

Martin Update & Highlights*

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The success of this newsletter depends on the people in the village, it will bring you news and events that are happening in Martin, Tidpit and East Martin every few months– if you let us know!

Please check village notice boards for village events.

Open Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9.15-1pm. Come and visit us in the Blandford Hall to see what we do. For more information contact the Nursery on **07798892645**, Andrea Bourne on **519259** or call in. We have small friendly classes with individual attention in a safe rural setting. We have close links with Western Downland School where many of our children go on to school. Places available now.

Martin Community Association (MCA)

The MCA has been organising regular events over its first year aimed at a variety of different types and ages of people. Its objectives are to promote activities, clubs and events in the village to help improve community spirit and interaction and enjoyment.

A Village Historical Evening was held on Weds 25th January 2012 at 7.30 pm Martin Club . Many thanks to Angela Farmer and Gary Blandford-Hull who encouraged those present to share their knowledge and expertise in particular aspects of the Parish's history and also discovered that many people have old documents, maps, photographs, postcards, artefacts etc. It was decided that an archive of records should be created, accessible to all within the village. Two Saturday morning scanning sessions have subsequently been held to scan old documents, photographs etc and these are being organised at present to be published on the MCA website in the historical section – www.martinvillage.org

Upcoming events planned are:

Weds 28th March 2012 at 7.30pm Martin Club - **'Whats On in**

Martin' – a Clubs and Societies Evening. There are many different organisations and clubs and societies in the village and most of these will be present with a 'table display' of what they do and what they offer the local community. Visitors are invited to come and 'browse' the stalls. Examples include : Tea and chat, Bellringers, Art group, Yoga, Nursery, Parish Council, Belly Dancing, Church, Future Farms, Shop, Village Hall, Horticultural Society, Book Club, W I, Hants Wildlife Trust, Western Downlands Care Group, Model Aircraft Flying Club, , Whitetalk Trust, Martin Club and others. This is also a chance for anybody to start a new club, or merely try to find out levels of support for one. New or small businesses are also encouraged to come along and have a table display. There will also be a very short AGM of the MCA.

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 2nd June, there will be a

'Royal Fete' held on the Martin Playing Field with bar, stalls, teas, games, obstacle course, races, tombola, displays etc. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this.

The MCA has launched a website for the Village – www.martinvillage.org for news, information, photos, events, local business directory etc. To submit articles, photos etc please email editor@martinvillage.org.

In order to facilitate efficient communication, we would like to email out news of village events etc. Please could you send an email to chairman@martinvillage.org so that we can add your email address to the distribution list.

Martin Shop

Mon – Fri: 9 – 11am; 5-6pm

Sat: 9:30 – 12:30pm

Free delivery in Martin

Phone: 07005 805 519

Futurefarms work parties

Do you have an hour or two to spare? We will be planting onions at the beginning of April and would welcome your help. It is easy and enjoyable work, suitable for all the family, and a good opportunity to chat and catch up on news.

If you can help then please call 07005 805 519 or email info@futurefarms.org.uk or just come along to Drove End field at one of the following times:

Friday 6th April 10am - 12pm
(refreshments provided)

Saturday 7th April 9:30-11:30am
(coffee and homemade cakes in village hall afterwards)

Nicole Shering took part in the English Alpine Ski Championships - Slalom Race - in Bormio, Italy, during February half term. Nicole had a few days training before the race with British Ski Academy, training alongside some GB skiers. This was Nicole's first race on snow, she enjoyed the experience and came 13th in her first run.

Tea & Chat— come along at 2.30 to the Blandford Hall for a cup of tea, biscuits and a chat on the **last Wednesday** in the month. For more details ring Marjorie- 519329 or Kathy- 519262

Blandford Hall

Work has now been completed on the conservation of the flint wall. The trustees hope it will be admired by all Tea and cakes will be served at the Plant Sale event at Lime Trees Farmhouse on **19th May** in aid of Hall funds.

The Talk – White Trust

This trust was chosen last autumn by autumn by Martin PCC as its charity of the year. It was established by the will of William Talk in 1797 and now provides a small extra pension for selected elderly residents of Martin, or benefits in kind.

£179 was collected over the Christmas season, and Martin PCC decided to round this up to £250. The trustees wish to thank those involved for their generosity; as a start, present pensioners have been given a small increase to their benefits.

The trustees hold their AGM in Martin Church at no on 3 June next (Jubilee time). The Public may attend, and will be welcome.

Please make sure that your house name or number is clearly visible to help the Emergency services find you quickly should the need arise

Parish Council News

Attention all Dog Owners!

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Traffic speeds in Martin Community Speedwatch is a new initiative where volunteers and police work together to monitor traffic speeds. The trial has been initiated in Sandleheath. Once the trial is complete, the plan is to roll it out to Martin, at which point we will be looking for volunteers to help. If you think you may be interested or would like to find out more, please contact the clerk or talk to any Parish Councillor.

Community Speedwatch is a new initiative where

Western Downland Care Group

947 miles travelled from 67 journeys by 7 drivers. What is this all about you might ask. Well the Western Downland Care Group which at the moment serves the villages of Martin and Damerham undertook the journeys last year as part of the services that they offer. Most of the journeys were for medical appointments, but other services can be undertaken. To enable the Group to provide drivers, who are known as volunteers, we are always looking to recruit more people. As with any organisation there is some paperwork to be issued before the volunteer can help but this is very straightforward but does involve a CRB check. This is nothing to worry about and is an 'insurance' to cover both client and volunteer. To become a volunteer and receive more information please contact the Secretary Carolyn Armitage on 01725 518682

Damerham and District Horticultural Society

For further details phone 01725 518802.

March 31st (Saturday)

Damerham Village Hall

Spring Show

April

Garden visit to be arranged

May 19th (Saturday) 2-4pm

Martin

Plant Sale at Lime Trees Farm House

June 8th (Friday) 6.30pm

Boveridge House

Garden Party

Affordable Housing and Community Orchard

The affordable housing in Downview Road has recently been completed and we welcome the new residents to the village!

The Community Orchard has now been planted with apple, pear and nut trees. It is a space for everyone in the village to enjoy. A public footpath runs from Downview Road and through the orchard. The plan is to provide a stile through to the spinney behind the new houses. If you haven't yet been to explore, why not take the opportunity to have a look around?

Basketball

The proposed basketball hoop on the playing field will now be installed after a positive response to the recent survey.

Superfast Broadband

Would you like superfast broadband? If so, please read on! The Government's aim is that at least 90% of homes should have access to superfast broadband by 2015. New uses of the internet (such as telemedicine or watching HD or 3D videos straight from the internet) will mean that superfast broadband will be as essential in a few years time as standard broadband is today. Martin is likely to be in the 10% without access unless you take action now! Hampshire County Council has been awarded £5m to help provide superfast broadband to rural areas and is currently planning how to spend this money. To make sure that Martin is included in its plans, please register your interest by signing up at:
www.hants.gov.uk/broadband

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

We are planning to plant an oak tree in honour of the Queen in her Diamond Jubilee year. This is part of a county-wide programme of tree planting and the creation of new woodlands which will see trees planted in schools and villages and other public spaces across Hampshire. Our tree should be a reminder of the Queen's long reign for centuries to come. If you have any suggestions as to where you would like to see the tree planted, please let us know (but bear in mind that oak trees prefer a soil that is not too alkaline).

Parish Council meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 2nd April at 7pm in the Blandford Hall. All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at the start of the meeting for parishioners to raise any issues of local concern.

Contact details

Please visit our website (newly updated): www.martin-pc.newforest.gov.uk

Parish clerk: Eileen Horley 519215 pjhorley@btinternet.com

Your Parish Council: **Susan Sampson, Gary Blandford-Hull, Iain Giles, Bernd Hapke, Wendy Perry, Janet Richards, Suzanne Spreadbury**

School Dates– Burgate

Fri 30th March Break for Easter 12.30 pm

Mon 2nd April-Fri 13th April Easter Holidays–

Mon 16th April Summer term begins

Mon 4th June-8th June – half term

Activities Week-years 7,8,9 July-13th July

18th July- Summer term ends 12.30 pm

Please check all dates with schools,

Church

For times of services and other information please look in The Courier.

Yoga in Martin

For more details please see the village notice board or ring Suzanne on 519392

Contact Numbers

Marjorie Willis– 519329

Cathy Featherstone 519200

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Lois Shering 519412

Sonia Vaughan 519304

Jane Wingate-Saul 519414

Please contact any of the above with items to be included in the next newsletter or for any further details, or email anything for the newsletter to

crispin.de.pass@farmline.com

by 9th June please. Next Newsletter due end of June 2012.

Please make sure that there is plenty of room for Emergency Services and agricultural vehicles and equipment to get through, especially around the village green.

Thank you We are very grateful to Richard Peters for printing this newsletter for us.