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PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency

situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office—01473 334980

E-mail—richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 7 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills.

We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk), or see our web pages on www.martlesham.org.uk.

NTL PHONE NUMBER

We are still trying to establish a telephone number that we can call for all enquiries about the NTL Cable service here at Martlesham Heath.

For the time being can you call Paul Keane on 01206 507473. Paul is a manager with NTL and is trying his best to help us. He is based at Colchester is as frustrated as we are. So please call him for all your problems and hopefully he

will sort them out.

Martlesham Monthly

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

The date for next year's Music on the Green will be

SATURDAY 14TH JULY 2007.

After consultation with The Suffolk Constabulary, we have had to change the date from 7th July. Please put this new date in your diary now.

Paul Firman, Chairman

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The AGM for the Martlesham Heath Pavilion Management Committee will be held at 8 pm on Tuesday 21st November at The Douglas Bader.

Paul Firman, Chairman

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Grants

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact the Parish Council for an application form (details below), to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by **13th November**.

Play Area at the Recreation Ground, The Street, Martlesham

The Parish Council intends to replace the children's play equipment at the Recreation Ground. One proposal is to locate the new equipment at the entrance to the Ground near the recycling facility.

The Council would be pleased to hear comments from parishioners about the type of equipment and location. A Parish Council representative will be at the Recreation Ground on **Friday 17th November** from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm for discussion. Comments may also be made to the Clerk at the council office (details below).

Working Party – The Common

The next working day will be held on **Saturday 25th November** when the group will be undertaking a general clear up of The Common.

Please meet at 10am at the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road.

Forthcoming Meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesday 1st November and Wednesday 6th December

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 8th November

*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 15th November

*Finance & General Purposes committee - Wednesday 22nd November

All meetings are at 7:30 pm 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

In writing to the Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

ANGLIA IN BLOOM COMPETITION

In this year's Anglia in Bloom Competition, Martlesham was awarded a Silver Award. This is the same as last year and shows that Martlesham is maintaining its standards as an attractive, tidy, environmentally aware and active community. Well done to all those individuals, groups and authorities who help keep Martlesham looking so good.

SUMMER COMPETITIONS

As mentioned last month, the results of our summer competitions are listed below:

(A) Most Attractive Front Garden

Gold – M J & G L Waugh (Winner of the Meadhorne Cup), R J Pawsey and David J Ransby

Silver Gilt – I Knowles

Silver – Joy Burrows, Jean Connor, Peter Couch, Derrick Dawdry, Jack Donkin, Jane Edgar, Gordon Levett and John Peake

Bronze – M A Morphy and Joan Oliver

B) Most Colourful Hanging Basket (s) and/or Container(s) in the Front Garden

Gold – N R Drillot (Winner of the Windmill's Florist Cup), David J Ransby and M J & G L Waugh

Silver Gilt – Peter Couch, I Knowles and R J Pawsey

Silver – Barbara Bascombe, Joy Burrows, Jean Connor, Derrick Dawdry, Jack Donkin, Jane Edgar, Norma Jessup, Gordon Levett, A McCulloch, John Peake, Mrs Pearce and V White

Bronze – Mr & Mrs R Jones, Sylvia Manley, M A Morphy, Kathleen Page and Mrs H M Turpin

(C) Best use of Permanent Planting in Front Garden

Gold – Margaret Dunlop (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Cup)

Silver Gilt – David J Ransby

Silver – Norma Jessup, Gordon Levett and M J & G L Waugh

Bronze – Jane Edgar, A J Goody, Mr & Mrs R Jones, M A Morphy and Mrs H M Turpin

(D) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a Commercial or Business Premises

Gold – Golf Galore (Winner of the Garden Scene Cup)

Silver Gilt – The Black Tiles and Rhymes Nursery

Silver – Barker Gotelee, The Douglas Bader and The Red Lion

Bronze – Bathroom Design Studio, Berman International and Post Office Stores

(E) Best Kept Road, Place, Close, Square, Lane or Street et al. in the Parish of Martlesham

Gold – Crane Close, **Silver Gilt** – Parkers Place, **Silver** – Bader Court

(F) Most Attractive Back Garden

Gold – R J Pawsey (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Shield), David J Ransby and M J & G L Waugh

Silver Gilt – John & Ann Booth, Margaret Dunlop, K J Messenger and Jeremy & Cynthia Walsh

Silver – William Bell, Jane Edgar and David J Markes

Bronze – Mrs J Thomas

Our next event:

"CHRISTMAS IN BLOOM"

Tuesday 28th November

7:30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre

This event will be a social event including music performed by

'Martlesham Cantilena Choir' and

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friends, raffle, games/quizzes and light refreshments. The evening will include an introduction about Martlesham in Bloom setting up as an independent group.

Admission is free and everybody is welcome.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please make a note in your diary of the following events which the community council is arranging:

*Jumble/Plant Sale - 17th February in the Pavilion

*Holiday Travel Exhibition to be confirmed for the 22nd February

*Barn Dance - 3rd March in St Michaels

*Gilbert & Sullivan - 28th April in Martlesham Community Hall

*Mini Ideal Home Exhibition date to be confirmed

*Jumble/bric brac required - please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 who will arrange collection, etc.

MCC SCRIBE

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

To contact Martlesham Community Hall or Richards Room for details of booking them, or any other reason, please use any of the following methods:

- phone and leave a message on the answer phone. The number is 01473 623203.

- e-mail martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com

- send post to Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

(Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Some work will shortly take place to introduce traffic calming "bumps"

refurbished and potholes filled in.

Mindless vandalism continues to be a problem and members are urged to report any such incidents to the police and obtain a crime number from them. This will ensure that the incidents are properly logged. Failure to request a crime number may result in the incidents not being recorded by the police.

An advance notification of the forthcoming MCL AGM.. The AGM will be on 8th February in the Church Centre and all are welcome.

Contact us on voicemail - 01473 612207

e-mail - mcl@martlesham.org.uk

By letter - c/o 6 The Square, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SL

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

This month we were pleased to have over 50 members and several visitors at our meeting. Our advertised speaker was unable to come but Mrs Angela Vokalek gave us a delightful demonstration entitled 'Fruits of Autumn'. The first design was very simple using five green chrysanthemums with ivy, oak leaves and fruits. She then filled a large basket with yellow flowers of golden rod, sunflowers, lilies and sweet corn cobs. Next a parallel design of yellow roses with yellow and white lilies. She followed this with a brightly coloured design created for November 5th using blue flowers as the smoke of the bonfire. A hand held arrangement was her next design followed by a display using a wooden basket with orange gladioli, gerberas and lilies, Chinese lanterns and green crab apples. Finally she did a church arrangement using a large oasis ring on a stand.

The competition of a harvest arrangement was won by Mrs Ann Fraser.

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant

arrangers stall at each meeting.

On 15th November we will hold our open meeting when Mrs Wendy Mullion will demonstrate 'Seasons Greetings from...' Doors open at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:15 pm and the demonstration will commence at 2:30 pm. Tickets are £10 including lunch. Demonstration only will cost £5. Tickets available from Ann Chisem on 01394 388659. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM W.I.

On 16th October several members will have attended the Autumn Council meeting held at Lowestoft where Pauline Fisher was our delegate.

Our next meeting on November 17th will be the A.G.M. Reports on the Institute's past year will be presented and the Committee for the coming year will be elected.

There will be a competition at this meeting for "Something New From Something Old".

SYLVIA HARRIS

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

By now we are starting to think and plan for Christmas!

On 9th November a Mrs P Polley will be giving a talk/demonstration on 'Christmas Decorations' - I am sure we will be able to pick up some very useful hints/tips to decorate our homes for the festive season - I look forward to it.

On 23rd November a Mr Russell Geen will be giving a talk entitled 'Walk about Woodbridge' - while we sit comfortably in the Richard Rooms!

We finish off 2006 with our usual Christmas Party to be held on Thursday 7th December.

As most of you know, our meetings are held alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre. New members are always welcome.

Margaret Green

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MWP LADIES' COFFEE MORNING AT KINGPIN

We have a ladies' coffee morning at Kingpin that is looking to increase its numbers. They meet every Monday in school time at 10 am. The cost is only £3.60 per time and includes three games of bowling and free tea and coffee. Anyone interested please come along on a Monday and ask for Thelma.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Do you sometimes feel filled with despair about the world situation? The problems seem so huge, and we wish there was something we could do, however small. Take heart; there are encouraging signs of hope in many parts of the world, especially where the need seems greatest.

In Tanzania, for example, 70% of children in one area are malnourished and many expectant mothers have anaemia. So local women, members of the Mothers' Union, started an agricultural project. They are growing vegetables and fruit which leads to improvement in nutritional standards, and they can sell some of the produce in the local community.

In Sudan, where all we seem to read about are refugees, the Mothers' Union is teaching some of the women tailoring and sewing skills, so that they can become self-reliant.

In Burundi, where there is a high level of mother and child deaths at the moment of birth, the Mothers' Union trained 36 local women as community birth attendants, so that they are able to give pre-natal advice as well as assisting at birth.

So when we feel there is nothing we can do, think of these women, who encourage one another, and sing and dance and laugh as they work together. To find out more, ask a local MU member to share her copy of 'Home & Family' or 'Encompass' with you.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of Martlesham Mums Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham

Heath on Tuesday 7th November from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. We invite all mums with babies and small children to join us for lunch which will be served around 1 pm. Our visiting speaker this month will be Marjory Magnus who will tell us about parenting courses which are run by the Mothers' Union. These courses are becoming very popular and well respected nationally and if enough interest is shown it may be possible to set up a course in this area. Interested? Come along and find out more.

For more details please phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Thank you very much to all our children who took part in the sponsored toddle last month and to everyone who sponsored them. Sponsorship money is still coming in and we will announce the winner of the prize for the most money raised in next month's edition.

Coming up in November, we have a visit from the photographer on 10th November between 2 pm and 5 pm, which means the photos will be available for collection in good time for Christmas. Please sign up for a time slot on the form available at our play sessions. Please note that due to the photographer's visit, our normal afternoon session will not take place that day.

Also running in November is our Christmas Hamper draw. A list of items is displayed at the play sessions for our members to sign up to provide one item to contribute to the hamper. A draw will then be held on 8th December with the winner taking home an excellent hamper of goodies just right for Christmas.

Arrangements for our Christmas Party are already well underway and tickets will be on sale at the play sessions this month. This event is always extremely popular, with a disco, refreshments, a visit and gift from Santa and lots of fun, so please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Finally, just a reminder that

our session fees will increase to £2 with effect from 1st November 2006.

If you would like to join us, our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays during term time from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. During school holidays, we hold just one session on Wednesdays from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. Parents, grandparents, carers, childminders...everyone is welcome and we offer excellent toys, a craft table, a music session and refreshments. If you would like any further information, please call Dawn on 01473 610188.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The AGM was held on 11th October with a new committee being elected to help with the running of the playschool. Rachel Snelham will take over as Chairperson, Amanda Share as Treasurer and Kate Burrell as Secretary. Special thanks must go to all those who have just resigned from positions for their hard work and commitment whilst in post.

The children have been looking at different colours and after the half term break will start on Christmas activities, including making cards, decorations and calendars.

We would like to thank the Britannia Building Society for a very kind donation of £300 for playschool funds. This has enabled us to replace the flooring in the playroom area.

If you are interested in sending your child to the playschool please contact our admissions manager Nikki Smith on 01473 614055.

Kate Burrell, Secretary

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Our topic this term is 'Toys'. We will begin by finding out about our own favourite toys and the children are invited to bring in and tell us about their best toys. They will have opportunities to practise their writing skills by making labels for their toys, sorting toys into a range of categories and playing hoop

games to promote mathematical

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and positional languages.

By exploring construction toys, children will be able to begin problem solving, combine and repeat a range of movements by miming builders' actions such as hammering, sawing, etc., and learn comparative language by building different height constructions. Dinosaurs are always a popular topic and will give the children opportunities to operate a range of Dinosaur ICT equipment, order dinosaurs by size and begin to build their imagination by writing their own dinosaur stories. During Puppet week, children will be able to make their own puppet, build a puppet theatre, explore a range of different types of puppets and make up their own dialogues for them.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further information about our Playgroup, please e-mail your contact details to me at threebearsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or contact me on 07842 193727 (mobile).

Elizabeth Leonard

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

We hope everyone had a great half term and found lots of fun activities to keep your little ones amused. After such a successful evening last year, we are pleased to announce that we will once again be holding our **Ladies Pamper Evening** in the St Michaels Church hall on Tuesday November 21st from 7:30 pm. Tickets are available to buy from the pre-school. There will be lots of stalls to browse around and lots of tempting goods to pamper yourselves with so if you fancy an indulgent night away from the hubby – this is the place to come!!

This half term's theme is colours and we will be learning about and experimenting with all different colours, culminating in wonderful gold, silver and glitter ready for Christmas. We will also

be learning about the Hindu Divali and Jewish Hannukah celebrations. The children will have a busy time making clay lamps, coloured sand pictures and rehearsing for our annual Nativity play.

If you have always wondered how the pre-school is run and thought you might like to become involved in part of the decision making as a committee member, why don't you come along to one of our monthly committee meetings? You will have the chance to put forward any thoughts or suggestions you might have about the running of the pre-school. Details of monthly meetings are available from the pre-school. If you would like general information about the pre-school or would like to come and visit us, please contact Christie Drake on 07720 708562 or e-mail her on admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on 28th September and, as always, we are most grateful to the staff and parents who donate their time to this. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Chairman, Charles Rayworth, for all of the hard work and commitment that he put into the PFA over many years and send him our best wishes for the future.

Last month we celebrated the completion of the building programme and the school's 35th birthday with a wonderful Dinner Dance at the Swallow Belstead Brook Hotel. The event was very well attended and raised funds at the same time!

During November we will be holding a Disco for children in Key Stage 2. We are also planning to hold a Christmas Fayre after school on Friday 1st December as well as a Christmas Grand Draw.

Elizabeth Leonard

BUCKLESHAM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Saturday November 4th at Bucklesham School
TABLE TOP SALE FROM 10 AM - 1PM
£5 per table (provided) £2.50 per

additional table

Hot food and drinks available

Come along and turn those unwanted items into funds for Christmas! You will be helping Bucklesham School too, as all proceeds from the event will go to the school.

You need to pre-book tables on 01473 728137

Saturday 2nd December at

Bucklesham School

CHRISTMAS FAIR 11 AM - 2:30 PM

Come and organise all those last minute Christmas shopping bits whilst keeping the children entertained!

***Tombola *Craft stalls *Raffle**

***A visit from Santa!! *Cake stall**

***Refreshments available**

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

Bell Lane, Kesgrave

A big thank you to all the teams who supported our quiz night at the end of September. We hope you all enjoyed the evening and didn't find the questions too challenging! Well done to the Grumpy Gang who walked off with the shield and better luck next time to the Diner Divas who 'won' the Smarties!

Our first Race Night on the 13th October was a huge success. Everybody seemed to have a great time and I'm sure there were a few sore throats the next day after cheering on the horses. Thank you to our main sponsor Hamilton Smith for their continued support and all the local companies who either sponsored races or provided draw prizes.

Hamilton Smith Estate agents on Beech Road have agreed to donate £100 to the school every time a house is sold through them in our catchment area. What a fantastic offer! Thank you.

Gillian Mclure, author of 'What's the Time Rory Wolf' and 'Prickly Pig' visited year 3 pupils on Tuesday 17th October and a trip is planned for year 6 pupils to see 'Shakespeare for Kids' at the Spa Pavilion. Work has already begun on the improved pedestrian access to the school and new cycle sheds.

I can't believe we are in November already. That can only mean two things - fireworks and Christmas! Don't forget to support the Kesgrave Town Firework

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Display on Saturday 4th November. Limited tickets will be available on the gate or you can purchase them before the evening. Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 8th December, 3:15 - 5 pm. It was a great success and great fun last year and we are hoping to make it even bigger and better this year. If you would like a stall at the Christmas Fayre or have any fundraising ideas, please contact me.

We are hoping to host an evening of food on Thursday 16th November. We are currently contacting local suppliers and producers of food and drink to come and show off their wares and maybe bring along a few samples for us to try. If you would be interested in having a stand at the event please contact the number below.

Nikki Snell - 01473 623872

Following our recent sell-out...

EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE

Friday 10th November
with Well-Known International
Mediums
Fiona Nichols
and Steve Treadaway

Martlesham Community Centre
7:30 pm start with raffle

Tickets £7 in advance, including
tea/coffee/water
(£8 on door - if availability)

Contact - Lisa 01473 631087, Sue 01394 386940 (evening)

All Proceeds to Martlesham Beacon Hill Pool and Gymnastics in Ipswich

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:

Monday 20th November, 7:45 pm
My Life in Ethiopia

Talk by our member Jan Young
Venue: Kathy's, 46 Forest Lane
01473 625532

For further information phone
Elaine (01473 622269) or
Maureen (01473 622670).

CHRISTMAS NEWS FROM MARTLESHAM HEATH COUNTRY MARKET

From the beginning of November there will be a wealth of Christmas items to buy and order every Saturday at Kesgrave Scout Headquarters from 10 am to 12 noon and every Tuesday at Martlesham Heath Pavilion from 9 am to 10:30 am. The array of delights will include home crafted cards, cakes, puddings, mince pies, sausage rolls, preserves and sweets. Gift ideas include jewellery, indoor plants, knitted items, pottery, and decorations, etc., etc.

The last full markets this year will be on 19th December at Martlesham Heath and 16th December at Kesgrave. There will be a chance to collect orders only at Kesgrave on 23rd December from 9 to 10 am.

The markets will re-open on Saturday 6th and Tuesday 9th January next year.

marie@whinney89.freereserve.co.uk
or view the website [www.
marketonthegreen.org](http://www.marketonthegreen.org)

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At our meeting on Monday October 16th, 34 members and guests were treated to a fascinating talk by Mr Pip Wright who spoke on the "Impact of the Dissolution of The Monasteries in Suffolk".

In 1536 there were 75 monastic establishments in Suffolk but only two years later there were only two left, the abbey at Bury St Edmunds and the priory at Butley and in a further two years, by 1540, they too had been closed. All were closed as religious buildings and their treasures and, perhaps as importantly, their land holdings were sold off – in the main to families who already had major property in the county.

In 1536 there were many Monasteries, Nunneries and Friaries in Suffolk. Four years later there were none. Next meeting, on Monday October 16th, our speaker, Mr Pip Wright, a local historian and author, will be telling us what the effects of "The Dissolution of the Monasteries" were for the county.

The meeting will be held in The Pavilion at 8 pm. Admission is open to all at a charge of £1.50.

John Tyler 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 6th October and our monthly meeting was once again well attended. The speaker was Mr Tom Wingham and the talk was entitled, "The First and Last Flight of a Halifax Bomber".

Tom joined the RAF at the outbreak of WW2, in 1939, when he was just eighteen. He related his training time both in this country and South Africa with the Commonwealth training scheme. He trained initially to be a navigator and wireless operator but the RAF at the time was short of bomb aimers and young Tom became a bomb aimer.

He joined 102 squadron in January 1943 flying in Halifax bombers. He took part in many dangerous raids including Berlin, Essen, Dortmund and Stettin right over on the Baltic coast. After he completed his "tour" of ops, he was posted to Boscombe Down as an instructor. He once more found himself in a Halifax bomber and was eventually shot down over Dusseldorf. The pilot and mid upper machine gun operator were unfortunately killed in the crash, but Tom survived along with the rest of the crew and most were picked up by the French Resistance near Liege. After some hair-raising "adventures" Tom finally reached neutral Switzerland where he and other aircrew, including Americans, reached safety.

An extraordinary experience told with typical modesty. A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be on

Friday 3rd November in the Community Hall as usual. The speaker will be Group Captain Tom Eeles, Retd. who will give a talk entitled "Experiences Flying Buccaneers Off Aircraft Carriers".

Meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome at a cost of just £2 at the door. Not to

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be missed.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Looking forward to the future, two subjects seem worth mentioning. Having had the experience of the last six months with Nature Watch and the 5 – 11 year olds, Duncan Sweeting and Steven Corley will be finalising a list of equipment that will make next year's programme even better. National Lottery funding has been obtained to help with equipment purchases so roll on the Spring. The second subject is next year's Group Project. The Group Committee has decided that the two E shaped, sandbagged aircraft revetments, which maybe the last ones left in Suffolk, should as far as possible be repaired. The old airfield aviation gasoline station which consists of 4 x 12,000 gallon inert underground tanks, but with the tops showing and one of the signs remaining, should be repaired to ensure no further deterioration. Along with our normal activities we have a fairly ambitious programme mapped out, which leads me on to the perennial request that we can only accomplish this if we have the volunteer helpers needed to complete the work. Our next workday is on Saturday 18th November meeting at 10 o'clock at the Wildlife Pond. As always all volunteers are welcome and all equipment is supplied.

Contacts: Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 620856, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

More information on all our activities is available on our website: [www.martlesham.org.uk/
portalwoodlandsgroup](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup)

MARTLESHAM

CONSERVATION GROUP

November is a month of gradual transition from autumn to winter especially for our heathland birds. Events are happening slowly with summer visitors well on their way to Africa and winter visitors only just arriving. Amongst these winter visitors will be the diminutive Goldcrest – our smallest bird, weighing in at 5g and only 9 cm in length, making it about 30% smaller than a Blue Tit and 55% lighter. They are best looked for on conifers where they may be found foraging on the outer branches.

Also making a hesitant comeback after at least 60 years is the Dartford Warbler. A single bird has been spotted again recently having been first seen on 30th November 2004. Since then, at least one bird and sometimes a pair have been seen intermittently but so far only in winter and early spring. We are all waiting for a pair to stay into the summer and successfully rear young. Another interesting find recently has been a Stonechat, another scarce visitor to the heath.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 12th November when we will be working on the Martlesham Heath SSSI. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or contact Phil Smith to find out where we will be working. We intend to follow on from the work of last year and earlier this year with more heather cutting to encourage new growth as well as clearing out more gorse and bracken.

Our AGM will take place on Monday 6th November at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. Please come along and find out a little more about our local wildlife. Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard steve@goddard98.freereserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

We have our next indoor meeting on Thursday 16th November at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when we explore a different area with an illustrated talk on "The Colourful Lives of British Marine Animals" with Paul Naylor. On Saturday September 20th

Admission is as usual £1:50. Everyone is welcome.

Looking forward to December, we have our "Christmas Quiz" on Thursday 21st December at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall, with mince pies and mulled wine.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new academic year has started very well. We have welcomed twenty-two children into our Foundation Stage class and a number of other children elsewhere in the school. We shared a very lively Harvest Celebration with a great many parents and friends of the school. Our netball, football and cross country teams have taken part in a number of events. Their efforts made us very proud! The school council are organising some fundraising events for 'Children in Need'. I believe it is going to be a Topsy Turvey Day!

Year 6 have just returned from a very successful residential in Norfolk. I am looking forward to joining Year 5 in Norfolk the week after half term. Changing our residential trips to the autumn term from the summer term has really allowed us to benefit from all the team building activities the class do whilst away.

After the success of last term when St Michael's playgroup ran their 'Rising Five' sessions from here, for this term only we have opened our doors to some local childminders on a Monday afternoon. They are able to use our facilities which I believe has been very welcomed.

After Christmas parents with pre-school children will be starting to consider school places for September 2007. We shall be holding an Open Afternoon in our Foundation Stage class on - Monday 20th November 1:15-2:45 pm

Please do come along and see us in action. If you would like a visit to the school please do not hesitate in contacting us to make an appointment.

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If you are looking for a festive time and need some Christmas gifts please come and enjoy yourselves at our Christmas Fayre on Friday afternoon, 8th December.

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MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are pleased to have signed up three new members and they are enjoying our afternoon social roll-up sessions. The winter season has now started with the programme of League matches, the first having been played away with, unfortunately, not a good result for us. Hopefully we will improve by the next match.

Maureen Banthorp

VILLAGE VIEWS

The chance for you to write in and have your say...

THANK YOU MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

I would like to thank the Martlesham Community Responders personally for their rapid response and help when I was taken ill suddenly last week. They worked with the Paramedics and Ambulance crew with absolute professionalism.

Well done lads, and thanks once again from my wife and myself.

Kelvin Fellingham

MARTLESHAM CANTILENA CHOIR

The newly formed choir performed at the Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts on Tuesday 10th October and were awarded a merit.

If you would like to hear the Choir, come along to Martlesham In Bloom's 'Christmas In Bloom', 7:30 pm on Tuesday 28th November,

where they will be providing musical entertainment. They will also be singing in the next 'In Concert' at St. Michael's Church Centre, 3 pm on Sunday 25th March.

For further information about the choir, or if you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Helen Patricia Burrows on 01473 625196.

THE ORWELL SINGERS – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Orwell Singers will be holding their Christmas Concert on Saturday 2nd December at 7:30 pm at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath, tickets £5 at the door, accompanied children 50p. Light refreshments will be served in the interval.

VIVALDI CONCERT

Music lovers may like to know about the Ipswich Bach Choir's winter concert, "An Evening with Maestro Vivaldi", at the Ipswich Corn Exchange on Saturday 2nd December at 7:30 pm. The programme will include three short choral works as well as "The Four Seasons". The instrumental soloist will be Sian Philipps, an accomplished young musician who plays a Stradivarius violin. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets are available from the Corn Exchange on 01473 433100.

If you wish to find out more about the choir why not visit their website on www.ipswichbachchoir.co.uk or telephone 01473 251618 or 01473 623126.

KESGRAVE & DISTRICT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD SURVEY

Across the country all police forces are introducing local neighbourhood teams. These will enable the police to work alongside the local community, councils and partners to combine their skills and resources to solve local problems more efficiently and effectively than before.

In Suffolk, there will be 47 'Safer Neighbourhood teams'.

The 'Kesgrave & District Safer Neighbourhood Team' is based near the Tesco store off Ropes Drive in Kesgrave.

My name is Mick Richardson and I am your Safer Neighbourhood Team sergeant. You can contact me or a member of the team on 01473 – 334980 (office), 01473 – 613500 (switchboard) or by e-mail - kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

The team has been in operation since April 2006 and already we have seen some really positive results in dealing with local problems and issues.

We want to continue this trend and so the team are looking for YOU to identify the issues that concern you most in parishes of Kesgrave, Rushmere and Martlesham. Please take a few minutes to tell us what these are by completing the survey included in this newsletter. Return it in the pre-paid envelope or in our Survey Collection Box in the Tesco store, Kesgrave.

All completed surveys returned by 8th December will be entered into a Prize Draw. The lucky winner will receive a Tesco voucher worth £40 presented in the Tesco store, Kesgrave in December.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

Parking Lot - Dean Kelley - Fashion 1002 records - 1957

As each week goes by, more and more people are complaining to us about 'other people's' parking. Oddly, we get most complaints from Kesgrave.

It needs to be understood that the Highway Code is not law. It's a code of practice. Take a look at <http://www.highwaycode.gov.uk/22.htm#213>

The Road Traffic Act is law - and it deals with many issues that may also be in the Highway Code. Parking is covered by the Highway Code - but the issue of an unnecessary obstruction (parking) is covered by the Road Traffic Act. This means that you'd refer to the codes for instruction as how to park. If you get it wrong and create an unnecessary obstruction, the penalty

is a parking ticket as allowed for by law...(make sense?)

What's an unnecessary obstruction? Well, a simple obstruction is basically anything on a road that isn't moving. An unnecessary obstruction is a bit subjective. We argue that if it causes danger to other road users, then it's unnecessary - so for instance, a blocked view of the road or junction - or blatantly parking in such a way so as to block a road or pavement.

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The fact that you have your vehicle taxed, insured and MOT'd does not mean that it can be parked to the detriment of others!

The easiest way to reduce parking problems is for people to think a bit about where they park and be considerate towards others. Mick Richardson, Ps 535, Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk - 01473 334980

KESGRAVE SOCIAL CLUB

Membership is open so new members are welcome. We have a live band every Saturday night .

Entertainment for November includes Melody Beats on the 4th, whilst the fantastic Kenny Lee will be playing to a full house on the 11th - come early for the best seats. The 18th sees Infrared joining us and we'll be finishing off the month with a country and western night with Gary Blackmore on the 25th.

Also at the club we have snooker tables, darts and Sky for the football!

Call in and see what you think.

Please call the club on 01473 622128 for details.

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

A local speaker, Mr Guy de Moubray, addressed the club's October meeting at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club, using as a subject the title of his book of memoirs: "City of Human Memories". He described a life neatly divided between one third a childhood separated from his parents by distance, but rejoined with them at

the end of his War service in Burma, a third in City, national and international finance and the last third in Suffolk.

Retired or semi-retired men over fifty who are interested in membership should contact Dick Bason (01473 720995) or Ron Fisher (01473 631347).

WOODBIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Ignoring the inauspicious date, Friday 13th October saw us celebrate our 24th anniversary of our Charter with a dinner and dance at the Ipswich Golf Club. Joined by Lions from other Clubs, past members and guests, it was an evening to look back at the past year and to look ahead to what is always a busy time for us as activities accelerate in the approach to Christmas and our Christmas Parcels project..

Having recovered from a social event, we were on to more serious matters the following Sunday with the Martlesham 10K and Fun Run. This year saw a record 114 entries in the Fun Run and it was enormously encouraging to see so many young people taking part with such enthusiasm. The 10K also attracted an excellent field and saw some good individual performances, many runners recording personal best times. Everyone completing their event received a medal, with a certificate and a Lion Bar for the Fun Runners. We couldn't hope to manage events such as this without the help of friends and other clubs and we would like to make a special mention of the Woodbridge Shufflers for their consistent support. Proceeds from the event will go towards the Christmas parcels project.

Peter See

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Black Tiles Lane
www.m-c-f.org**

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 am

(with **Sunspot/Respect** for young people, followed by refreshments) featuring:

5th November - "Faith in a Pagan

Society" with David Cordle

12th November - "Faith in Obedience" with Steve Fenning

19th November - "Faith under Pressure" with Paul Law

26th November - Family Worship with Communion

Communion Services - 11:45 am (5th, 12th, 19th)

Weekday activities

TUESDAY CIRCLE

November 14th at 2 pm

"Conservation and Care for the Countryside" with Terry Peake

HOUSEGROUPS - Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for prayer, bible study and fellowship

TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays, 10 am

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

Continues right through August

Drop in any time between 10 am-12 noon for coffee and chat (and games).

Christmas Choir

If you would like to get involved with some of our events, including an evening at The Ramsholt Arms, ring Julia.

John Mellen on 01473 624401

Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482

The HUB Cafe

at Martlesham Christian Fellowship Centre

A social venue for 16+, 20s, 30s

Thursday Nites

8-10 pm

Good coffee, great events

Arrive early at 7 pm for

The Sanctuary

Discussion, music, prayer

Further information from Hannah and Grant Abbott on 01473 620513

HOLY FAMILY & ST MICHAEL

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave. It is part of the parish of Saint Mary in Ipswich.

This is a busy time for the parish, with the "Journey of Faith" programme continuing, separate days of renewal and recollection being held and the "Commission for Social Concern" AGM to name but a few events. Sunday 27th

November will be marked in conjunction with CAFOD as National Youth Day. On a lighter note we are too modest to report in full the results of the Deanery general knowledge quiz, but congratulations to St James' parish, which separated our two teams by coming second.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115.

Regular 'Sunday' Masses at the Holy Family are celebrated at 6 pm on Saturdays and 9:15 am on

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Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

We hope all who attended the Music Quiz on 14th October had an enjoyable evening. It was good to see the Hall filled to capacity so thanks to all those who attended to make the evening a success. During November we have our Coffee and Craft morning at the Church Hall on Saturday 18th November from 10:30 am to noon. A warm welcome awaits as always.

Beyond that we look toward our Christmas Services of which details will be given next month. Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

BRIGHT STARS

Our services this month are on **Monday 13th November** and **Monday 27th November** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and babies and their carers to our fun, child-friendly services which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. There is a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat after the service, which lasts about half an hour.

For more details please call Liz on 01473 625617 or Pauline on



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 5th November 4th before Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Confirmation Service
Sunday 12th November 3rd before Advent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 10:50am Remembrance Service	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 19th November 2nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 26th November Sunday before Advent Christ the King	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 3rd December 1st Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Christmas Celebration

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 13th November and Monday 27th November at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Please pray daily for the world, the church, the parishes and:

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| 7 for those seeking a purpose in life | 28 for all suffering from natural disasters |
| 8 for all residents of Westlands | 29 for all residents of The Avenue |
| 9 for those starting new jobs | 30 St Andrews Day—that we share the good news with the apostles |
| 10 for all carers and their loved ones | DEC 1 give thanks for our Junior Church and youth groups |
| 11 for advances in medical research | 2 pray for all world leaders |
| 12 Remembrance Sunday—pray for the end of all wars and conflicts | 3 Advent Sunday—for the strengthening of our faith |
| 13 for those with marriage difficulties | 4 for courage to take risks to serve God |
| 14 for marriage guidance helpers | 5 for all residents of The Drive |
| 15 for all residents in Whinfield and Whinfield Court | 6 for The Mothers' Union Christmas party and all the guests |
| 16 for Fair Trade to help the third world countries | |
| 17 for all relief agencies | |
| 18 give thanks for God's gifts to us | |
| 19 for those unable to get to church today | |
| 20 for victims of violence | |
| 21 for all prisoners in their own homes | |
| 22 for all residents of York Road | |
| 23 for teenagers having a difficult time | |
| 24 for the scout and guide movement in our parishes | |
| 25 for all the local football clubs | |
| 26 that we may be upheld in prayer | |
| 27 for our local shops and Post Offices | |