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MARTLESHAM HEATH BLOOD DONOR SESSION

A session will be held on Friday 18th January 2002 in the 1st Martlesham Heath Scout Headquarters at the following times:- 13.00 – 15.30 and 17.00 – 19.00.

Kathy Greenhow (local organiser) 01473 623367

Editorial

In a rare editorial in The Monthly we would like to extend Good Wishes for the New Year to all our readers from "The Monthly Team". (Around 90 volunteers are involved in getting the Monthly to you month by month.)

As you may have noticed the Martlesham Monthly went on line last month at

www.martlesham-monthly.com and our web site is now operational. Now your family and friends, who have moved away can keep in touch with Martlesham news – do give them our web address .

We are very grateful to Howard Smith of Technowiz Computer Solutions for his help in building and running the site for the Monthly. Do visit our site which will shortly include a diary section where you can inform others of your events and a photo section for pictures of village events – our present printing machinery does not really reproduce photos well enough for publication and most months we would not have room to publish them, as we normally get more than enough material to fill the monthly.

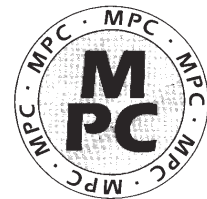
All the photographs on the cover of Martlesham Monthly in 2002, have been taken during the last year by Matt Glen. We asked Matt to portray his view of Village Life and Scenes. He did this so well it was a difficult task to decide on the twelve for the covers.

We are very grateful to Matt for all his efforts and wish him well in his photographic future.

Last month the new Village sign were handed over to the Parish Council, The Monthly made a substantial donation to enable this project to go ahead - it is only the hard work of our large band of dedicated volunteers that enables The Monthly to support projects for the benefit of the Community.

On a personal note this will be my final year as editor (and printer) of the Monthly as I shall be retiring and leaving Martlesham early in 2003. We shall be looking for volunteer(s) to take on this work and keep the Monthly running. The pay is poor but the satisfaction is high, as is the support from our Monthly team – without whom.....

Brian Lillistone, Editor



MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor and the notices of this have recently been displayed on the Parish notice boards inviting requests (to Suffolk Coastal District Council) to call an election to fill this vacancy; ten electors are needed to sign any request. Anybody interested may contact the Clerk who can provide further details or speak to any councillor. If no election is called then the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Parking on Verges

There have been complaints about vehicles parking on the grass verges in a number of roads throughout the Parish. This damages the verge and ruins the grass leaving the area looking very unsightly in what is generally a very neat and tidy area. The parked vehicle may also be blocking visibility for other road users. Please park in your own drive or parking areas and not on the verge.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee

This year, 2002, will see the golden jubilee of the Queen's accession to the throne and the Parish Council will be pleased to

hear of any ideas of how this could be commemorated or celebrated in the Parish of Martlesham

Litter and Dog Bins

There are many bins around the parish but we would like to know of any areas where there is a litter or dog fouling problem so that new bins could be considered or existing ones replaced. Martlesham is generally clean and tidy and we would ask everyone to help keep it so by using the bins for everybody's benefit.

Parish Council Budget for 2002/2003

The Parish Council has been considering and preparing its budget for next year and it is faced with a large increase with a corresponding large rise in its precept that it receives via the council tax. The expenditure in the current year has had to be much more than expected when the budget was prepared last year particularly with land maintenance, where the lowest prices for the new contract were higher than expected and the contractor had to be replaced recently due to his very poor performance, staff changes when the assistant to the clerk resigned and a new Assistant Clerk appointed and an increase of the council's workload; the pathway across the Common has also been properly surfaced. It is expected that the council's reserves will have reduced by about £30,000 to about £74,000 by the end of March; this sum includes £26,500 for major grants that have not yet been taken up. Next year's budget is likely to be about £62,000 and it is possible that a precept of about £55,000 may be approved. Although large in percentage terms it equates to an increase from about £17 to about £26 per year for a band D property. For this you have a fully accountable parish council that undertakes a lot of work to help keep Martlesham well maintained with many facilities and acts on the parish's behalf in an increasing number of issues (that may affect the parish both directly and

indirectly) that are raised through the planning process, from both central and local government and by residents. The Parish Council will have to decide its budget and precept for 2002/2003 at its meeting on 2nd January.

Website

There is now a Martlesham Parish Council web site with lots of information about the parish, the parish council and parish activities; we welcome any comments or suggestions. Its address is www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk

Meetings

Parish Council- Wednesday 2nd January and 6th February
Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 9th January
Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 16th January
All meetings are at 7-30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road but please check the notice boards for further details of the above and other meetings. All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at Council meetings for residents to ask questions or make comments to the council.

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk, Martlesham Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB. Telephone or fax 01473 612632 Via any councillor.

E-mail :- martleshampc@btclick.com
Laurence Burrows -
Chairman

POPPY APPEAL 2001

My thanks to all my collectors and everybody who gave to this year's Poppy Appeal. The result was as follows:- House to House etc. £1,402.46; Tesco Collection £985.24; B.T. Collection £978.74, St. Mary's Church Collection £100; Wreaths £49.25. Grand total:- £3,515.69. Another good collection !

K J Wilding Poppy Appeal
Organiser

FOOTPATH WORKING PARTY

In December

John Forbes would like to thank all those who helped to improve the drainage of the footpath from Church Lane to Martlesham Creek. It was a gloriously muddy task but the surface is now drying out. The stile at the end of Smugglers Run has now been repaired.

John Forbes 01394 382209

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL MARTLESHAM HEATH

Happy New Year to you all.

Last term, for Children in Need Day the staff and children came to pre-school in fancy dress and the children brought in their Teddies for a Teddy Bear's picnic. There was a voluntary collection and we raised £30.00 for Children in Need.

The children took part in the Operation Christmas Child Project, they managed to fill 27 shoe boxes with gifts for the children. A big thank you to all who helped with this project.

At the end of last term we held a Christmas party for the children, they played games, sang Christmas songs to the parents and they had a visit from Father Christmas who gave all the children a present. The children really enjoyed themselves, thank you to everyone who helped with the party food and to those who helped on the day.

The theme for this term is 'Shapes'. The children will be learning about different shapes. Printing using sponges, making mosaics with sticky squares, also the children will be making heart shaped biscuits and some sailing boats with triangle sails.

We have two vacancies on the pre-school committee, Treasurer and Chairperson and need volunteers to fill these posts. If you think you could help us or know of someone who could, please contact Sarah Tait on 01473 614174.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information please contact Angela Wilks on 01473 631510
Catherine Reeve

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. Annual subscription £9.00 with visitors welcome at £1.50 per session. There is a plant stall and stall for flower arrangers at each meeting.

Next meeting 16th January Heeroma Flowers "A Florist and their Flowers". Competition "Take three flowersÖ.." Everyone welcome.

Margaret Forbes 01394 382209

MARTLESHAM V.P.A.

We've sorted out our Officers following the A.G.M.

Mr. Brian Davey has agreed to remain as Chairman as well as Show Secretary with help from members at events and I will be General Secretary with assistance from Mrs. Linda Mitchell with the Committee minutes.

We would dearly like volunteers from members to fill the vacancies on the Committee. No experience needed - just a few new ideas for our activities.

The Annual Dinner was the usual happy occasion. With good food and good company the evening flew by. We were pleased to welcome Penny and Mike Hollman from Martlesham Post Office Stores as our guests for the evening.

Our meetings in January are on the 11th when a member, Mr. John Twaits, will take us on his holiday travels and on the 25th when Mr. Roy Tricker, compiler of many church guides, will entertain us "Enjoying Old Churches". Roy is an officer with the Churches Conservation Trust and, as such, clearly knows his way around churches.

Both meetings will be held in the Richards Room at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

We already have our Spring Show - programmed for 6th April and have now decided to add a Summer Show on 20th July, details later.

Stan Harris. 623427.

A new class for Martlesham.
"GENTLY DOES IT!"

Starting Monday 7th January 2002 @11:45 in the Community Hall

A gentle workout with no jogging or jumping or complicated routines to learn. Good for mobility, flexibility, co-ordination & as an introduction to exercise. The Monday Workout continues as usual beginning at 10:00.

No need to book for either class just turn up on the morning.

Further details from Barbara Gibbs Tel:01473 728630

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

32 members attended our meeting on November 22nd. 2001 when our chairman introduced us to Mr. Bushby, an official in the Suffolk Agricultural Society, who gave us a talk on the Suffolk Show. He gave us an insight into the background and organisation that is involved in staging the show each year, from its inception to the present day, with details of the acreage and plans involved he showed us some excellent coloured slides of the more interesting aspects of this event, regaling us with many jokes and anecdotes. He also told us about the many visits that Royalty had made to the show over the years. The year 2001 was, of course, blighted by restrictions because of the foot and mouth outbreak, but the show will be restored to its full glory in 2002. The Organisers are looking into public requests for a 3 day event and perhaps include a Saturday or Sunday, but no decision has yet been made. Vera Pawsey thanked Mr. Bushby for a most interesting and informative talk.

At our meeting on December 6th. Mr. David Adams gave us a talk on the 'The Amazing Honey Bee' David told us that in 1853-58 bees were kept in straw skips, then a Mr. Langstaft invented the removable frame hive which has not changed to any degree since. Hives are closed for the winter and proofed against mice etc. There is one Queen Bee to

every hive. The capacity of the hive is 5000 in the winter and 50,000 in summer. On, or about, the 1st. of January the Queen starts to lay eggs, gradually increasing production to about 2000 eggs each day by the summer. The hive contains only a few drones to mate with the Queen and they are killed off if food becomes low. Worker bees, who feed the Queens with Royal Jelly, are immature infertile females and have a barbed sting, drones buzz but have no sting, while the Queen uses her sting to fight. Bees will fight to the death to defend the hive. They are very dangerous creatures and the human body can only stand so many stings, we were shown the protection clothes used by bee keepers. The bees are smoked when the honey frames are removed Although bees will travel up to 2 miles for nectar they prefer a source nearer to the hive. Worker bees only live about 6 weeks as they work so hard, flying at up to speeds of 12 miles per hour. The flavour of the final product cannot be guaranteed, and we were shown examples of good and bad honey. Many members bought jars of excellent quality honey that Mr. Adams had bought with him. Beryl Dyer gave a vote of thanks for a most excellent talk. We had our Christmas Party on December 20th. then fortnightly meetings will resume again on January 10th. 2002.

Rita Smith.

MARTLESHAM WIVES

Despite the name ; we are a friendly and informal group of females; encompassing a range of ages and single /married etc. status. We meet once a month, either in a member's home; to hear a guest speaker or to visit a place of interest locally. The social aspect is a priority and we always make new faces very welcome. If you are new to the area it is a good way to meet people. No need to commit to membership just pop in & pay £1 for the meeting which interests you . Our numbers range from 6 to 26 depending on the weather /topic of meeting etc.

Our December meeting was spent very enjoyably consuming a Christmas meal at the Cherry Tree in Bromeswell ! January's meeting will be on

Monday 21st at 8.15 at 46, Forest Lane, "Sainsbury's" a talk by J. Trevelyan [Home Economist. [thankyou to Kathy Passmore for the loan of her sitting room on that date and also for all the events she organised in 2001 for the group !] At that meeting I shall be collecting £2.50 deposits for a hands on session at the Ceramic Cafe planned for April .

Further information on any of the above / suggestions for a more p.c.name [for the group] from Jenny tel. 626253 jenny@chidgeyhome.freeserve.co.uk

MARTLESHAM W I

The December meeting was a Christmas party where members enjoyed competitions, quizzes and a beetle drive arranged by Miss Pat. Brown.

Refreshments were provided by "The Committee" and the happy evening ended with Christmas Carol singing.

The January meeting will be on Friday 18th at 7.30 p.m. in the Richard Room when Mrs. Ruth Mellen will speak on her five years in Zambia.

The competition for this meeting will be a Christmas Card from overseas.

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I

Martlesham Heath W.I. enjoyed their December meeting in the Pavilion. The room had been decorated, which was much appreciated, and the steady appearance of plates of seasonal food as the members arrived added to the festive atmosphere. The routine business of a W.I. meeting was cut to a minimum, and we settled down to listen to a talk given by Mr. Douglas Ditta about his lifetime spent as an actor. He had a wide experience with several noted companies after leaving R.A.D.A., including appearances at the old Ipswich Arts Theatre. His reminiscences

of plays, people, and inevitable mishaps were highly amusing, and every one thoroughly enjoyed meeting him.

The competition for a Mask was won by Joan Carvil.

During supper, Santa Claus arrived for the distribution of gifts.

This was a lovely start to Christmas, and our next meeting, January 14th, will be a celebration of the new year and all things Scottish, ladies will be made welcome to this and any of our meetings.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

We ended 2001 on a high with a Christmas Party at St.

Michael's Church Centre. More than 90 people gathered on Wednesday 5th December to enjoy a splendid afternoon of entertainment supplied by Geof Lambert and his friend Tony. Their music and songs brought back happy memories for many of our guests, who all expressed their delight in the afternoon. A grand tea was organised by Brenda, who unfortunately was not well enough to attend the party. Our love and thanks to you Brenda. We all hope you are feeling better now. The Christmas cake was made by Sylvia this was much appreciated by our friends. Thank you Sylvia. Our thanks too, to Elizabeth who organised the whole event.

The evening group met at the Rectory for an evening of humorous readings and serious thoughts and prayers relating to the Christmas story. Robert read us a Nativity experience written by Rev. John Waller. The evening ended with seasonal goodies and mulled wine.

Our thanks to Brian and Audreen for the refreshments and their hospitality.

2002 starts on Wednesday 2nd January at St Michael's Church Centre at 2.30pm We will be

holding our AGM and quarterly service. Do try to attend this important afternoon.

The Evening Group will meet again on Tuesday January 15th at St. Michael's at 7.45pm when we will learn about Aromatherapy from Mrs Janet Bull. Janet suggests we have a small cushion or pillow with us.

Please continue praying for Edwina, Doreen, Peg, Nesta, and Heather and any other members known to be unwell.

My quote for this month certainly gives me food for thought Ö God gave me two ears and only one mouth Ö..so he probably wants me to spend twice as much time listening as I do speaking.

God Bless Monica

KESGRAVE & DISTRICT HELP CENTRE

Over 60 residents from Kesgrave, Martlesham and Rushmere St Andrew attended the Christmas Buffet Lunch in the main hall at the Kesgrave Community Centre. Entertainment was provided by the smiling pupils of Heath School singing carols to piano accompaniment and by pupils of the first intake of the new Cedarwood School who presented songs and a recorder ensemble.

Rev Robin Spittle, Vice Chairman of the Cedarwood Board of Governors, officiated at the Grand Christmas Draw. The top cash prize of £50 was won by our District Councillor Norman Bugg. . Thirty-four other prizes were distributed including a bottle of potent wine won by Doreen Turner. Doreen's husband Keith, a keen dominoes player at the weekly coffee mornings, now mistakes the blank One, for the double six!

The Committee wish to thank the Organisers Martin Grimwood and Betty Ling, and the volunteer helpers and drivers who worked so hard to

make this event a success. Our thanks are due also to all those who kindly donated prizes for the Grand Christmas Draw including Debenhams, Ipswich Town Football Club, King Pin Bowling Centre, Spicer McColl, Tesco.

Our next coffee morning will be on Thursday 3rd January starting at 10 a.m. Why not just drop in on your way to Tesco.

Martin and Betty are here to solve your problems on 01473 622574 or e-mail <kesgravehelpcentre@ukonline.co.uk> Ray Spratt

MARTLESHAM BRASS.

We would like to start by wishing you a Happy New Year from Martlesham Brass

December was, as usual, our busiest month. We spent nearly every day carolling around the local area appearing in Aldeburgh and at various places such as B&Q, Wyevale and Tesco. We raised a large amount of money (the final figures will appear in next month's issue) and we would like to thank all of those people who put money in our buckets!

Carolling at Christmas time is an important part of Martlesham Brass band's fund-raising activities. It enables us to buy instruments, music and equipment, which are essential to our continued expansion and development. However we also feel that Christmas is a time for giving, so as usual the money we collect is being shared with two other local organisations: the **Kesgrave Community Resource Unit** situated in Bell Lane, Kesgrave, and the **East Suffolk Group of Friends for FSID (Cot Death Research and Support)**. These are two very worthwhile causes that the band have supported over the last few years and we know that money raised by our hard work and the generosity of the public is appreciated and will be put to very good use.

On the 9th December Martlesham Brass Band

performed for the Kesgrave Wine Circle's Annual Christmas Charity Concert. As the concert was raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance the band chose to donate its fee as part of the fundraising effort. It was a most enjoyable evening, with the band performing a wide variety of seasonal music as well as providing the accompaniment to the carol singing. The adult members of the band were treated to possibly the best refreshments ever at this event; with the 'Mixed Fruit' variety being voted favourite! The Kesgrave Wine Circle raised over £600 at this excellent concert, and we would like to congratulate them on their superb effort.

The 15th December saw the Martlesham Brass Annual Christmas Concert, which was held at Martlesham Community Centre. This event was a huge success and the audience got to join in with many of the carols. As always the concert featured contributions from all sections of the band.

On the 19th December we joined in the Christmas Tree Carol Service with St Michael and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath out in the Square. As you can see Martlesham Brass had a hectic December, but an enjoyable one. The band now enters a less hectic time, with many of the players practising pieces of music for the annual round of Band Contests starting in March.

Advance notice: we have our AGM at the beginning of February, so prospective committee members are being sought to replace those for whom time is up! There may be some new names and contact numbers for the band over the next few months so watch this space.

This is also that time when local organisations start to book their events for the coming year. If you would like Martlesham Brass to play at your fete or summer fair etc. please contact us soon, as our diary is starting

to fill up, and we do like to support local events if we possibly can!

If you wish to book the band please contact Julie on Ips 620240.

For general enquiries phone Liz on Ips. 623276.

For more information visit our website at www.btinternet.com/~martleshambrass

Alison Eyley – Martlesham Brass Publicity Officer

Many thanks Martlesham Brass, for a splendid Christmas concert; we enjoyed it very much indeed.

Grenville and Jennifer Beynon

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Carpet Bowls is an enjoyable game, and we are a friendly group of people, so why not come along and give it a try. In the winter we bowl on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, 2pm-4.30pm, and our club night is on Tuesday evenings 7pm-9.30pm. We started off poorly in the Winter League, but have recovered to a mid-table position (unlike I.T.F.C). We currently play in division two.

If you would like to join please phone me Steve Danby on 01394 384075 or just come along and see if you like it. We play at the Martlesham Community Centre near Tesco.

Steve Danby (Club Captain).

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB.

I trust that all members had a happy Christmas and will have a happy and peaceful New Year.

A few points from the A.G.M. (you will be getting the minutes later.)

Subs, members £32.00 including County affiliation fee, some away matches £1.00, other subs and charges remain the same, but all are due on 31st January 2002.

We should be in for another good Bowling year, as all our leaders are the same as last year. The green will open on 20th April and close on the 22nd September 2002.

Looking forward.

The first big game is against Harwich Club who we played last year. This again has been arranged by our Friendlies Captain (Harry and Joan Mogford) to take place at Harwich on the 10th March 2002, 2.30pm start, make your own way there. cost is £6.50 (this includes a hot meal). Not many places left so get in touch with Harry and Joan if you are interested on Ipswich 625855

Linda 01394 384698.

MARTLESHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Our new U7s and U9s have had good attendance at training which all bodes well. Anyone interested in joining these teams should contact our managers - U7s Russell Wheatcroft 01473 635144 and U9s Bruce Copping 01473 614376.

Our MYFC teams have, on the whole, gained consistency since the start of the season with most Felixstowe & District league sides now in a healthy mid-table position or better. Well done to all the managers and lads.

A good opening spell for our U11s saw them establish a 4-0 lead over Witnesham, the best a terrific glancing header from Tim Guard. Witnesham got back into the match but Martlesham held out to win 6-3, first victory over this side. The "B" Team got a tremendous result coming from one down to win 2-1 thanks to a David Spalding penalty and a Ben Diffley shot.

Another mixed month for the U14 Bombers. They started with two defeats before a fantastic 5-1 win away against Bourne Vale including a brilliant goal from Ben Grimwade, coming from a direct free kick. The lads then battled to a 4-3 win over Broke Hall. 3 extra time goals then saw the team through a cup tie against Felixstowe. Good battling lads!

Steve Coles' U15 Tornadoes

have had mixed fortunes since early November. A big victory, 12-2 away to Tuddenham was followed by a gutsy show against Nacton Youth which we eventually lost 3 - 6. More recently, the Tornadoes have made it through to the Cup Semis after beating Knodishall - well done lads!

The Chiefs U16s have hopefully come through their blip in form. After five straight league wins they lost twice to Fornham and drew with Alstons. However, a solid performance away to Ips Ath saw them level twice before grabbing the winner through goals from Hemo, Jef T & Super-Roon. This result has kept them in the hunt with some tough matches to come.

Thanks to all who helped with another successful Club disco at Martlesham Leisure - well attended and an enjoyable evening for all.

Finally - best wishes to all our players, managers, committee members and supporters. Hope you enjoy the rest of the season.

Gordon Henderson.
MYFC.

THE MOB

First of all let me say a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you from everyone associated with The MOB. I will take this chance to crow loudly about our latest results, which have included wins over some of the top teams in our division including the top team who thought the lads would be an easy touch. And The MOB go marching on!

The column now will take on the shape of a cryptic puzzle for you to identify our players from the list printed below. (I thought this would be better than a boring old list of results and words like "we was cheated" etc. All you have to do is guess the players name (it may be first or last name) from the sometimes easy, sometimes not so easy clues that follow.

Here you are. . . .Have ago . .

1. There's nothing "Jammy" about our first he's always strong and solid.
2. "Michael & Janet" have sweet voices, and our two could be said to have sweet feet.
3. Our "Robbie" would give you a better clue if his "Dad" were called "Foxy" at test match time.
4. Our "Orville & Wilbur" like their namesakes whiz about all over the place.
5. "Tufty" had a club years ago, and ours has a connection to road safety (loosely).
6. Many years ago "Isaac" understood the gravity of the game and so does our man.
7. This player could have connections to a famous London hospital.
8. Could it be that this player had an ancestor who was a "Special Agent" for the wireless, ours is a special player.
8. Unlike his namesake our "Spy Guy" can be relied on 100 per cent.
10. Our "Trumpeter" doesn't knock down walls like the other one you might think of - but probably likes a "Good Book".
11. The alter ego of this player went large in a film - and "It's so unfair".
12. Our boy is young and fast - No-one pulls his strings, and he's certainly not 90.
13. Our man from Genesis has nothing to do with music but is always "The first one".
14. This player has been around for years; you can take it as "Gospel".
15. Our "Prince" has red blood not blue, and won't make a "Charlie" of himself.
16. There's nothing "Nasty" about our version of an "Eastender".
17. This winger doesn't have a Magic Piano (but that's only for his nickname) Lady Penelope would be driven round the bend by him.

Prizes for getting this right are two tickets for our next home game. Here is the list of our players Neil Simpson, Adam Lopez, Ian Fowler, Mark Isaacs, Kirk Jackson, Ryan Newton, Mark (Sparky) Parker, Craig Wright, Andrew Seymour, Eddy Barton, Nic Melero, Chris Squirrell, Dale Fowler, Rory Jackson, Richard Burges, Alastair Wright, Mark Isaacs, James Robertson, Josh Carson, Joe Southgate, Kevin Chambers.

**MARTLESHAM
WANDERERS FOOTBALL
CLUB**

JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 23rd February
The Pavilion, Martlesham
Heath
2pm Admission 20p**

Jumble required, which can be left at The Pavilion on the morning of the Sale or can be collected. For collection Please ring Brenda Chandler 611066 or Alan Warner Tel 01473 405243

KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB

On behalf of Kesgrave Tennis Club we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Anyone who wishes to join the Club please contact Debbie Stebbings on 01473 626919.

Club evenings continue throughout the winter if you would like to play please come along between 7-10pm on a Wednesday Evening.

Mulled Wine Tournament Our Annual Mulled wine and mince pie Tournament was held on 12th December at 7pm. Many thanks to Jenny for organising this event. The winners were Jim Royal and Sarah Crow and runners up were Ann and Ray Brunning.

Coaching courses for Juniors and Adults.

Juniors

Short tennis-Mini-tennis Red Held at Kesgrave High School for ages 6-9 years old. Tuesdays 6-7pm and Fridays 6- 7pm.

Transition Tennis-Mini - tennis Orange Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 8-10 years old. Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm.

Beginners- Mini tennis Green Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club courts for ages 9-16 years old. Wednesday 4.30-5.30pm-Girls only Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm-Boys only Friday 6- 7pm

Improvers- Mini tennis Green Children aged 10-16 years old held at Kesgrave Tennis Club Friday 7-8pm

Adults

Beginners and Improvers

Any age from 16-80 years old Held at Kesgrave Tennis Club Thursday 10-12noon Saturday 11-12noon

Please phone Dick on 01394 384791 for more information.

If you would like to improve your game, whether you are a beginner or an improver, we now have another coach who can help you with your tennis, his name is Lee Tweed. Lee is a fully licensed coach and will do group or individual sessions. For more information call Lee on 01473 626193 or 07787114935.

Wheelchair coaching

Mondays from 2.00-4.00pm, Thursday 1.00-3 .00pm and Sunday evenings 6.30-8.30pm weather permitting starting indoors at The Ensors County Tennis Centre in November phone Debbie or Dick for more details. Wheelchair mini tennis takes place at The Maidenhall Sports Centre on Friday evenings between 8-10pm we also have a few dates booked at The Brackenbury centre in Felixstowe. For more details phone Kevin on 626265.

Debbie Stebbings 01473 626919

**PORTAL A VENUE
WOODLANDS
MANAGEMENT/
CONSERVATION GROUP**

The Group have received an early Christmas present this year. Through the generous grants of £1,200 from our County Councillor John Kelso's Locality Budget and a further £1,200 from the Shell Better Britain Campaign we have purchased a professional chipper/shredder. The purchase price included training of six Group members in use and maintenance of the machine and the necessary safety equipment. We are now planning to tidy up the trees we thinned the other week and continue our limited thinning as directed by the SCDC Tree Officer. The chippings from the branches (which would otherwise be an arsonists dream) will be used to mulch the new trees we have planted, and hopefully improve the paths we have not been able to sand. The trunks of the trees will be used to make wildlife and fungi habitats, and also for marking out the car parking

slots and entrance to the Parish picnic area on the Felixstowe Road near to the Parish rooms. We hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year and will be refreshed and ready for more work. We would still welcome volunteers of any age.

The next working days are 10.00 to 12.00 on the 12th and 20th of January and the 16th of February. As normal we will meet on the perimeter track at the entrance to the Force HQ sports field.

Contacts: Duncan Sweeting - 01473622859 Peter Izzard 01473611291

**MARTLESHAM HEATH
BABY AND TODDLER
GROUP**

Our latest event was the Ladies Night in November, at which we raised approximately £225. Many thanks to all those who helped out before, during and after the event. By the time this goes to print we will have had our last event of the year, the Christmas party at Kidz Kingdom, and will have closed for the holidays: our first session of the New Year will be on Wednesday 9th January, after which normal service is resumed with sessions in the Pavilion on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am, and afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30pm. For further details, either drop in to one of our sessions, or give me a call. . New members are always welcome, either with toddlers or with babies. We usually have a specific area for babies so they have some protection from our larger children.

Vivienne Midwinter (secretary)

CALLING ALL MUMS

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday, 8th January, when Julie Drewell will lead a 'Mummy and Me' exercise session.

We meet for lunch at 12.45 p.m. and all mums, babies and toddlers will be most welcome.

For more details please 'phone Sue on 624130 or Brenda on 625449.

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

Our first event of 2002 will be a Coffee Morning on Tuesday January 8th at St. Augustine's Church Hall, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich 10.30a.m. - noon. There will be the usual Raffle and other attractions and an opportunity to talk to Members of the NOS about any related problems. We wish all readers a Very Happy New Year .

SINGING TECHNIQUE WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 23rd January 2002, St. Michael's Church Annexe, Martlesham Heath
Wednesday 6th February 2002, St. Michael's Church Annexe, Martlesham Heath
Monday 18th February 2002, Martlesham Heath Pavilion
Wednesday 13th March 2002, St. Michael's Church Annexe, Martlesham Heath.

7.30pm - 9.30pm £2.50 per evening.

The workshops aim to help and improve singing through fun exercises and popular music. Each Workshop will focus on a different area of technique. Open to anyone who enjoys singing or would like to enjoy singing !

For more information: Helen P. Burrows 01473625196

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

LOGO

To start the new year we are going to have a completely new Martlesham in Bloom logo. The launch of the new logo will be on Wednesday 30th January 7.00pm in the Parish Room Felixstowe Road. On this evening we will be having Andrew Walters from The Tidy Britain Group who is coming to tell us how we can ADOPT a RIVER, this is a campaign sponsored by Anglian Water. We hope to adopt the River Fynn which runs through Martlesham. Everyone is welcome to this meeting where they will be able to find out more about the Adopt a River campaign and Martlesham in

Bloom. Sunday February 10th at 2.00pm near the Richard's Room Felixstowe Road we will be planting three trees to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. We will also be planting trees on the Recreation Ground and Kronjie's Piece this Spring.

A date for your diary Sunday 8th September we are going to hold a Sponsored Fun Walk around the Recreation Ground and Kronjie's Piece, The Street, Martlesham. The walk is open to all ages. Half the money raised to go to Martlesham in Bloom and half to your own charity or organisation.

Please let me know if you would like to take part in the walk or if you would like to help the Martlesham in Bloom group with projects in the parish.

MARTLESHAM MILLENNIUM

The Village Signs have been handed over at a ceremony on Saturday 15th December.

If you would like to help with Martlesham in Bloom projects or would like information on the above articles please contact J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary) 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath. Tel. 01473 625196.

WOODBRIE LIONS Serving the Community, Having Fun!

Woodbridge and District Lions Club would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have helped with our Christmas parcel campaign. Firstly to the public who contributed so generously to our appeal. The actual amounts collected were as follows; Woodbridge Street collection 24th November £239, Focus at Martlesham 2nd December £234, Tesco at Martlesham 7th & 8th December £1069, Secondly we are very grateful to Focus and Tesco for allowing us to collect at their stores. Thirdly to Woodbridge Co-op and Budgens for their generosity, allowing us to have collection trolleys in their stores and to their customers who gave to the appeal. Last but by no means least the teachers and

pupils of Farlingaye School who made up Christmas parcels which were added to our own collection. At the time of writing we are not sure how many food parcels will be distributed but if previous years are anything to go by it will be in the region of 150! This is a great example of the community working together for the benefit of others and the activities of the Lions - serving the community. But it is not all work! We have a busy social calendar and have just enjoyed our Christmas party at Woodbridge Golf Club, so we have fun as well. We are always looking for new members so if there are anyone who wants to get involved contact Chris Woods on 01394387260.

LEISURE & LEARNING

January courses at Stradbroke High School...

The wide range of daytime, evening and weekend courses and activities for all ages and abilities starts again at Stradbroke High School the week beginning 7th January.

New courses, include T'ai Chi, a gentle martial art harmonising the mind, body and spirit. Developing Computers, a 16 week course for those with some knowledge wanting to develop skills in all applications. Beginner's Italian, learning Italian conversation from scratch. Patchwork and dressmaking, developing beginners hand and machine sewing techniques and making simple clothes.

The full range of course also includes beginners computing, dance, slimnastics, art history, stained glass, archery, printmaking, French, carpentry, piano/keyboards ...

Over the weekends other course include Makaton signing, historic motor racing, nutrition, pet & animal care, roller skating, readers group and the 21st Arts Experience workshops over the weekend of 23rd and 24thFeb...

For further info on all the courses and activities available at the School please contact Dave Sumner on 01379 388238.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

By the time you read this, the Christmas lights will all be turned off and packed away for another year, but Jesus Christ "the light of the world" continues to shine into the darkness of our world. The wise man (or woman) will step into 2002 with God to light the way. The obstacles may still be there, but you will be able to avoid them. So don't pack Jesus away with the tree, the crib and the tinsel – make a New Year's resolution to let the true light shine in your life.

If you would like to find out more, then please join us in our Sunday services or weekday activities.

Sunday 6th Jan. 10.30am
Morning Worship 6.30pm
Communion

Sunday 13th 10.30am
Morning Worship – Sunspots starts again

6.30pm Communion
Sunday 20th 10.30am
Morning Worship with Sunspots
6.30pm Communion

Sunday 27th 10.30am Family
Worship followed by
Communion at 12.15 (no evening service)

Tuesday 8th 2pm TUESDAY
CIRCLE "Travel the World" with
Miss Jewell and Miss Ripley

For details of FUNFIT, TODDLER GROUP, TEENS GROUP, Prayer meetings, Bible Study etc and general enquiries about Martlesham Christian Fellowship, please ring Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482, or call in at The Fellowship Centre, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

The Christmas Coffee Morning at Brightwell House raised £436.60. This will be divided between Church Funds and the St. Elizabeth Hospice. Many thanks to all the helpers and those who supported the event and to Mrs Causton for the use of her home.

WANTED - OLD MOBILE PHONES

The Refugee Council is collecting them for recycling. They can be left in the box at St. Michael's, or given to Rosemary Still at 8 Viking Heights.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Christmas was well celebrated in all our Churches. A new venture this year was the Christmas Tree Festival staged on the Saturday before Christmas. A collection of decorated Christmas Trees was on show in St. Michael's, and we thank groups and clubs who contributed trees and had obviously put lots of thought and effort into their trees. Our thanks to Ann Little who organised this event which raised over £200 to be divided between The Children's Hospice and our Church Music groups. I am sure we shall be staging another such festival in the future – we hope that it will not snow on the day then – it was seasonal but probably kept away visitors. Once again we are grateful to Birchwood School for passing their Christmas Tree on to St. Michael's.

Another highlight of the Christmas Services was the Christingle Service on the Sunday before Christmas at St. Michael's. We were packed as usual and gave out well over 110 Christingles to the children present – more than ever before. The collection was £254.25 plus £25 in charity cheques – all of which will go to the Children's Society towards their work with children in need, families and young people.

With the New Year it is time to look forward and we shall be doing this in January when we invite church members to a "Church Meeting" with Canon Cedric Catton, The Diocesan Resources officer when we shall be seeking to explore church and community needs and decide what God is calling us to do in the coming year or two;

and to begin to formulate a plan to take our church forward over the coming years. The meeting is on Thursday 24th January at St. Michael's, there will be a simple supper at 6.45 and the meeting at 7.30pm. You will be receiving an invitation if you are on the Church roll or a regular attender. This is a very important meeting and all church members should endeavour to be present.

We have been having a number of prayer meetings in preparation for the Jan. 24th meeting and we shall meet again on Mondays 7th, 14th and 21st of January at 10.30am in St. Michael's and on Wednesdays 9th and 16th at 7.45pm also in St. Michael's – you will be welcome to join us at any, or even just one of these prayer groups to discuss and pray about the future of our church.

This is the year when we have to prepare a new Church Roll – unless you fill in the form to apply again you will no longer be on the church roll and able to vote at the Annual Meeting – and our roll will not really be representative of our actual church membership. So please apply when you receive a form or collect one from church.

Our Annual Quiet Day takes place on Saturday 2nd February at St. Michael's. It is open to all who would like to attend – for all or part of the day – from 10am to 4pm. It will be led by Canon Colin Bevington. Bring your own lunch – hot and cold drinks available. Further details from Rosemary Still on 01394 385333.

It was a shock to everyone hear of the death of Betty Barnett on Boxing Day after a short illness. Betty's active and cheerful presence will be missed by Peter and the family as well as in the church and many village activities. May she rest in peace.

Wishing you all a peaceful new year
Brian Lillistone, Rector



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Services for The Month	Brightwell St. John	Martlesham St. Mary	Martlesham Heath St. Michael
Sunday 6 th Jan The Epiphany	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship 6.30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13 th Jan. 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion & Sunday school
Sunday 20 th Jan. 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Communion (CW)	9.45am Worship & Sunday School
Sunday 27 th Jan. 4 th Sunday of Epiphany	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 3 rd Feb. Candlemas	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship 6.30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES:- Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St. Michael's

Tuesday 8th Jan. 9.30am Holy Communion at 9 Angela Close – all welcome.

Thurs. 10th & 24th 10.30am Pram Service for Mothers & Toddlers at St. Michael's;

Brightwell Caretakers	Date	Martlesham Caretakers	Flowers	Sweepers
Majorie Manning	6 Jan	Mr & Mrs Harris	Rector	E Still/C Hares
"	13	Mrs Darke/Mrs Locke	"	P Barnett/C Cobb
"	20	Mrs Mayhew/Mrs Still	Mr D O'Brien Baker	D Burges/J Symes
"	27	Mrs Branch/Mrs Cunliffe	"	M Zetter

PRAYER DIARY		18	for all who are unemployed and those facing job uncertainty	28	for the residents of Heather Close
7	for all involved in the Middle East - especially those who seek peace	19	workers in the power industry & maintaining essential services	29	for Bible societies & a better understanding of the scriptures in our daily lives
8	for the beginning of term for our local schools – for children & staff	20	for our Churchwardens in Martlesham & Brightwell	30	For the Police and law and order in & nation
9	for family life and good relationships	21	for Residents of Harvesters Way	31	For the children and staff in our Sunday School & Pram Service
10	for people we know in hospital or residential care	22	for The Children's society & child care organisations	February	
11	for all medical staff in our hospitals	23	for the protection of the weak and vulnerable in our society	1	for all refugees, the homeless & hungry in our world today
12	for the Parish Ministry team's training day	24	for the meeting in St. Michael's to discuss the "Way Ahead" for our parish	2	for the annual parish Quiet Day at St. Michael's
13	for our church services in Martlesham & Brightwell	25	for the deepening out Christian faith	3	for our worship in Martlesham & Brightwell
14	for residents of Greswell Court	26	for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on our parish & nation	4	for the Mothers' Union
15	for the Queen and the Royal Family	27	World Leprosy Day, pray for leprosy missions and sufferers, give thanks for medicine available	5	for our Diocese and our Bishop's Richard & Clive
16	for the Prime Minister, the Government & local M.P.'s			6	for the residents of Heathfield & H.Mews
17	for all carers looking after relatives who are unwell				