that trees are safe, and has been in addition to the routine maintenance work carried out by the tree surgeons. It has been decided that they will display noticeboards when undertaking work with MHHL's endorsement, rather than wear reflective jackets as was originally proposed. Should residents witness work being undertaken without the official notices being displayed, please notify MHHL.

In order to safeguard the green from unwelcome vehicles and intruders, it has been decided that additional bollards around the green will be installed to

prevent vehicular access, including one at the end of Warren Lane.

Residents are required to adhere to a number of covenants, including restrictions on building, storing caravans in residential areas, and operating businesses from private premises. There is also an obligation on vendors to require purchasers to become members of MHHL and commit to the covenants. Concerns about transgressions, such as the use of premises to store caravans, need to be referred to the Bradford Property Trust Limited (BPT Ltd.), Grainger PLC 1st Floor SW15H Building, 73-75 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 2SR, marked for the attention of Brett Girling (bgirling@graingerplc.co.uk or telephone 020 8877 6909). This also applies to building proposals, for which there is a fee, and these should be sent in duplicate.

MHHL have been notified that the idea of developing a low-key activity to form a village-day event, which was reported previously, has been cancelled owing to the administrative demands of staging such an occasion. Other expressions of interest are welcome, however.

Whilst the vast majority of dog owners are meticulous in their care, it has become apparent that some have not been clearing up their pet's excrement. It is imperative for the benefit of all that owners exercise this essential responsibility, and examples of negligence need to be reported.

On a similar note, we congratulate the very community-minded residents who pick up litter which has increased of late around the village, in spite of employing a person for this purpose. Clearly, it is unfortunate that they have to do this, and the Board of MHHL implore all residents to take particular care to ensure that this problem is resolved.

To repeat previous requests, please make sure that any foliage overhanging paths is removed for the safety of all residents. Some additional reminder letters will be sent to specific householders on this matter.

MHHL can be contacted via PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB, by voicemail on 01473 612207, or by e-mail (mhh@martlesham.org.uk). Information is also available on the website : <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP BLACK TILES LANE

"Unlikely Saints"

The Lord God is a creator in more ways than one. The marvels of the physical world, show clearly His wisdom and power.

God also has shown that he is able to take up unlikely candidates for spiritual work, and mould them for His Holy service. - Paul is an obvious example - An enemy of the cross, but converted into a champion of the Christian Gospel. Jacob, the deceiver, Jonah the reluctant dissenter and Peter the unstable, were all risky material to trust with work of a demanding Spiritual nature.

Yet a merciful God was able to work in the lives of such people to take His purposes forward and bless many people through their testimony.

Do you have feelings of inadequacy? - recognising, perhaps, lack of qualifications, lack of strength? - "God cannot possibly use me!" you say.

The scriptures say (1 Corinthians 1) - God deliberately chooses the people this world considers as foolish, in order to to shame those who think they are wise. He also chooses those who are powerless to shame the powerful..

Any of us can play a part in promoting God's Kingdom in our day and generation. The Heavenly Father can forgive and cleanse and equip us for Eternal service. He is willing to do this for you!

ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

Sundays

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday Circle - March 11th

(Nick Matter - African Adventure)

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)

THE MOTHER'S UNION MEETING.

The meeting this month is on Wednesday 5th at 2.30pm.

Speaker. Bishop Jeremy Walsh.

Subject "Looking Forward to Easter"

All welcome do come along and see what The Mother's Union is about

THE RAILWAY MAN

I ventured all the way into Woodbridge the other week to see the film The Railway Man. Afterwards I was asked by a friend if I had enjoyed it and the answer was that I hadn't exactly enjoyed it but I was pleased I'd seen it. It had given me a lot to think about for there is an important message in it. It's about overcoming suffering and cruelty by forgiveness.

Eric Lomax, a prisoner of war put to work on the Burma railway, suffered for many years after being tortured in World War Two. As the years passed he found neither peace nor healing. Eventually he meets his former enemy face to face and overcomes the urge to murder him and make him suffer in revenge. Instead he forgives him and the incredible happens, his former enemy becomes his friend.

After realistic scenes showing the horror of Eric being tortured one of the other prisoners of war recites words from Psalm 23:

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." (verses 4 and 5)

In real life Takashi Nagase, the Japanese officer who had been there when Eric was tortured, had suffered greatly too from the trauma. He was impacted in a life changing way when he accompanied allied officers on an expedition up the `death railroad` following the surrender of Japan. He was taken along as their translator and said he experienced something new and

The Women's World Day of Prayer

will be held at St Michaels' and All Angels Church at 10.30am

On March 7th 2014.

The service prepared by the Christian women of Egypt

Theme

"Streams in the desert"

Speaker: Rev Margaret Rittman

Everyone welcome.

Other services locally.

Salvation Army Citadel Woodbridge at 2.30pm

Speaker TBA

St Andrews Church Melton at 7.30pm
Speaker; Mrs Alison Davie

fresh amongst his ex-enemies.

He thought for a long time about the attitude of the prisoners of war and their `iron will`. He wrote in his autobiography "Some 30 years after the end of the war I realised this solemn fact. It is God that they believe in. It was thoughtless of me of little faith not to have understood this. They were expecting God's righteousness to be done".

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You that the long years of damage and pain from trauma suffered by Eric Lomax and Takashi Nagase were healed by the power of forgiveness and reconciliation in their relationship in such a miraculous way. We pray that their example will help many others to find healing. Amen.

Tricia Shuler, Vicar

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

The management of Brightwell Church has fallen into the hands a skeleton staff of late what with our senior Churchwarden Marjorie Manning having been in hospital and at the time of writing is back home on what we hope will be the road to a speedy recovery and at the same time the junior Warden has travelled to the antipodes to visit family members there and to get a bit of sunshine.

The Season of Lent will soon be upon us and as in previous years we will be sharing Evensong Services with the Waldringfield Group of Churches, the first to be held at Brightwell on Sunday 9th March with another at St Mary's Martlesham on Sunday 23rd March. Both at 6.30pm. Please note that on this day there will be no Service of Evensong at Brightwell).

Further ahead the Annual Parish Church Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Monday 28th April at 7.00pm.

Meanwhile Brightwell Men in Sheds continue to meet regularly and meeting dates in March will be Thursdays 13th and 27th from 9.30am to noon on each day.

If you would like any information on any of these matters please use the contacts noted below.

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 2nd March	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 9th March	9.45am Holy Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 16th March	9am Breakfast @9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd March	9.45am Holy Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Evensong (combined with other churches)	<i>No service</i>
Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 6th April	9.45am Benefice Communion		

Midweek Services Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's.
Bright Stars for preschoolers and their cares on 10th and 24th March in St Michael's
A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

March Prayer Diary

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

5th for those preparing for the season of Lent
6th all living in Pine Bank
7th all attending Women's World Day of Prayer service
8th for all who feel forgotten and unloved.
9th give thanks for God's unconditional love.
10th for all the unemployed
11th for all places affected by flooding
12th all living in Portal Avenue
13th for all how work in hospices.
14th for all refugees and asylum seekers
15th for those housebound because of poor health.
16th give thanks for our freedom to worship
17th for people of Ireland on St Patrick's Day
18th for all who work towards prevention of crime
19th all living in Post Office Lane
20th for the local shops and businesses
21st give thanks for love of friends and neighbours

22nd World Water day-- value every precious drop
23rd give thanks for bibles and translators
24th for all Lent groups in the Benefice.
25th Lady Day pray for work of the Mother's Union and its members.
26th all living in Private Road.
27th pray for the hungry and all who work in Food banks
28th for all who make decisions that effect so many
29th for Archbishop Welby in Suffolk today
30th Mothering Sunday pray for all mothers.
31st for those who have been bereaved recently
April
1st ask forgiveness for foolish things that we do.
2nd all living in Raven's Way
3rd pray for all war torn places in the world
4th pray for people of Syria