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EDITORIAL

I'd like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very happy Christmas on behalf of everyone involved with the putting together and distribution of the Martlesham Monthly.

Neal Goldsmith

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

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Martlesham Monthly Editors

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Community Police Officer
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

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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

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

We are here to **HELP YOU.**
HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM IN
THE VILLAGE?
IF SO COME TO THE PAVILION
on Saturday 5th December
10 am – 12 noon

Do you have a problem in the Village?

Not sure who owns what land near you?

Need to discuss a problem with The Police or Local Village representatives?

Need FREE advice from a solicitor?

No matter what your problem is The Village Help Desk can help you.

On **Saturday 5th December 10 am – 12 noon** come to The Pavilion on The Green at Martlesham Heath.

There will be a representative from

- The Parish Council,
- Martlesham Heath Householders, formerly MCL
- The Suffolk Constabulary
- District Councillors
- County Councillor
- **A solicitor from Barker Gotelee Solicitors will be giving FREE advice**

So no matter what your problem or your concern is, there will be somebody who can help you on the day.

Christmas OFF the Green **An Evening of** **Christmas** **Songs & Carols**

Birchwood School Choir
& Instrumentalists

Sing Carols around the Piano

Dance along to Mr Toucan

Giant Christmas Raffle

The Douglas Bader
Friday 4th December
7 pm

Supporting Music On The Green
and EACH

MARTLESHAM'S MUSIC ON THE GREEN 2009

After the fantastic success that was Music on the Green 2009, we are delighted to announce that 2010 will be the year of the 'Three Ten-ners!'

That's right, 2010 is the year, this is our tenth year of Music on the Green and it will be taking place on the 10th July (sadly the weather in October – the tenth month – is far too unpredictable!)

We already have started to book some great bands - we are in talks with a band in Australia at the moment. Stuart Gordon, the Chairman, said "the committee are confident that 2010 will be our best year yet".

Events will be taking place throughout the year, the first happening on Friday 4th December with 'Christmas off the Green.' Held at The Douglas Bader, the Birchwood School Choir will be performing, along with a Giant Christmas Raffle, also there will be carols around the piano and the night will be rounded off with Mr Toucan playing all the Christmas favourites.

This will be followed by 'Music off the Green' in February, a Quiz Night in March, and for the first time ever a Casino Night will be held in April in order to raise some funds.

Proceeds from 2010's activities will once again go to EACH. The committee feel that this is such a fantastic and humbling charity, and following a visit to the hospice it was decided that they should benefit from our event. The dedicated workers give so much to so many families of terminally ill children, and we shall do whatever we can to help them.

Emma Noye

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy – Proposed Changes to Housing Distribution

Suffolk Coastal District Council's (SCDC) consultation on the very nar-

row issue of increasing the housing allocation for Martlesham has been considered at some length by the Parish Council. The overall conclusion reached was that the BT planning application had had an undue influence on the SCDC task force deliberations. Further, the argumentation in the consultative document issued by SCDC lacked substance and gave rise to the view that there has been a serious distortion of the consultation process to achieve a predetermined end. Accordingly the Parish Council's objections have been framed around the SCDC document and designed to specifically highlight the weaknesses in the argument for the increase.

Together with the specific response the Parish Council has resubmitted previous documents and an appendix which further underlined concerns over the infrastructure issues. The Council will seek to publish its full response on its pages on the Martlesham Portal website - www.martlesham.org.uk

Changes to FIRST bus services

Last month we reported the cessation of the late night route 66 bus service from 15.11.09. Timetables have now been published which show that the last bus service to Martlesham departs Ipswich Station at **0054** (not 0020 as previously reported) Mondays to Saturdays, and at 2348 on Sundays. Please call Traveline 0871 200 22 33 for further information.

Cyclists

We have received objections about cyclists who misuse pavements and footpaths; being a danger to pedestrians and also causing damage to our network of footpaths by 'off-roading'. We urge cyclists to give due consideration to pedestrians who are often unaware of cyclists behind them. Please use the dedicated cycleways in Martlesham and ensure you are as visible as possible on dark and wet winter evenings.

All motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are asked to take extra care during the winter months and to help make Martlesham a safe place to be.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesday 2nd December

NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN DECEMBER UNLESS NECESSARY – PLEASE CHECK NOTICE BOARDS FOR DETAILS

*Parish Council - Wednesday 6th January

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 13th January

*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 20th January

*Financa & General Purposes committee - Wednesday 27th January

All meetings start 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: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

To enquire about booking Martlesham Community Hall or the Richards Room please telephone the Booking secretary on 01473 623203 who will be available to help you with your enquiry or will telephone you back if not available.

Alternatively, e-mail the new e-mail address

martcomhall@btinternet.com or write to The Booking Secretary, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich, IP12 4PB.

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

Quoting from Suffolk County Council's literature "it is an offence for an owner not to clear up after their dog has fouled on a highway, footpath or any open land to which the public have access." Unfortunately we are still seeing dog fouling on the green, in particular, and the

woodland paths (sometimes within sight of a dog bin). Thank you to all the many dog owners who use these bins regularly. If you are a dog owner who walks without ever turning round to see what your dog is doing, or lets your dog run ahead out of sight, please take responsibility for your pet.

We would also bring your attention to **fly tipping**. People walking in the woods who have been surprised at what is clearly garden waste from Avocet Lane have brought this to our attention. Large amounts of tree cuttings and other garden waste are being deposited in the woods behind the houses in Avocet Lane. We would remind residents that your garden waste is your responsibility and depositing garden waste is an offence under the fly tipping laws covered by the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Section 33). This comes under Category 3 "fly tipping by householders, including of biodegradable waste." If you see neighbours disposing of their waste in this manner we would be grateful to be informed so that we may take legal action, if necessary.

There have been incidents of vandalism around the Control Tower and in Portal Woods. Please ring the police if you are aware of teenagers (or others) who may be causing damage. Do not approach them yourself, as one or two residents have been intimidated/threatened by youngsters behaving in an antisocial manner behind their properties.

Leaning birch trees on Eagle Way opposite Birchwood School have been inspected by a tree surgeon and we are taking advice on whether to remove them all. Several people on the Heath have requested, at different times, the pruning of birch trees but unless the tree is dangerous or causing some other major problem we prefer not to prune them.

Please come along to our regular Board Meetings – next one 21.12.09 at St Michael's Church Centre at 19:30. Email on mhh@martlesham.org.uk, or telephone 01473 612207. Write to

PO Box 897, M. Heath, IP1 9PB.

JOHN KELSO'S DECEMBER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Local Development Framework (LDF) latest update (2,000 new houses for our area)

Firstly may I say how good it was to see so many people attending the meeting at St Michaels Church Centre arranged by No Adastral New Town (NANT). Obviously there are a lot of people who are very concerned about this proposed development.

Hopefully those of you who have felt strongly enough will have written your emails or letters of concern or support to Suffolk Coastal regarding the proposed changes in house numbers from 1,050 to 2,000 minimum.

The next stage will be for the Suffolk Coastal Cabinet to meet to endorse the LDF Core Strategy contents and recommend that the Council submits it for examination by an independent inspector.

The Cabinet meeting is due to be held at Trinity Park Conference Centre, The Suffolk Showground, Felixstowe Road at 7 pm on Monday 14th December.

Unfortunately members of the public are not allowed to speak at this debate

But I feel it would really show the strength of feeling about this issue if as many of you as possible manage to attend.

2009 has been a very eventful year for Martlesham residents, so may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy 2010.

Please feel free to email me - john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk - or by telephone after 6 pm, 01473 626308, to discuss any District Council matters.

John Kelso, District Councillor - Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Local Development Framework (LDF)

The additional consultation that became necessary because of the LDF

Task Group's decision to increase the number of new homes from 1050 to 2000 south of Adastral Park is now over. Suffolk Coastal District Council's Cabinet will meet to discuss the result of the LDF consultation at the Trinity Park Conference Centre on Monday 14th December at 7 pm. Currently it is planned to follow this with a meeting of the full council at the same venue on Thursday 21st January at 7 pm when it is expected that the 'Core Strategy' element of the LDF will be finalised.

Local Government Review (LGR)

We are still waiting to learn the outcome of the appeal made by the Boundary Committee for England (BCE) against the findings of the Judicial Review. However by the time you read this an announcement may have been made. The longer the delay the less chance there is of Unitary Councils being introduced during the life of the current parliament.

A Year End Message

The main purpose of this message is that I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to all those people who are engaged in the publishing, printing, assembling and distributing the Martlesham Monthly magazine throughout our community, for without their dedication it would be difficult for groups and individuals like me to communicate effectively with you. The closing year 2009 has been a difficult year for many but I trust and pray that 2010 will be a more successful and rewarding year for every one. If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively you can join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St. Michael's Church hall on the first Monday of the month between 10 am and 12 noon.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our 'hands-on' meeting this year was with Mrs Debbie Buckles from Ipswich. More than half of our members arrived with the necessary foliage and flowers and watched while Debbie showed us how to create a linear arrangement. With great enthusiasm we then put her instructions into prac-

tice and were able to make our own arrangements which, as usual, were all very different. Debbie then made a beautiful continental design and several members felt competent enough have a go at a second design. The room was full of colour at the end of the session and after a welcoming cup of tea it was agreed that the whole afternoon had been very successful and enjoyable.

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

There will be no meeting in December but the Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We meet again in January so watch out for more news next month.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

M.A.L.G.A.

LAND

A meeting was held with the Highways agency, MPC and MALGA where an agreement to release the land known as Soak-a-way No. 5. Agreement was made with certain conditions to be met, for the safety of both allotment holders and anyone else who requires access to the land. This is by far our greatest moment for all involved and thanks to Paul Firman for bringing the people together.

We've got lots of work to do and, as said in last month's news, some time before people get digging.

Martlesham Parish Council

As chairman I would like to thank Colin Moore and Leo Brome for joining us at the meeting with the Highways Agency to do with Soak-a-way No. 5.

Over the two years we have been looking for land it's been difficult for all involved due to many issues like the LDF and the credit crunch. It goes without saying that no single party hasn't been affected by this and with what ap-

pears no end in sight.

However land has come to light, both MALGA and MPC are organising a way forward with all involved eager to sort out both the legal issues and the costs involved.

AGM

Tuesday 26th January

This will be a very important meeting with big decisions to be made for the use of our land.

I would appreciate as many members as possible attending so we can have a fair balance to decide on crucial matters:-

- How we choose who gets a plot.
- Do we allocate full or half plots?
- What cost should we charge per plot?
- And of course who's chosen for leadership.

There is no better time to come and talk to the committee, discuss your thoughts and give us your feedback. It's been challenging this year and we don't have a mechanism for feedback so need you at the AGM to let us know if we're doing things right.

Website: -

www.malga.co.uk

Why not join MALGA and/or contact me:- malga@btinternet.com
Thanks - Paul Day, Chairman

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Mr Martin Humphries spoke at our October meeting about the charity 'Tools with a Mission'. This very worthwhile Christian charity sends reconditioned tools such as sewing machines, garden and wood-working tools out to African communities. The people can then support themselves by making goods with the tools provided.

Our AGM was held at the beginning of November and Bernadette Smith was re-elected as our President for a fourth year of office. As it was also our 29th birthday members enjoyed a cup-cake with their tea and coffee.

We are welcoming a few new members and hope that some more will join us in the New Year when we will be having talks on varied subjects such as DNA, South Africa, Suffolk Landscapes, Norfolk churches, herbal medicine and a

'Royal Year'.

Any lady is welcome to join us on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Pavilion.
Mary Bloomfield - 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

'Body Language' was the subject of our latest talk by Mr. George Irvine. He began by telling us a little about himself and how he became interested in this topic. He went on to explain what body language is and why he thought it was the most important language that exists. Body language is the only international language there is and most of us use it all the time although we may not realise it - for instance our eyebrows can indicate sadness, anger or surprise. Mr Irvine told us that nowadays stores such as Tesco spend hundreds of pounds training their staff on how to greet people and converse in a pleasant manner. We were amused to hear of the reactions he received from students during his circuit of public schools when he was employed by the County Council to speak about social problems. Mr Irvine's talk was fascinating and gave us a lot to think about. He finished by illustrating how people hold their hands in different ways and led us to a natural reaction when we brought our hands together in applause. A clever way of bringing a very enjoyable evening to a close.

We meet at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham and new members and visitors are always very welcome to join us. The next meeting will be on 11th December when Mr Eric Punaks will talk about 'The Art of Comic Verse'. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We certainly picked a nice sunny day on 9th October to have a trip on the River Deben on the 'Jahan', it included a ploughmans' lunch, an excellent running commentary on the history of the River and some of its boats. It was delightful.

Our programme to take us to the end of 2009 is as follows:

*5th November: Quiz Evening

*19th November: 'Tools with a Mission' - Speaker: Bill Dewhurst

*3rd December: 'Standing Stones & Chalk Figures' - Speaker: Valerie Sulch

*17th December: Christmas Party

We meet alternate Thursdays, in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre at 7:30 pm. We are a friendly Club and always welcome new members at any time of the year.

Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

The latest project undertaken by the Mothers' Union is "Books of Comfort"

These are like photograph albums, but filled with prayer cards, book marks and thoughtful pictures. The books are placed in the chapels at St Elizabeth Hospice and St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds, and also in the main hospital chapels in Bury and Ipswich. The idea is for patients and their families and friends to look in the books and if they see something that gives them comfort or pleasure, then they are encouraged to take the item from the book. A volunteer goes into the chapels and replaces the cards where necessary.

The prayer cards are handmade by members, usually by people with some computer skills, they may be stitched or crocheted and then laminated to lengthen their life. The work of the Mothers' Union is varied but so rewarding. If you would like to learn more about the action and projects, why not come to a meeting which is held on the first Wednesday of each month and held at St Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm?

For further details please contact either Marion Naylor on 01473 624196 or Elizabeth Corker on 01394 210793.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Halloween themed sessions. The children enjoyed dressing up.

This year's Christmas party promises to be huge fun, complete with fancy dress, disco, competitions and a visit from Santa. It will be held in St. Michael's Church Centre (next door to the Pavilion) on Friday 11th December from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Tickets are priced at £3 per family and are available from session leaders. Bring your own lunch for an indoor picnic; tea/coffee and mince pies will be provided. We'll also be selling raffle tickets and already have some great prizes lined up, so watch out for those.

Our last session before the Christmas holidays will be Wednesday 16th December. We start again for the New Year on Wednesday 6th January and Friday 8th January.

For anyone who would like to join us, our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great craft activity table for the children. Refreshments are included.

Our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am during term time. Our members pay just £2 per session for the first child and only £1 for each additional child attending. If the first child is under 6 months old you pay a reduced rate of £1 for them. There is a one-off joining fee of £6, to help cover administration costs. However, there are no session charges when you pay the joining fee. Please note that our play sessions are unsupervised and the children do remain in the full care of the accompanying adult at all times.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to call Catherine on 07515 435876 or e-mail martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our new website is now available. Click on to www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk and you can find out all about us and download our prospectus and registration form. Alternatively, you can still

contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We do have a waiting list, and are extremely busy next term, so we advise that you complete a registration form at the earliest opportunity. We currently take children from the age of 2 ½ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area.

Our fundraisers have been busy organising our Christmas events for this year. Strawberry Mountain Photography visited us in November and we raised around £150 from this event – thank you everyone. Jars of Clay in Woodbridge have offered us a great ceramics painting deal. Our children have the opportunity to decorate a Christmas bauble and have great fun in the process! Our thanks go to Jars of Clay.

Our term finishes on Thursday December 17th. There will be no normal sessions that day. Instead we shall be holding our Christmas Party and Concert at Martlesham Community Centre. As well as taking part in a short concert, the children will be enjoying lots of party games and party food.

We shall be saying a sad goodbye to some of our children at the end of term and wish them, and their families, all the very best for the future. We would like to remind our parents that we return to playschool on Tuesday January 5th.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone at Martlesham Playschool

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL **Martlesham Heath**

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk
It's Christmas time at St Michaels, and the festive celebrations started with our ever successful Pamper Evening and Craft morning, many thanks to those who organised and attended. Our Children's Christmas Party is on Wednesday 16th December with games, dancing and party food for all who attend St Michaels. During this month the children will be gearing up for Christ-

mas with stories, paint, drama and songs. The story of 'The Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson and creating our own Stick People, making cheese stick straws and a 'Stick Man' display are to name but a few of the things to look forward to. We will venture outside as much as weather allows. This term finishes on Thursday 17th December and re-opens on Tuesday 5th January at 9:15 am.

Our Lunch Club is now held on 3 days and children can stay all day or add a lunch (they bring their own packed lunch) before or after their session. This gives parents more flexible childcare and gives children an important first step towards independence. Please ask staff for more info.

We are a registered charity and therefore rely on the support and help given by parents/carers and families, we are currently looking for a much needed Chair Person and committee members, so if you would like a say in how your children's pre-school is run, come and join us at our monthly meetings. We cannot run without these volunteers.

We welcome children into our pre-school from Martlesham, and all surrounding areas as well as Kesgrave and they then leave us to go onto all the local schools including Gorseland, Birchwood, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings, and Rendlesham. If you are interested in sending your child to St Michaels Pre-School and would like a prospectus or to arrange a visit please call Julie Benford on 01473 436125 or e-mail admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk, or visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk.

Louise Peck

CALLING ALL MUMS

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday 1st December at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. This will be our Bring and Share Christmas party and Nativity and all mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome. Just bring along a small quantity of food to share and join in the fun. We have the stable ready and in-

vite you to dress your child or children as characters from the Christmas story. As last year, Revd. Ian will tell us the story. (It was chaotic in 2008 as we had no Joseph and one of the angels ran off with the baby Jesus! However, a good time was had by all.)

For more details of Mums' Club please phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

THE KESGRAVE & MARTLESHAM DISTRICT CHILDMINDING GROUP

We are very pleased to announce the merger of the Kesgrave Childminding Group and the Martlesham (Heath) Childminding Group. Following months of working closely together, members of both groups voted unanimously in favour of merging the two groups – the merged group has been named The Kesgrave & Martlesham District Childminding Group.

At our AGM held at the Farmhouse on 19th October the merger was confirmed and members of the committee were nominated and elected:

Mandy Palmer – Chair
Zoe Booth – Vice Chair
Sharon Buckley – Vacancy Coordinator
Kim Fookes – Secretary
Jenny Firth – Treasurer

We would like to thank all of our member's who previously held positions on the committees prior to the merger for all of their hard work and commitment.

If you would like further information about our vacancies or you are a childminder who is interested in joining our friendly and pro-active group then please contact our vacancy coordinator Sharon Buckley on 01473 612828 or 07809 297207, alternatively you can email Sharon at sharonm.buckley@virgin.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and the families we care for

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Sharon Buckley

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DARK DANCE

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Do you enjoy books by Dickens? For this year's Christmas meeting, popular Mark Michels is presenting 'The Genius of Charles Dickens'. Together with a little seasonal fare, this evening should get your festive week started well!

We shall meet at the Pavilion-on-the-Green, Martlesham Heath, at 8 pm on Monday 21st December—admission is just £2, with nearby parking.

Dora Kneebone - 01473 623380

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

We are seeking help at the meetings of the Historical Society on six Mondays in the year with the unlocking and locking the Pavilion, the setting up and clearing away chairs and tables, and the responsibility of setting up and putting away the audio and visual equipment. This could be achieved by one person over the six meetings or by two or three people on a rota basis. The dates for 2010 are:

15th February, 17th May, 19th July, 16th August, 18th October, 20th December

Since John Tyler left the Historical Society we have been desperately seeking a new Secretary but the Society feel that this help would enable us to carry on for at least a few more months.

This role may be more easily performed by a man but if there are any ladies who wish to volunteer then please do.

If you wish to help us out please contact one of the following:

- Paul e-mail: paulfirman@talktalk.net

- Elaine tel. no. 01473 622269/e-mail elaine.everitt@btinternet.com

- Kim tel. no. 01473 609703 (daytime)/e-mail quinton01@btinternet.com

- Jeanette tel. no. 01473 625307/e-mail jeanette.higgins@hotmail.co.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 6th November we were

treated to an illustrated talk by one of our long-standing members. Ralph Rutherford joined the RAF at the end of WW2 at the dawning of the jet age.

Another large audience were present to hear Ralph talk through his career with the aid of his treasured projected images.. He applied to join and was turned away because he was too young. However, he re-applied and requested air-crew training. This was at the end of the war and the RAF had more pilots than they knew what to do with. He was determined to fly and in the end his persistence paid off. He became firstly an air gunner but then trained to be a pilot. He remembers those early jets with affection. The Gloster Meteor and the aircraft that he flew more than any other – the De Havilland Vampire.

A vote of thanks was given by Robert Dunnett.

Our next meeting is on Friday 4th December and is a light-hearted affair for the festive season. Pat Murrell, well known across Suffolk for her fascinating and entertaining talks on various periods of Christmas past, shares with us a "Wartime Christmas."

Meetings start at 7:30 pm with a break for tea and coffee before the meeting closes, usually at 10 pm. Non-members are welcome for just £2.50.

THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A big thank you to all those folk who were present on the afternoon of Armistice Day at the Barrack Square.

We were blessed with a lovely late autumn afternoon for our annual Remembrance Day Service.

Lt Col Mark Ciero, who commands the 48th Fighter Wing at RAF Lakenheath, and Wing Commander Phil Nicholson, the Royal Air Force Liaison officer at RAF Mildenhall, were present.

Wreaths were laid by many organisations including the Royal British Legion, The Royal Air Force, the United States Air Force, The Air-crew Association and the local police.

The twin war memorials and our new monument to the aviation history of the village are decked

out in the wreaths and it is well worth a visit to view them.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Our last work day was very successful, although slightly damp. Although this damp never dampens the spirits of the group, As the year draws to an end we would like to say thanks again to everyone for their support over the year. A special thanks also to Jan Powling for supplying us with our yummy cakes at 'half time', very much appreciated.

Why not start your New Year by joining us one work day? It's great being out in the fresh air, doing a little to help the woodland. Just making a little difference.

The Nature Watch Club had a successful evening, listening to the bats that were gliding effortlessly above them, as they stumbled around, led only by torch light and not sophisticated sonar like the bats! Great evening. Nature Watch will start back in the new year. If your child enjoys nature and being outdoors, why not come and join? It is essential to book a place by sending an email to: naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk. Dates will be announced in the new year.

May we wish all the supporters and users of Portal Woodlands a great festive season. See you in 2010.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - Will resume in 2010. Dates to follow.

Woodlands Work Morning - Sunday 20th December (with a festive spirit, to celebrate the Groups 10th Anniversary), 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

For more information about PWCG and its activities please access our website at:

www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup, or if you have any questions please e-mail us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Many thanks to all those who attended our last work party in November. You are a great bunch and achieved a lot on the day.

We continue heathland conservation with a work party on Sunday 13th December. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or join us on the Martlesham Heath SSSI at the back of the Oaks. We aim to follow up the work of previous times with more gorse and scrub clearance and some heather cutting. We will be aiming to dispose of the large pile of cut material by holding a bonfire, provided that conditions are suitable. Everyone is welcome. No special skills are required. All tools and equipment will be provided.

Please contact us if you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observations on local wildlife.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

On Thursday 17th December we have our Christmas Quiz with mince pies and mulled wine starting at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a fun evening featuring a range of activities. All are welcome, especially teams. Admission is £2 as usual.

Looking ahead we have a talk on "The Wetland Bird Survey National and International" by Rodney West in the Woodbridge Community Hall on Thursday 21st January at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Admission is £2 as usual.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

We are looking forward to raising lots of money for three local charities this year by playing carols and Christmas music at local supermarkets and other local venues. Please give generously if you see us - St Elizabeth Hospice, Suffolk School for Parents and The Restricted Growth Association will all benefit from your support. Don't forget to join us for Coffee and Carols on

Saturday 5th December at 10 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath and also our ever popular Christmas concert on Saturday 12th December, 7 pm at Kesgrave Community Centre. Tickets are £2.50 (primary school children free). You can get your tickets by phoning 07802 868924 or by going online at <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/63962>

Our second CD 'Somewhere Out There' is now available, price £5 each. It features a wide range of music from traditional marches and anthems to film music and popular songs, and would make a great Christmas present! Copies are available at our band practice on Friday evenings from 7 pm at St Michael's Church, or at any of our concerts, or by phoning 01473 623276.

Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

Liz Benyon (Publicity Officer)
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01473 623276

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Visit our website -
www.martleshambrass.co.uk

HPE Music Presents...

3 pm, Saturday 12th December
CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Helen Ellison School of Music
&

Martlesham Cantilena Choir
at

St. Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath.

Profit to **The Blue Cross**
Entrance: £2 Adult, 50p Child.
Refreshments available.

Further information: Ellison
01473 611270

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our annual fun afternoon will be held on December 15th, an occasion where bowls are played with a difference. Our hard working treasurer, Judith, puts in a lot of time and effort before the day in organising these competitions and she is fully employed in overseeing the events on the day. Our thanks to you Judith. This is an occasion where the more experienced players do not always do any better than the comparatively new members. Seasonal refreshments are provided and we hope that many members will attend.

During the month, one of our long standing and very active members, Jackie Sadgrove, died after a comparatively short illness. Very many of our club members attended the funeral at St Mary's Church Martlesham. She will be missed, especially in the 'catering department'.

Maureen Banthorp

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

Speak Easy at Martlesham's fortnightly meetings are based on a format recommended by Toastmasters International (to whom we are affiliated), however every so often we like to add variety and do something a bit different! Our Christmas meeting on 10th December will be one such meeting, so why not join us for an evening with a fun and festive theme – including a chance to play our version of the radio show 'Just a Minute'? Guests are welcome to join us at any meeting and find out what a speakers' club is all about. There is no pressure to speak, however they may take part if they wish to.

Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings are held fortnightly on a Thursday evening at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco) 7 pm for a 7:15 pm start.

Our next 2009 and 2010 meetings are on:

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*10th December - 'Christmas Meeting'

*7th January

*21st January

If you would like to find out more feel free to contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462.

www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk

VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

If you are having difficulty finding a satisfactory contact telephone number through which to direct your enquiries to Virgin Media, then please call Paul Keane on 01206 507473.

Paul is a manager with Virgin Media and is based at Colchester. Please contact him if you have any problems and hopefully he can assist you.

Martlesham Monthly

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the young lady and jogger who helped me when I fainted at the bus stop at Valiant Road on Wednesday 21st October. Many thanks for your kindness.

Barbara Bascombe, Valiant Road

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

We will soon all be receiving lots of Christmas cards from friends and family, which is lovely. Please consider doing something lovely in return - tear off the stamps from these envelopes and save them for the St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich. They are able to turn them into much needed cash - they are sorted and sold in bulk, so the more stamps we save, the more money the Hospice gets. Just remember please to leave a 1 cm border around the stamps to avoid damaging the serrated edges (that's about 1/2 inch in old money!). Any of the Hospice shops will accept bundles of stamps, or drop them through my letterbox and I will happily pass them on. Thanks everyone, and a Happy Christmas to you all.

Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens,
Martlesham Heath, 01473 622721

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET

Don't be disappointed! Our extensive order form is available from your local Country Market for all the Christmas goodies you may desire.

We are accepting orders up to Tuesday December 8th for cooked items, which may be collected on Tuesday December 15th, or if preferred the market will be open on Wednesday 23rd December at Kesgrave Scout H/Q, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave for the collection of orders only. For a small charge of £1.50 your order can be delivered if you are living locally. The market Producers would like to thank all customers for their support throughout 2009, and to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

We will be reopening the market on Tuesday February 2nd at Martlesham Heath Pavilion, Martlesham Green between 9 am and 10:30am.

Margaret Gayfer

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

***Sundays 6th and 20th - Holy Communion, 8 am**

***Sundays 13th and 27th - Evensong, 6:30 pm**

Christmas services

***Sunday 20th - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 6:30 pm**

Christmas Day - Holy Communion, 8 am

For all the family, but mainly the children - The St. Nicholas Christmas Experience, Brightwell Church Hall, Sunday December 6th 3 pm. An afternoon of crafts, stories, carols and tea.

A very busy month ahead for our Ministry Team, lead by Revd Ian Naylor, and we offer our thanks to them all for their conduct of our weekly Services and all the special things that they do for us. As a congregation we feel very privileged and grateful to be able to share in Worship with them week by week. At this time it is also appropriate to thank our Churchwardens Marjorie and Sandie for their work at the Church throughout the year and to complete the trio we thank Diana

for her music at our Services of Evensong.

Again we have enjoyed a good year at our Church and we thank all of those people in Brightwell and those from the wider Benefice of Martlesham with Brightwell who support us. We are indeed blessed and we thank God for all of this.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
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MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"What's in a Name?"

The names people have are important. They give us, at least, a personal identity, and say something about us. It must be better to greet my fellow man with "Hello Charlie!" rather than "Hello, AZ65432/AXD!"

Names in the bible are particularly important and often pregnant with meaning.

These are some of the names given to Christ, the Son of God:- Immanuel, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, The Alpha and Omega, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Head of the Church, The Resurrection and the Life, The Morning Star, The Visible Image of the Invisible God, The Lord over every Ruler and Authority in the Universe.

It takes a miracle of imagination to equate these mighty titles and honours, with the 'babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger'.

But the Scripture claims - "He who was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty, might be made rich."

ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

Sundays: Worship and Teaching - 10 am, Communion - 11:45 am

Mondays: After School Club (years 5,6 and 7) - 3:45 to 5 pm

Tuesday Circle: 8th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesdays: House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays: Mums and Toddlers - 10 am, Youth Club - 7:30 pm

Fridays: Friends on Friday - 10 am

13th December: Family Christmas

Service - 10 am

20th December: Carols by Candlelight - 6 pm

25th December: Christmas Day Service - 10 am

The Martlesham Christian Fellowship Singing Group will be performing an Evening of Carols at the Ramsholt Pub on Monday 21st December.

For further information, see the website www.m-c-f.org, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

You can hardly miss the fact that Christmas is coming. The shops are filled with everything that is associated with Christmas - gift wrapped smellies, chocolates, Christmas trees and decorations, crackers and many other goodies we only see at this time of year.

It can be exhausting just walking around the shops.

Is this what Christmas is all about?

We are celebrating the birth of a baby, a very special baby who was the Son of God - God's gift to the world, born without the glitz and glitter and commercialism we get caught up with now.

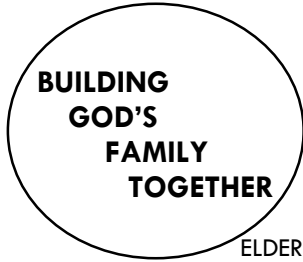
Jesus came to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

He did not come for us to be overburdened nor to make us spend money we cannot afford. He came to bring a peace that passes all understanding, a peace that the world cannot give.

Why not come and find out more about God's gift to the world, find out more about His love for us all, come and join with us as we celebrate that gift?

There are many services in our churches at Christmas time and you have an invitation to come and join us - you will be most welcome.

A Happy Christmas to you all.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,
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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 6th December Advent 2	8am Holy Communion 3pm Church Hall Party	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th December Advent 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am All Age Worship Nativity Play
Thurs 17th December		7:30pm 9 Lessons & Carols	
Sunday 20th December Advent 4	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm 9 Lessons/Carols	11am Family Holy Communion	3pm Christmas story
Monday 21st December			7pm Carols in the Square
Thurs 24th December		10pm Holy Communion	8pm Holy Communion
Friday 25th December	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am Worship
Sunday 27th December St John	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd Jan Christmas 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Monday 14th December in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER

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

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| <p>5 the courage to face our own personal challenges</p> <p>6 the Worldwide Mission of the Church</p> <p>7 all of those serving in Afghanistan</p> <p>8 the work of The Mothers' Union</p> <p>9 those living in Lancaster Drive</p> <p>10 respect for everyone</p> <p>11 the elderly and those living alone</p> <p>12 to make us all custodians of God's earth</p> <p>13 freedom to preach the Gospel</p> <p>14 everyone affected by earthquakes and floods</p> <p>15 all carers</p> <p>16 those living in Lark Rise</p> <p>17 give thanks for God's unconditional love</p> <p>18 the areas in the world where there is famine</p> <p>19 the "missing"</p> <p>20 the Martlesham ministry team</p> | <p>21 God the Father to bless us with hearts of compassion</p> <p>22 all those who are unwell, in hospital or at home</p> <p>23 those living in Lugano Avenue</p> <p>24 all children</p> <p>25 give thanks for the birth of our Saviour</p> <p>26 those who work at Christmastide</p> <p>27 new converts to the Christian faith</p> <p>28 areas of the UK where there is endemic violence</p> <p>29 Water Aid</p> <p>30 those living in Main Road</p> <p>31 hostages wherever they are held</p> <p>JAN 1 give thanks for a New Year</p> <p>2 peace in our world</p> <p>3 those leading church services</p> <p>4 those with learning difficulties</p> |
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