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MARTLESHAM MONTHLY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

This year Martlesham Monthly is giving some Christmas presents to various charities and organisations.

We are giving:

- £2500 to Music on The Green, £1000 of that money will go directly to The Ipswich Children's Hospice
- £1000 to The East Anglian Air Ambulance
- £1000 to The Martlesham Responders.

We shall, as always, continue through the year to sponsor Martlesham Old Boys FC and keep the windsock flying over Martlesham Heath.

During this year we have contributed towards:

- a village seat in remembrance of David Owens
- purchased 30 musical instruments for Birchwood Primary School
- hosted the Martlesham website
- sponsored a hanging basket for Martlesham In Bloom
- donated various raffle prizes for Music Off The Green.
- donated towards a gift for Darren the postman and provided refreshments at his presentation
- paid for the hire of the marquee for Music on The Green

THE MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Did you know?

The Martlesham Monthly reaches 2850 households and businesses in Martlesham and Brightwell.

It supports local causes in need of small injections of cash, and regularly supports other, larger charities.

How is this achieved?

- Organisations and residents send information to the editor.
- The editor puts the magazine together.
- The magazine is printed in someone's home.
- A team of people collate the pages and staple them together.
- The magazine is distributed to all households and businesses in the village.

The Talking Martlesham Monthly How does that work?

- The magazine is turned into scripts.
- A team of people read the scripts onto a tape recorder.
- Tapes are made and distributed to visually impaired members of the community.

As well as all that;

- It is uploaded onto the Martlesham website and you can either read it online or have it read to you.

The Martlesham Monthly is funded by advertising. We are very grateful to all our advertisers for supporting us.

There are over 120 people involved in producing and bringing Martlesham Monthly to your door, all are volunteers and give their time freely and willingly. This is how any profits accrued can be given back to local causes.

How's that for a community venture?

Martlesham Monthly Editorial Team

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

**Trees, Footpaths, Planning
Permission, Development of the
Area?**

**HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM IN
THE VILLAGE?**

**IF SO COME TO THE PAVILION
on Saturday 7th February
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?

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

**On Saturday 7th February
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

So no matter what your

problem or your concern is, there will be somebody who can help you on the day.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE SQUARE

Again this year Martlesham Monthly is delighted to be sponsoring the Christmas Tree in the Square. We would like to thank Ian O'Brien Baker from Home Meadows Nursery, fellow members from The Rotary Club of Woodbridge along with some of the lads from HM Prison Hollesley Bay who arrange the collection and removal for us. Also we would like to thank Andy Hart at Bidwells who allow us to use their electricity, Roger Garnett of Garnett Electrical for supplying and fitting the lighting along with Howard Construction who supply the fencing - and thanks to John Hovell for his help and support. Paul Firman and The Editorial Team

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Now that the continued production of the Talking Monthly is assured, please contact the Editors if you, or someone you know, would benefit by receiving one of the monthly audio tapes. These are available free of charge and are delivered by Royal Mail, normally on the second Saturday of the month. When the recipients have finished with the tape it can be returned to Graham Downing post-free merely by reversing the address label and dropping the package in a letter box.

Martlesham Monthly Editors

POLICE

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

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders

are a group of 4 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.

VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

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

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

Martlesham Monthly

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Happy New Year to all parishioners.

TO ALL ELECTORS OF MARTLESHAM

PARISH MEETING

You are invited to take part

It will be held at:
**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
CENTRE
MARTLESHAM HEATH**

**TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY,
7:30 PM**

Under the Chairmanship of
Mr W J Welch (Chairman of the
Parish Council)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To approve minutes of the Parish Meeting held 23rd April 2008
3. **Suffolk Coastal District Council's Consultation on two documents within the Local Development Framework: Core Strategy & Development Control Policies – Preferred Options; Site Specific Allocations & Policies – Issues & Options**
Exhibition & brief presentation by Martlesham Parish Council
4. To consider any comments that parishioners may have on the proposals

Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) - Local Development Framework (LDF)

SCDC has begun a public consultation on two documents:

1. Core Strategy & Development Control Policies - Preferred Options. This sets out the District Council's Vision for the area to 2025. In the consultation Martlesham has been classified as a Key Service Centre which determines the scale of development considered appropriate for the parish.

2. Site Specific Allocations & Policies - Issues and Options. This document identifies sites for development which have been put forward in most cases by local landowners and agents. There are 23 site proposals in Martlesham.

The documents are available to view, online at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/default.htm, and at the Melton District Council offices. A copy is held in the Parish Office – please make an appointment with the Clerk to view. **Deadline for comments to SCDC: Monday 16th February.**

The Parish Council is holding a parish meeting to find out parishioners' views before formulating its own response. Parishioners are urged to have their say on this issue as the new Local Development Framework will have a long lasting impact on the future of the village in which we live.

Annual Parish Meeting

Advance notice is given that this will take place on 22nd April at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 7th January

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 14th January

*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 21st January

*Finance & General Purposes committee - Wednesday 28th 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 (Formerly Martlesham Consultants Ltd)

For those few members who have not yet paid the Annual maintenance charge we wish to remind you that the payment is overdue. Payments may be made by post to the Company Office at 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL, or delivered by

hand.

The Annual General Meeting of Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd (formerly MCL) will be held at the St Michael's Church Centre on Thursday 5th February at 8 pm.

All householders within the area of Martlesham Heath are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to air your views and ask relevant questions and it is hoped for a good attendance.

The next monthly MHHL (MCL) Directors meeting will be held on Monday 19th January. This is an open meeting and all who subscribe to the maintenance charge are welcome to attend.

The minutes of these meetings are available to members on request.

Meetings commence at 7:30 pm in the Committee room at St Michael's Church Centre.

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

e-mail – mhh@martlesham.org.uk

By letter – C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

MARTLESHAM CHRISTMAS 2008 REPORT

From District Councillor Chris Blundell

The Local Government Review (LGR)

Earlier this year, three Norfolk District Councils decided jointly to approach the High Court for a 'Judicial Review' of the timescale that the Boundary Committee for England (BCE) had set to consider the affordability of the LGR. The high court judge Mr Justice Cranston found in favour of the Norfolk Councils. As a consequence of that judgment the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) wrote to the BCE informing it that the Secretary of State has moved the deadline for the BCE to make its final proposal from 31st December 2008 to 13th February 2009. This means that the minister for CLG is not likely to make a final decision announcement until mid March 2009 at the earliest. In June 2009 we have the County Council and European Parliament elections. This means that the Secretary of State for CLG will have an incredibly

tight timetable for implementing any changes before the next General Election which must be held in or before May 2010.

The Local Development Framework (LDF)

Just a reminder that there will be a public meeting at St Michaels Church on Tuesday 20th January at 7:30 pm to consider the 'Site Specific' proposals and 'Core Strategy' of the LDF for Martlesham. The main purpose of the meeting is to finally determine a preferred option from those sites that were presented by land owners for development in the Martlesham area. A résumé of all the sites offered will be made available at the meeting. I hope to have one of SCDC's senior planning officers at the meeting.

Well, it just remains for me to wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year for 2009. 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 613360 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

'With Christmas in Mind' was the title of Mrs Lyn Tinkler's demonstration. Firstly she produced a gold open-weave wire basket containing a red gift bag with oasis inside a polystyrene cup. Adding foliage, yellow red and white spray carnations and chrysanthemums she created an unusual gift. Her second arrangement depicted a cocktail with bright green crystals in the bottom of a tall glass container. Amongst the foliage and flowers she added lemon slices and sugar cubes on sticks with a single red rose representing a cherry. Mrs Tinkler showed us how to make a pew end using bear grass and two yellow roses placed into a phial which she wrapped in cream gauze with a cream gauze bow. Two further arrangements were a table decoration of yellow and white with small artificial gold leaves and a Christmas ring containing red poinsettias, cinnamon sticks, cones, apples and a red

bow. A red candle, scarlet cabbage, apples, gold orchid and chrysanthemums featured in her next design and she finished with a hand held bouquet of brightly coloured chrysanthemums.

The competition was won by Ann Fraser with Norma Jessup winning the Novice class.

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 and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

The next meeting will be on 21st January when Mr Alan Smith will have 'Fun with Flowers'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Martlesham in Bloom wish everybody a Happy (Gardening) New Year.

Our next events:-

'Gardens without Flowers'

a talk by Margaret Thomas
(Landscape historian at University
College Suffolk)

**Thursday 29th January
7:30 pm**

**St Michael's Church Centre
Martlesham Heath**

The evening will include our AGM and there will be a raffle, light refreshments, plants for sale and a quiz.

Everybody welcome.

Admission free.

Jumble and Plant Sale

**Saturday 7th March
10 am to noon**

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath
(jointly with Martlesham Community Council)

Anglia in Bloom

We will be entering Martlesham in the Anglia in Bloom 2009 competition.

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.

M.A.L.G.A.

Allotments

AGM date

**Thursday January 15th
7:30 pm St Michaels Church Hall
in the annex**

Please note this date in your diary. And why not be a committee member?

There will be a guest speaker but the information as to who this will be will have to be put out on notice boards in January as the people have not confirmed yet. Looking back over last year we were not the only people asking for allotments to be provided. Allotments already in place are getting fuller by the week and a busy time on the TV as well.

So what are allotments for:-

A place to grow cheap vegetables.

A place to grow all kinds of fruit.

Somewhere to grow your flowers.

Your knowledge that there's no fertilisers or pesticides in the food you grow.

A place to meet people.

The Green gym, the cost being far less than other gyms.

Somewhere to relax and get a sun-tan.

A place to get healthy exercise.

Did you know doctors suggest allotments to:-

People who need cardiovascular exercise.

People with mental health problems like stress or depression.

People who need to lose weight.

So why wouldn't anyone want an allotment or want to help people provide allotments for the community? That's the big question this year, and will be the topic of many discussions at lots of events throughout Martlesham and Suffolk. Look out for the association logo; it will be prevalent this year for all to see.

You can join MALGA and/or contact me:-

malga@btinternet.com

Paul Day, Chairman

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Linda Leigh acted as our WI Advisor at our annual meeting when our President Mrs Anne Bennett was re-elected. Our Treasurer said she did

not wish to continue in her role and Mrs Margaret Sturman resigned as a committee member. However the remaining committee were re-elected together with two new members, Mrs Marian Cottrell and Mrs Susan Cunliffe. Mrs Joan Locke thanked the committee for all their work over the past year.

We then relaxed and listened to Jane Collier telling us all about Denman College. Of course some members have already experienced the delights of Denman but we were all interested to learn about the history of the college and grounds which date back to the 1700s. Jane had a number of photographs to show us of the interior, the lake and the gardens which really did look lovely. Apparently there is now a new conference centre and dance hall and with courses to suit virtually everyone (including a new course on belly dancing!) Maybe we should all be thinking about spoiling ourselves with a visit.

We meet at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham and are always pleased to welcome new members. Our next meeting will be on 16th January when Mr Tony Buckland will give a talk on 'The History of Toys'.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

A very Happy New Year to you all. I do hope 2009 will be a happy, healthy and peaceful year and, oh yes, let's have a sunnier Summer - we are due one!

We start off the New Year with some excellent speakers. January and February are:

*15th January - 'An Evening of Comic Verse'; speaker Eric Punaks

*29th January - 'DNA'; speaker Angela Pratt

*12th February - 'Timbuktu'; speaker Rory Burrow

*26th February - 'Icebirds and Polar Bears'; speaker Geoff Woodward

Now they look a variety of speakers and there are even more to come later in the year, so why not come along to hear for yourself? New members are always

welcome. We meet alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room at Martlesham Community Centre. Any further information please 'phone Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We offer a friendly and stimulating environment for children from the age of 2 and a half. If you would like more information about the playschool or are interested in sending your child to our setting, please contact Nikki Smith (Bookings Secretary) on 07857 309365 or visit www.controltower.org.uk

If you would like to purchase anything from our buysite the address is www.buy.at/mplayschool Commission will go to playschool funds from all purchases made.

DEBEN AVENUE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON'

As a resident of Deben Avenue, I was interested to see the photo on the front of last month's edition of 'The Martlesham Monthly', of the social club which used to be at the end of the road near Gorseland School.

I thought readers might like to know that sociability is still alive and kicking in Deben Avenue! The neighbours are a friendly bunch and decided to get together at the beginning of December for a grand Christmas lights switch on. You may have noticed that Deben Avenue was even more colourful than usual last month.

Thank you to all those who made the event so successful. Their hard work really paid off and was appreciated by all who enjoyed a memorable evening. There was even a small amount of money left over after expenses which will be given to Martlesham Playschool this month.

Rachel Pennick

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The first Mums' Club meeting of 2009 will be held on Tuesday 13th January at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served

around 1 pm followed by a Theatre Activity session for the little ones by Justine de Mierre who runs Story-playtime.

For more information on Storyplaytime visit www.storyplaytime.co.uk.

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

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on January 19th at 21 Lancaster Drive.

It will be a book evening with mulled wine. Each person can describe a book she has read recently. It can be any type of book - something you enjoyed, or not, as the case may be.

Subs will be collected at this meeting (£8 for the year).

New members are welcome and you do not need to be a wife! The group is open to any lady of any age. We have had this name for years and we can't decide how to make it more inclusive!

For further details please contact Cathy Moore on 01473 622724.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on December 5th featured some light entertainment provided by Mr Pip Wright. The evening consisted of a few "silly stories" and several very amusing songs sung by Pip with his own electric guitar accompaniment. Pip is a retired Primary School teacher and lives in Stowmarket. He writes local history books and gives humorous talks across East Anglia. A most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be, as usual, on the first Friday of the month. It will feature a talk by Mr Taff Gillingham entitled, "Remembrance and The Great War - A Very British war." He offers, in a professional capacity, help and advice on any aspect of British military history from 1899 to 1960. He is often interviewed on TV and radio and continues to work behind the scenes in various

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productions.

Meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and commence at 7:30 pm. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia
Happy New Year to you all, and we begin the year by saying a big 'thank you' to the Woodbridge and District Lions who have kindly donated £500 towards new instruments for our young players. In next month's article we shall report back on the final amount we raised by playing carols at Christmas. Cheques will be presented to representatives of our chosen charities at our AGM on 6th March (note change of date). Don't forget our Beetle Drive on 31st January at St Michaels Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, starting at 7 pm. Tickets are £2.50 from Chris Beale on 07802 868924. We are all really looking forward to welcoming Brett Baker, Principal Trombone with The Black Dyke Band, to teach at our workshop and then perform in a concert with us on 28th February at St Michael's Church. This concert will showcase Brett's amazing talent and is definitely not to be missed - tickets will soon be available!

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.

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Visit our website -
www.martleshambrass.co.uk

FOOTSTEPS - ADRIAN SNELL WORKSHOP

Footsteps healing and wholeness centre is holding a workshop led by

Adrian Snell entitled 'Music and Wholeness'. Adrian is a well-known musician and composer within the Christian world and we are excited to have the opportunity to bring this workshop to Martlesham. It will be an interactive workshop, suitable for musicians and non-musicians alike, and will help us to explore what music can tell us about who we really are. Adrian writes, "**In the midst of our busy, competitive lives, can we discover, or re-discover, a place where music making will unite us, be fun, challenging and inspiring all at the same time?**"

Can we discover new ways of reaching into the depths of our hearts and expressing some of what we find there using the language of music, the language of the heart?"

The workshop will be held at St Michaels Church on Saturday March 7th, and costs £30. We are recommending people book early as places are limited. Leaflets and booking forms are available from the church, or for more details speak to Christine Rigden or Christine Pinder. We can be contacted at Footsteps on 07770 975309 or footsteps.suffolk@hotmail.co.uk

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Firstly, HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. We do hope you had a great Christmas and you managed to enjoy at least one leisurely stroll through the woods. Maybe you saw the work group enjoying their festive work day. If you did and felt you'd like to be a part of the fun, then it would be great to see you sometime this year. Work day dates are on our website below.

Wow, the crowds really were out in force for our November workday; mainly due to having 16 volunteers from a local Brownie Pack join us. There were 7 Brownies and their parents come along and helped plant 78 hedgerow plants. This was part of an alliance they had set up with the Woodland Trust. Well done Brownies, what a great job. The new hedgerow once established will help provide a natural reinforcement barrier for

the revetments, as well as a great habit for wildlife.

The group also had some more help the following weekend, when the Cubs came and helped plant 30 native trees in the woods. Again, well done to them and thanks for all their help.

A small number from the group have also been busy helping our feathered friends by clearing out nest boxes, ready for the spring. Thanks to those volunteers too. Tweet tweet!

The dates for the 2009 Nature Watch Club meetings can now be found on our website. If your child would like to come along or take part in the RSPB Explorer Club awards then please send an email to: naturewatch.pwgc@martlesham.org.uk

One final note, thanks to someone for removing the sleigh, it was causing rather a blockage on the path at the back of the woods on the night of the 24th. We believe the suspect was of a large frame and wearing boots. Ho, ho, ho!

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - 2009 dates now on website.

Woodlands Work Morning - Saturday 17th January, 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 pwgc@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

2ND MARTLESHAM HEATH BROWNIES

Happy New Year everyone, especially all our friends and supporters.

We have been very busy last term and have done some fun activities. One of those activities involved some of the pack helping to plant hedgerow plants in the local Portal Woods. We worked along side the Woodlands Conservation Group, so thanks to Steve and

Duncan for allowing us to help. The Guiding organisation will be 100 years old in 2010 and in preparation for our celebrations the organisation has suggested that all guiding, brownie and rainbow groups get involved with another charity. Our Brownie Pack decided to help the Woodland Trust, the pack are fortunate to have a woodland area on their doorstep and we thought it would be nice to support it. As well as hedgerow planting, we hope to help recycle Christmas cards and take part in a national spring watch.

Brownies is a great, fun way for girls to join in activities, do interest badges, and learn more about their community. Waiting lists do tend to be long and we always need new leaders. If you would like more information please contact me - Jocelyn on 01473 620519.

For more information about the 2010 celebrations and what the guiding organisation does, please look at their website -

<http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We woz robbed!!! We went into the second leg of the Joe Rice Cup at home in a very good position and great expectations for a win. Unfortunately our opponents only won by a very short margin but enough to put us out of the cup.

We are now automatically entered for the Chairman's Plate which is only open to those clubs losing the first round of the previously mentioned cup. Hopefully we will come out better in this competition.

The club will be open during the Christmas and New Year holiday periods for all sessions, with the exception of Boxing Day, Friday 26th December, and we look forward to seeing many members during this time.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas and a very healthy New Year.

Maureen Banthorp

SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM

A New Year's Resolution?

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to improve your public speaking or presenting, or perhaps increase your confidence at work or socially and to enjoy doing it? If so why not come along to Speak Easy at Martlesham speakers club. We are affiliated to Toastmasters International and each meeting provides opportunities for members to take on roles and give short speeches in a friendly and light hearted atmosphere.

Guests are always welcome at our regular meetings which are on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham and there is no pressure to speak unless you wish to. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to find out more please contact: Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462.

Future Speak Easy @ Martlesham meetings:

*January 8th

*January 22nd

*February 5th

Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm start at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco).

Further details can be found at <http://www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk>

NEW YEAR, NEW IDEA – FOOD 'N' FRIENDS

So what is a Food and Friends club? It's a very simple idea (as all the best ideas are) of two or three volunteers working together to organise regular, social 'get togethers' with four or five older people over refreshments. These can be an afternoon tea or morning coffee or a simple lunch. The meetings can be in volunteers' homes, a local pub, cafe, church or village hall. The beauty of a Food 'n' Friends club is its size... small and homely.

We have been contacted by two residents in Martlesham Heath, who have kindly offered to start a new monthly coffee morning at their

home. If you would like to know more please call me, Jo Collins, Independence Support Manager, Age Concern Suffolk on 01473 353057.

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

QUEST FOR FASTER BROADBAND ON MARTLESHAM HEATH

I would like to thank the 50 or so people who responded to me with their support following my letter entitled "BT to roll-out Optical Fibre to Martlesham Heath?" in the August edition of Martlesham Monthly.

I can now provide an update on progress so far. Following an approach to MHH Ltd in August I secured their support to send a letter to BT on behalf of the Martlesham Heath community. They have recently sent an excellent letter to BT and we await BT's response.

In the meantime I sent my own letter to BT voicing the support I received from residents on the Heath. I have received a response from Andrew Campling, General Manager of BT Retail, South Eastern Region in which he states:

"...The fibre deployment near Martlesham you mention is supporting important technical trials of future superfast broadband services but it is not yet clear what the priorities of Openreach's customers and partners will be for the next phase of its deployment or what part the fibre already installed near Martlesham will play. What is clear is that one critical factor in Openreach's decision will be the degree to which customers for its wholesale services can confidently warrant committed levels of demand. The community pressure you describe is a good starting point in building that demand."

Mr Campling went on to say that he would pass my letter to the team responsible for determining the demand for future services. It is clear that we need to continue lobbying BT as they have already

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announced pilot deployments of fibre-based broadband in Muswell Hill, London and Whitchurch, South Glamorgan. I am consulting with Malcolm Bell as to the best way forward from here but would be pleased to receive any suggestions or further expressions of support from anyone on Martlesham Heath. Peter Loosemore
e-mail: peter.loosemore@btinternet.com

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBIDGE & DISTRICT

Writing in mid-December, we are now really into the midst of the run-up to Christmas. Street and store collections have raised a total so far of £1122.67; our sincere thanks to everyone who donated at Tesco Martlesham Heath or at the Turban Centre. Our thanks to Tesco for their kind permission to hold a collection at their Martlesham Heath store. The generosity of the manager, staff and customers of Budgens Foodstores, Woodbridge must be mentioned; with the difficulties in the economy affecting everyone, their contributions have been outstanding. At this time of year we also receive payment from the Woodbridge Horse Show Society in respect of our assistance at their Show earlier in the year. Our thanks also to them - and we have yet to see the contribution from Farlingaye High School, though we have no doubt it will be as spectacular and as generous as ever.

There is always more to the Lions than just fundraising and community activity. We are making a donation to Clouds of Hope, a Registered Charity started by a small group of young people in Woodbridge to provide funds to a school in South Africa where some of them had enjoyed a gap year. A wonderful initiative, which we are delighted to support. The Lions Clubs of South East Suffolk are jointly contributing to the training of a guide dog - this remarkable scheme is so well known that no more needs to be said.

And of course, the social side isn't neglected, keeping a busy time in perspective. Peter Driver gave an entertaining evening talk on

"Suffolk Oddities", a personal collection of photographs of historic churches and buildings, featuring the small details that told a lot about the craftsmen who worked on them and their times. Our Christmas dinner will be the opportunity to exchange anecdotes about recent events and gather breath before the Sleigh rides around Woodbridge and the distribution of the Christmas parcels. More details to follow in the January newsletter. Our very best wishes for the season and our thanks to everyone who has helped us to help those less fortunate.

Find out more about the Woodbridge Lions on 0845 8332820 or at www.woodbridgelions.org.uk

CAN YOU SPARE THE HOSPICE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME?

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking to increase its team of volunteers at their distribution centre on Rapier Street in Ipswich.

The distribution centre provides support to ten Hospice shops situated throughout East Suffolk. Volunteers are needed to sort donations which are then delivered to the shops by volunteer drivers. As with all of the shops, the distribution centre relies on the dedication and loyalty of local volunteers.

Sarah volunteers at the distribution centre one morning every week. "I have been volunteering at the distribution centre for about three years now. I enjoy sorting through the donations, it is therapeutic, like having a clear out. It is great working in a team of people and we all get on well, volunteering is a social thing as much as anything else."

Volunteering at the distribution centre is rewarding, you get to meet people and make new friends and there is great team spirit. Volunteering is a great way to use your free time positively and for a worthwhile cause. You will become a valued member of the team and most importantly, you will definitely have fun!

If you are interested in dedicating just a little of your spare time to St Elizabeth Hospice's distribution

centre please contact Stuart Fisher, distribution centre manager, on 01473 604097.

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

A small number of vacancies have recently become available at the Woodbridge Probus Club, which is the oldest established in the local area.

The Club meets on a monthly basis at Waldringfield Golf Club where members enjoy a friendly atmosphere, an excellent well priced lunch and a talk given by visiting speakers on a diverse range of subjects which recently included:

- *The Suffolk Punch Trust
- *Mission to seamen in Japan
- *Ipswich Town Football Club
- *Chernobyl, the up-to-date situation

The Club held its Christmas Lunch Party on December 1st at Waldringfield Golf Club when a total of 88 members and wives gathered for the traditional meal followed by an amusing, illustrated talk on the history of the area by the well-known author Robert Simper. He was assisted by Pearl, his wife.

Retired or semi-retired men over 50 interested in membership are invited to contact Ron Fisher on 01473 631347.

U3A IN EAST SUFFOLK

The January meetings which are open to visitors as well as U3A members will be held at Saxmundham Market Hall on 8th January and on 26th January at Kesgrave Community Centre. Both meetings start at 2 pm and after the speaker there is time for tea or coffee and a chat. The speaker at Saxmundham is Chris Cushing who will be talking about 'A Beginners Guide to Abstract Art'. The speaker at Kesgrave is William Tyler whose talk describes how Nelson's leadership saved Britain and made a difference to morale both at home and in the fleet. The U3A is a national co-operative organisation for those no longer in full time employment and provides educational, leisure and creative opportunities. The East Suffolk branch has over 800 members and over 50 specialist interest

groups which offer a wide range of subjects from pottery and creative writing to science and history as well as lunch clubs and walking groups. A programme of talks and meetings at Kesgrave, Saxmundham and Felixtowe run monthly from September to May.

For further information about the U3A in East Suffolk, contact the secretary on 01728 668100 or secretary@u3a-es.org.uk or visit the website - www.u3a-es.org.uk

The U3A (University of the Third Age) is a registered charity - Charity number 1112974.

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.

We hope you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. Our new year begins with the solemnity of "Mary, Mother of God" on 1st of January. This winter we are asked to pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity, the sick and their carers; students and teachers and the unemployed.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities please visit the website at www.st-mary.org.uk or ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter 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 Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

"Who are you living for in 2009??"

Jesus summed up the ten commandments with these words, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,...and your neighbour as yourself." Most of us have responsibilities to meet - family, parents, children, etc., and much time and energy will be expended to meet

their needs, as is fitting.

What about the wider world of our 'neighbour' - all the other needy people out there?! What a change it would be, to ourselves, and our community, if we decided to live for others

Many needs are obvious - the sick, the hungry, the homeless. But there are also the aged, the lonely, the sorrowful, the helpless, the unloved, the unwanted. In 2009 - could I have a heart for them?

Do you want my hands, Lord, to spend the day helping the sick and the poor who need them?

Lord, today I give you my hands
Do you want my feet, Lord to spend the day

visiting those who need a friend?

Lord, today I give my feet

Do you want my voice, Lord, to spend the day speaking to all who need your words of love?

Lord, today I give you my voice

Do you want my heart, Lord, to spend the day

Loving everyone without exception?

Lord, today I give you my heart.

I ask myself - who am I going to live for in 2009?

"Others, Lord, yes others!

Let this my motto be.

Help me to live for others
That I might live like Thee."

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

Sundays

Worship and teaching - 10 am

Communion - 11:45 am

Tuesday Circle

13th January - Scottish Excursion
(with Terry Peake)

Christmas Lunch

Wednesdays

House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Mums and Toddlers - 10 am

Youth Club - 7 pm

Friends on Friday: 10 am - 12 noon

Living Room: Sunday 4th January

The Fellowship is running two courses in January - one on Evangelism (sharing our faith with others), and another on Practical Missionary Work. If you are interested

in either of these courses, then please let us know.

For further information see the website, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482), or John Melten (01473 624401).

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

As a New Year dawns may I, on behalf of the PCC and congregation of Brightwell Church, wish you all a peaceful and happy New Year. Our routine of Services continues during 2009 with Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays (8 am) and Evensong on the second and fourth Sundays at 6:30 pm. You will be assured of a warm welcome at any of our Services. Special Services and events will be publicised as the year goes on.

Over the past year or two we have supported Guatam Money on a special project in India with our major annual donation through the Church Missionary Society. This project has now been completed and at our last PCC meeting we decided to switch the donation to Mission Aviation Fellowship. This is a Christian organisation providing medical services and practical support via a fleet of specially designed aircraft to people and communities in remote areas. Often a flight can be completed in 20 minutes for a journey, which by land, might take 5 hours or more. Please remember the pilots and administrators and medical teams in your prayers. Check out www.maf-uk.org for the Fellowship and if you have a special interest in their newer aircraft find www.questaircraft.com for the Kodiak model.

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FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

A new year and new start. A clean sheet. Have you made any new year resolutions? Statistics show that people usually manage to keep them for about 3 weeks.

Why not make a new start in a different way, something that is life-changing, transforming? We have been celebrating Christmas,

the birth of Jesus, so why not find out more about the love of God shown to the world through Jesus?

You can be sure of a warm welcome.

A very happy and peaceful new year to all.

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

Did you know that there are regular meetings and activities going on in the pavilion for at least 24 hours each week?

Each week there are –

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Country Market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- Rainbows
- Bridge
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club
- Breast Feeding Support Group
- Village Produce Association meetings
- Lip Reading
- Kick Boxing

Every two weeks there are –

- Choir Group
- Cross-Stitch classes

Every month there are -

- WI meetings
- East Suffolk Ostomy Support Group

Occasionally there are -

- Martlesham Historical Society meetings
- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- Martlesham In Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Martlesham Consultants Limited meetings
- Ipswich Photographic Society meetings

During the summer there are –

- Martlesham Nomads Cricket matches

**Did you know that there is some time available if you want to start a new club or society?
Please contact 01473 621406**



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 4th January 2nd Sunday Christmas	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 11th January Baptism of Christ	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 18th January Epiphany 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 25th January Epiphany 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church Visit from Leprosy Mission
Sunday 1st February Epiphany 4	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Monday 12th January and Monday 26th January in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY

Please pray for the world, the church, where we live and:

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| <p>5 to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
6 for Christian Solidarity Worldwide
7 for the residents of Alban Square
8 for everyone affected by the global downturn
9 for children living in difficult family situations
10 to make us all custodians of God's earth
11 for the first Sunday of epiphany
12 to set a moral example to our children
13 for all who are unwell, at home or in hospital
14 for the residents of Angela Close
15 for areas in the UK where there is endemic violence
16 for relief aid for refugees
17 for all our local school children
18 for the Martlesham Ministry team
19 for this Week of Prayer Unity
20 for US President Barack Obama as he takes office
21 for the residents of Avocet Lane
22 for happy family life
23 for those working with young people
24 for Water Aid
25 to maintain the Worldwide Christian Fellowship
26 for those whose family life has met with adversity
27 for all with HIV/Aids</p> | <p>28 for the residents of Bader Court
29 for hostages held all over the world
30 for people whose suffering continues, Zimbabwe and other places
31 for the lonely
FEB 1 for freedom to preach the Gospel
2 for Candlemas
3 for the families of all missing adults and children
4 for the residents of Bealings Road</p> |
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