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It takes quite a lot of time to create the online version but we have never had any feedback about how many people actually take advantage of this service. We are asking people who do use the Talking Monthly online to let us know so that we can justify the time taken to prepare it.

Perhaps you didn't know you could receive this as a podcast but would like to try it.

Either way, please do get in touch via this e-mail address: webmanager@martlesham.org.uk and tell us that you value the service or would be interested in taking advantage of this in the future. If we don't hear from you then we will discontinue the online facility. I should stress this will not affect the regular readers who receive the Talking Monthly via audio tape. Malcolm Bell - web manager

STOP PRESS RESIDENTS' MEETING ABOUT THE REVISED PLANS FOR A NEW TOWN AT ADASTRAL PARK

There will be a residents' meeting at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 3rd November in St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath to tell people what's going on, find out what you think and provide information on how to make your views known to the Council. If you are concerned about these plans (which will have a huge impact on the whole area) please come along to the meeting.

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

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

Friday 2nd October saw friends, family and committee members of the Music on the Green spectacular gather for the awards presentation evening, at the Martlesham Heath Douglas Bader.

The fantastic event, which

took place on Saturday 11th July, drew record crowds and was a wonderful day out for everyone.

The weather held out (all bar a few drops of rain) and with picnic blankets, musical celebrations and an age range of 8 to 80, it really was a day to remember for all involved.

The volunteers worked tirelessly, and took to fundraising throughout the day, whether it was selling raffle tickets or rattling their collection buckets, and their hard work paid dividends.

On Friday we were absolutely thrilled to be able to present EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) with a cheque for £3,000 to go towards their dedicated commitment to the children of our region.

Friday was a great chance to thank all those involved and a raffle to start next year's fund took place. Everyone was also treated to the musical delights of Blue Wave, playing their distinct sound throughout the evening.

Stuart Gordon, Chairman of Music on the Green, commented: "We are delighted that although costs have increased and the credit crunch has had its part to play, we have been able to match last year's donation. It was a wonderful day with another enormous turnout on the Green which helped a very worthy cause."

Next year it is the "3 Tenors" with the 10th Music on the Green taking place on Saturday 10th July 2010. We hope to see another incredible turnout as this year past, and it's a date to get in your diary now!

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Projects and Grants

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact the Clerk (details below) for an application form, to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by **Monday 9th November**. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2010/11 and the funds will be

issued in May 2010. Any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should also submit their project details and business plan by **9th November** at the latest.

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

Suffolk Coastal District Council is now seeking views on its Updated Preferred Options Housing Distribution. The amount of new housing proposed in the area east of the A12, namely Martlesham, has been substantially increased from 1,050 to 2,000 new dwellings. The consultation period runs for 8 weeks and closes at **5 pm, Wednesday 18th November 2009**. You may view the documents online: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy/housing. The Parish Council holds a hard copy, please make an appointment to view. The Parish Council will agree its response to the District Council at its meeting on Wednesday 4th November.

Changes to FIRST bus services

Suffolk County Council has advised us that FIRST Eastern Counties commercial services are cutting back services from **15.11.09** as follows:

1. Route **66**: the late night service will cease running. The last bus from Ipswich will leave at 12:20 am.
2. Changes to Main Road services: Route 64 Ipswich – Aldeburgh will continue hourly as at present but Route **63** Ipswich – Framlingham and Route **65** Ipswich – Rendlesham will run every 2 hours instead of hourly. This will effectively mean that buses from Ipswich – Woodbridge along Main Road will run every 30 minutes during the day instead of every 20 minutes as at present.

Forthcoming meetings

- *Parish Council - Wednesday 4th November
- *Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 11th November
- *Finance & General Purposes committee - Wednesday 18th November
- *Development Plans committee - Wednesday 25th November
- *Parish Council - Wednesday 2nd

December

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

At our September Board Meeting we were pleased to see approximately 30 residents who came along to hear and ask questions about the Board's decision on what actions (or none) to take on the issue of the parcels of land that were sold to a private developer. Don't forget anyone who is a resident of the Village is entitled to come along to the Board Meetings and time is given at the end of the meeting for questions from Members. Our next meeting is at 7:30 pm in St Michaels Church Centre on Monday 19th October.

The work on Parkers Place approach road has been started and at the time of writing this we are awaiting a digger to finish the job of removing roots and levelling the site. We have been given a

bag of wild flower seeds from a resident of Hacheston (from their very successful wild flower meadow) and we are going to sprinkle this seed on the area which has been cleared in the hope that it will be attractive and attract wildlife.

The maintenance charge collection days have been very successful this year and we were able to hear any concerns or take questions on our work from residents. Also, there was information about a meeting (not organised by MHHL but by residents) to be held on 3rd November at 7:30 pm in the Church. This meeting is to discuss the proposed Local Development Framework, the BT proposal and how it will affect the Village.

If you want to get in touch/volunteer to join the Board/apply for the position of secretary or administrator, please telephone 01473 612207, e-mail mhh@martlesham.org.uk or write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB.

Vacancy for administrative staff
Martlesham Heath Householders are looking for 1 or 2 people to run their office.

Tasks currently include word-processing, e-mails, telephone/voicemail, filing, minute-taking at Meetings (one per month), keeping the diary of events on the Village Green, dealing with transfers of membership, maintenance charge payments, etc.

Hours are approximately 18 hours a week for one person but could be shared. This is a paid position and would be suitable for someone who wants to work from home (occasional visits to the office in Barrack Square would be necessary).

The present staff are happy to explain the type of work we do to interested parties.

If you are interested please call us on 01473 612207, e-mail mhh@martlesham.org.uk or write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 273769

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 28TH NOVEMBER 10 AM - 4 PM

FREE ENTRY

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE
MARTLESHAM HEATH**

CARDS, PICTURES, DECORATIONS,
JEWELLERY, WOODEN GIFTS,
BOOKS, TOYS, ETC.

RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS
BARREL ORGAN & MORE

JOHN KELSO'S NOVEMBER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

IMPORTANT

Please be aware that the closing date for your comments to be received regarding Suffolk Coastal's LDF updated housing distribution document is 5 pm on 18th November.

Please make sure you advise them of what you think about increasing the number of new houses around the Adastral Park area from the previously proposed 1,050 to 2,000. All the documents are available to view at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk, or at Martlesham Parish Council offices by prior arrangement with the Clerk, or at Suffolk Coastal Offices Melton Hill, Woodbridge.

You can respond by e-mailing development.policy@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk, or in writing to Planning Policy & Development Manager, Planning Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AU, or by fax to 01394 385100.

Please feel free to copy any comments to me.

HELP SUFFOLK COASTAL REVIEW SERVICES & PRIORITIES

Suffolk Coastal is aiming to find £3 million worth of savings between 2010-13 so it is reviewing all of its services. The Council is seeking the views of residents and businesses to discover which are the most and least important services that they use.

Further details and a questionnaire are available at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/haveyoursay/servicesreview.htm

If you wish to discuss the above issues or any other matters please contact me at

John.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or most evenings on 01473 626308.

John Kelso, District Councillor - Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The district is again being asked to consult on the revised distribution of new homes under the Local Development Framework (LDF) scheme that has been imposed upon us by central government. The issues are complicated because of the planning application that has been submitted by BT for 2000 new homes to be located on the south side of Adastral Park. Residents from all areas can submit their views by going online at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy/housing and filling in the comment form. There is a lot to commend the introduction of new homes in the district but the concentration of so many in just one area has far reaching implications. Many of our residents both here in Martlesham and in the surrounding parishes have expressed deep concern at the implications of this expansion that will turn what was once a rural area into a new town. A new group has been formed that is opposed to this large expansion. In order for them to put their case to the public at large and invite other interested parties to join them, a public meeting has been arranged for 7:30 pm on Tuesday 3rd November at St Michaels Church Hall in Martlesham. This meeting will be well worth attending since the case against development will focus on the issues that so far have not been presented to the public. 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 email to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Al-

ternatively 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

This month we welcomed Linda Harman with her demonstration entitled 'Pot Luck'. Linda said she had chosen this title because she had accumulated some unusual pots over the years and wanted to use these in her arrangements. The first design was a green and white arrangement in a fruit bowl which included a large green hydrangea head, white spray carnations, alstroemeria and roses. Linda had covered a glass carboy with pieces of paper sprayed bronze and grey. She used this in a horizontal design containing five red and gold single headed chrysanthemums, orange lilies and carnations. Following this she produced a delicate arrangement in pink with candles, gerbera and roses. An earthenware jar previously used for pickling eggs featured in the fourth design which contained five sunflowers, orange lilies and spray carnations. Linda also did a traditional Halloween arrangement fitted into branches with two witches she had made from papier mâché. In her final design she used a huge cherub with pink gladioli and pink lilies.

The competition was won by Ann Chisem with Sathia Anton 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 stall at each meeting.

The next meeting is on 18th November when Mr Lionel Clark will give a demonstration entitled 'C is for Christmas'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

ANGLIA IN BLOOM

At this year's Anglia in Bloom Presentation Ceremony on 16th September Martlesham received three awards:-

*For the overall entry Martlesham was awarded a Silver Gilt Award

*Martlesham Heath Business Park won a Special Award in recognition of their nomination for Best Industrial/Commercial Area Award and

*The Best Conservation Project Trophy in the whole Anglia in Bloom region was won by the Portal Woodlands and Naturewatch.

The certificate and trophy was then presented to Duncan Sweeting at our own Presentation Evening on 29th September.

We would like to thank to all of those individuals, groups and authorities who help keep Martlesham looking so good and particularly congratulations to the Portal Woodlands and Naturewatch for their well deserved success.

SUMMER COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to everybody who entered our Summer Competitions and the results are listed below:

(A) Most Attractive Summer Front Garden Gold – Mr & Mrs Waugh (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Cup) and David Ransby; Silver Gilt – Peter Couch, E Pearce and V White; Silver – Sam & Maureen Simpson, Mr & Mrs M Gardiner, Mrs J March, Mrs Ann Price, Derrick Dawdry, David & Joyce Booth, Derek Moyes and M A Morphy; Bronze – Belinda Jessup.

(B) Most effective use of hanging basket(s) and/or container(s) in the front of your property Gold – David J Ransby (Winner of the Meadhome Cup), Mrs Dee Haste and Mr & Mrs Waugh; Silver Gilt – Mr & Mrs M Gardiner, Peter Couch and V White; Silver – Sam & Maureen Simpson, Mrs Jean Connors, Derrick Dawdry and M A Morphy; Bronze – Norma Jessup, Belinda Jessup, E Pearce and David & Joyce Booth.

(C) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a Commercial or Business premises Gold – M Grant Rhymes Nursery (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Commercial Cup) and Mrs Dee Haste Golf Ga-

lore

(D) Most Attractive Back Garden Gold – Mr & Mrs Waugh (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Shield) and David J Ransby; Silver Gilt – Anne Allison/Sheila Guy, Derek Moyes and Mr & Mrs M Gardiner; Silver – Derrick Dawdry and Mr & Mrs C Newton; Bronze – M A Morphy

(E) Most Improved Garden – Front and Back Gold – Mrs Jean Connors and Derek Moyes

(F) Use of vegetable plants within your garden (front or back)

Silver – M A Morphy and Derek Moyes

(G) Best Kept Community Area, Close, Lane, Place, Road, Square or Street in the Parish of Martlesham

Winner (1st) – 23/25 York Road; Second – Parkers Place; Third – Angela Close

Special Award for supporting Martlesham in Bloom – The Post Office Stores

OUR NEXT EVENT

We are having a stall at the Christmas Craft Fair in St Michael's Church Centre on Saturday 28th November.

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.

LAND

It wasn't going to be easy to find land, let alone negotiate the terms and conditions of the use of the land. As this goes to press, a meeting is being attended for such talks. From what I can see, initially we have a good chance of getting the land but the time to get all conditions met and agreed may very well lead into next year before we can say for sure. At this time it is also known that the land will not be big enough, so we will still have to find more land. So the quest is still on for land to fulfil our needs, so if anyone knows of any such land that might be available for the use of allotments then please don't hesitate to contact us or the Parish council.

AGM

We've set a date for the AGM on Tuesday 26th January 2010.

The Allotment Act 1887

Allotments and Cottage Gardens Compensation for Crops Act 1887 obliged local authorities to provide allotments if there was a demand for them. The local authorities resisted complying with the act and revision was required to strengthen the act.

Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908

The Smallholding and Allotment Act 1907 imposed responsibilities on parish, urban district and borough councils to provide allotments and further legislation in 1908 consolidated previous acts and resolved various anomalies. To the Victorians allotments were a productive use of time, keeping the poor away from the evils of drink and providing wholesome food for a workforce housed in tenements and high density terraced housing without gardens to speak of.

Website: -

www.malga.co.uk

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Mrs Jane Dann, a retired drama teacher, very kindly stepped in at short notice at the September meeting when our scheduled speaker was unable to attend due to illness.

This lady did not disappoint with her talk entitled 'A Way with Words'. Poems ranging from serious to amusing and Shakespeare to Stanley Holloway were all recited with the appropriate accents. Jane finished with a very amusing poem about packing for a holiday and also a Pam Ayres 'take' on a holiday trip.

Our October speaker was Mr Dewhurst with a talk entitled 'Tools with a Mission' and the November meeting will be the AGM.

Our monthly walks continue with a stroll along the prom at Felixstowe and lunch at The Fludgers.

We have another afternoon tea organised following on from the very successful one in August at the home of our President, Bernadette

Smith.

We have welcomed visitors to our meetings recently and hope that they will become members. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Pavilion.
Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

'Laughter is the best medicine' – or so we were told by Mr Chris Winter and he certainly gave us a large dose of 'medicine' with his humorous outlook on life at our last meeting. Chris has been an undertaker for eleven years and had many amusing tales and anecdotes to tell us. He gives talks to a number of different groups and he made us laugh when he divulged the nature of some of the competitions he has been asked to judge as he 'does the circuit'. A decorated suspender and a decorated bra were just two of them. Our own competition involved nothing quite so exciting for him since it was 'An Unusual Epitaph'. Naturally Chris had many of his own which he shared with us. He was able to see the funny side of a great many situations including tea dances, diets, slimming classes, exercise and even growing old. He finished by telling us that wild and enthusiastic clapping burns one hundred calories a minute. We didn't truly believe him but he certainly deserved to be given the benefit of the doubt and after such an entertaining evening we were only too happy to put his theory to the test.

We meet at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham. Our next meeting is our Annual meeting which will be on 20th November. New members and visitors are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

When you think of Barbados do you think of sun, sea, sands and holidays?

Did you know there are Mothers' Union members in Barbados? The MU Worldwide Parenting Programme was launched there last

year, with training for facilitators with the aim of equipping communities to extend parenting skills, build relationships and contribute to the stability of family life.

Many working mothers are pressured into leaving home early in the morning to be punctual for work and often the children are left to fend for themselves. Living in poverty they rarely have breakfast.

Mothers' Union in Barbados opened the doors of a hall where children are welcomed and receive a meal before starting school. There are projects like this around the world - and in this country too.

Why not come and find out more - everyone is welcome, we enjoy faith, fellowship and fun.

To find out more, phone Marion on 01473 624196 or Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We've booked a photographer for Wednesday 11th November (not Friday as stated last month). 15-minute time slots are available between 10 am and 5 pm and can be booked with the session leaders. A £10 deposit is required, which then gets you a free 9" x 6" photo. We still have a few slots available.

We would like to say a big thank you to Martlesham Parish Council for their grant. This has enabled us to purchase new toys for the group. The children are having great fun playing with them.

Also, keep an eye out in next month's edition for details of our annual Christmas Party.

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 ad-

ministration 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

Many thanks to all our parents who attended the information evening held at the playschool at the end of September, and also to everyone who came along to the AGM on October 1st. A huge thank you to those who have joined our committee for the coming year. All the staff and parents would like to thank the outgoing committee members for all their hard work over the last year or three! We would just like to remind our parents that we still need another 2 or 3 people to join the fundraising team. Please let a member of staff know that you would like to help - thank you.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of Martlesham Playschool being at the old Control Tower. If you have been involved in any way, or attended the playschool, look out for our article over the coming months as our "anniversary" team will be thinking of ways we can celebrate in style!

Our new website is nearly finished and hopefully next month we will be able to give you more details. You will be able to find out all about us, view the photos, as well as download our prospectus and registration form. In the meantime, if you are interested in sending your child to Martlesham Playschool, please 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, 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.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

As the last of the summer fades away, here at pre-school we are now gearing up for the Autumn/Winter terms. We will shortly be selling tickets for our ever successful Pamper Evening to be held on 18th November, a great night for all the mums to get together and have a little TLC, which shall be closely followed by our Christmas Craft morning on Saturday 21st November, with stalls and fun for all the family. All dates/details will be advertised soon, and we look forward to your continued support.

We are a registered charity and therefore rely on the support and help given by parents/carers and families, we are currently looking for new 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 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 Mums' Club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 3rd November from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served at around 1 pm. We will then have a presentation from Jo Dixon and Keith Gleen about Guiding and Scouting in Martlesham.

All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us.

Our December meeting will

be our Bring and Share Christmas party which will be held on Tuesday 1st December.

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

**Loved One In the Spirit World?
Friday 13th Nov could be special!
You could receive a message from them:**

**FIONA NICHOLS
EVENING OF
CLAIRVOYANCE**

**Friday 13th November
Martlesham Community Centre
7:30 pm start**

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

**Contact Sue 01394 386940
(evening)
or suewhite.k99@e2bn.net**

**All Proceeds to Martlesham
Beacon Hill Pool**

**MARTLESHAM HEATH
AVIATION SOCIETY**

Another large audience were treated to an illustrated talk by an old friend of the society on Friday 2nd October. Clive Denny was accompanied by his wife Linda. They run Vintage Fabrics Ltd at Audley End.

Clive, who is also a display pilot licensed to display several aircraft types including Spitfires, showed a variety of projected images of aircraft that have been through the workshops and completely renovated.

A vote of thanks was given by Jim Empson.

Our next meeting features one of our own members. Ralph Rutherford's illustrated talk is entitled "From Lancaster Bombers to Early Jet Fighters", and is bound to be fascinating.

This will take place on Friday 6th November and meetings start at 7:30 pm with a break for tea and coffee. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

On Saturday 12th September the Douglas Bader pub cele-

brated its 30th birthday. A barbeque and other attractions resulted in the management and staff of the Bader raising the magnificent sum of £600 which was most generously donated to Martlesham Heath Aviation Society funds. A giant sized cheque was handed over to us on Saturday 19th and we are most grateful to both the owners and the staff.

**ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY
SERVICE AT MARTLESHAM
HEATH**

Each November our society organise an Armistice Day Service on the Barrack Square at Martlesham. Some 6000 souls live on "The Heath" and we optimistically look forward to a good attendance.

For those who have not yet seen it this will be a chance to view the magnificent new monument erected this year to commemorate Martlesham's aviation heritage.

The service takes place at 3 pm and lasts about 30 minutes. Representatives from the armed forces, 356th Felixtowe ATC, and the 1st Martlesham Scout Group will be present. The Salvation Army Band will also be in attendance.

The Barrack Square is along Barrack Road close to the BT Research Laboratories.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

**PORTAL WOODLANDS
CONSERVATION GROUP**

We are proud to announce that we won the 'Anglia in Bloom' award for 'Best Conservation Project'. It is really fantastic to win this award and be recognised for all the hard work that goes on in our little wood. Well done to all volunteers and supporters.

For the Group's last working day, we had a record number of attendees, with some new faces too, it was fantastic. However, there were so many that we nearly ran out of cake! Despite my cake worries, we had an ideal day and managed to clear some more in the education area. We also continued to clear the pathway at the back of Deben Avenue. Thanks to all those

volunteers who helped. If you would like to get involved with the Group, please contact us using any of the details below.

Our **Nature Watch Club** had a successful meeting, looking at birds, nests and eggs. This was the last meeting of the year. If your child enjoys nature and being outdoors, why not come and join? We will resume in the Spring.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning - Saturday 21st November, 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

Nature Watch Meeting - There will be no Club over the winter months, we will resume in the Spring. Dates to follow.

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 October. We seem to have generated a massive pile of vegetation by cutting back gorse and other scrub. At our next work party on Sunday 8th November, starting at 10 am, we will be aiming to dispose of the large pile of cut material by holding a bonfire, provided that conditions are suitable. Come along and join us either on the Martlesham Heath SSSI at the back of the Oaks or meet up outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

Our AGM will take place on Monday 16th November at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, next to the green. Please come along and find out a little more about our local wildlife. We will be presenting results of our Silver Studded Blue and other surveys. We will have slides presented by members of their own wildlife observations. All are very welcome.

Back in September we had a very dry spell, however October

has so far seen more rain. As a result we should see more fungi with their characteristic fruiting bodies spring up. Please take care when collecting or observing fungi, some are extremely poisonous. So unless you are 100 per cent sure that the fungus is not poisonous - leave it alone - don't touch it.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

Congratulations to all our members who received awards at our recent Birthday Concert, especially our President Bill Bell who became our new 'Bandsperson of the Year' at the age of 96! Our next event is 'Tea and Tunes' on Saturday 7th November when our Preliminary Band showcase their talents at St Michael's Church Centre starting at 10 am. Refreshments are available all morning - please come along and support the new line-up of Preliminary players. Two other advance notices to put in your diaries - Coffee and Carols on Saturday 5th December and our Christmas concert on Saturday 12th December. We are also very excited to announce that our second CD will be released in the next few weeks - watch this space!

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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www.martleshambrass.co.uk

COMMUNITY LIGHT ORCHESTRA

On Saturday 14th November in St Michael & All Angels Church, Martlesham Heath at 7:30 pm. Tickets £5 each. Refreshments will be avail-

able, also a raffle. For tickets please telephone 01473 625630. All proceeds for church funds.

BAH HUMBUG!

The character of Scrooge is one of Charles Dicken's best known creations and the delightful story of the visitors that the old miser receives on a cold Christmas Eve is a festive favourite. The play involves plenty of scene changes and a generous smattering of ghosts forming part of the usual assortment of lively Dickensian characters.

The Kesgrave based Masque Players are calling on many of their members (including children) to put on this production and it promises to be a "humdinger".

The play runs from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th November (including Saturday Matinee) at Kesgrave Community Centre from 7:30 pm including two tickets for the price of one on the opening night.

Tickets are available from the Post Office on Penzance Road or telephone 01473 785443.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Winter League commenced in September and we are looking forward to an enjoyable season. We have many good and experienced players ready to join the teams and anticipate holding our position for another year, although we haven't made too impressive a start!

The club singles competitions have now started and we are making good headway in getting these played off ready for the finals later in the year.

We started the winter league with our smart new navy/white uniform which is a big improvement on the previous kit.

Maureen Banthorp

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

A warm welcome to all our new and returning Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. This term there is lots going on in all groups.

Beavers are working

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towards their Creative Challenge, Faith and Fitness Challenge Badges. Also the Beavers that are moving on to Cubs will be completing their Bronze Award in the next few weeks. The Scouts this term have been playing wide games in the dark making weird pizzas, chocolate, marsh mellows and maple syrup is a good one. We are learning first aid, playing conkers and going Go Karting as well as making fires, going on a night hike and learning new skills. New members, both girls and boys, are welcome to join our waiting list. In addition if you are able to give some time to support any of the groups, Leaders and helpers are always welcomed.

Just an early reminder that this year the Scout Christmas Post boxes go out on 25th November and are collected in on 10th December. The boxes are placed at Duncan's Butchers, Black Tiles Post Office, Scout HQ and BT Hub. The price is the same as last year at 15p per card. More details to follow...

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM - TASTER EVENING AND 5TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We would like to invite you to a special Taster Evening on Thursday November 26th which will also be a celebration of Speak Easy's 5th birthday. Speak Easy at Martlesham was founded in the Autumn of 2004 by Teresa Dukes and Jeff Bartrop. Since gaining charter status with Toastmasters' International (an international voluntary organisation) at the end of 2004 the club has continued to grow into the friendly and active group it is today. We hold fortnightly meetings as well as providing the opportunity for members to take part in local Toastmasters International events. If you have ever wondered what a speakers club is and what they do then why not come along to our Taster Evening and find out?

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. Guests are welcome to join us at any of our meetings. There is no pressure to speak, however they may take part if they wish to.

Our next 2009 meetings are on:

*12th November

*26th November - Taster Evening and 5th Birthday Celebration

*10th December

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

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

*Sundays 1st and 15th - Holy Communion, 8 am

*Sundays 8th Service of Remembrance and 22nd - Evensong, 6:30 pm

*Sunday 29th - Advent Carol Service

Following the Annual Historic Churches Cycle Ride, Churchwarden Marjorie Manning writes, "Congratulations are due to Emma Fosker who was the only Brightwell resident to take part in the Suffolk Historic Churches cycle ride on September 12th this year. Not only did she take part, but had her youngest daughter on the back of her bike and her other two children cycling with her - what an achievement. Well done Emma!

The organiser of our area, Mr Ian Angus, has promised that next year will be even better and the committee are already working on it, so how about a few more cyclists from Brightwell village dusting your bikes down and making it a

bumper year in support of your church?"

Sunday 29th November is Advent Sunday which is the beginning of the Christmas season; we will be celebrating this day with a Special Advent Carol Service at Brightwell Church. Please join us for this Service which sets the scene for the remainder of the month. Refreshments as usual after the Service. All will be made very welcome.

As a departure from our events of previous years the Nativity Play will be replaced by a Birthday Party for St Nicholas on Sunday December 6th where the children will be sharing an activity afternoon making decorations for use in prettying up the Hall. Children of all ages are invited and the "activities" will be followed by a light tea, carols and the Christmas message.

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MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Black Tiles Lane www.m-c-f.org

"Sowing seeds of kindness"

An old hymn from the 'Sankey' collection, has the verse,

"Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness

Sowing in the noon-tide and the dewy eves"

I was reminded of this, when reading the parable of the sower, which Jesus told in Matthew Ch 13.

The hymn suggests that by our conversation and our actions, we are 'sowing' all the time!

The seeds can be various. Seeds of discontent, or disunity. Seeds of anger and selfishness. In extreme cases, seeds of violence can be sown, generating revenge, hatred, terrorism and destruction.

The 'sowing', of course, can be so positive - seeds of love, confidence, comfort, and seeds of kindness.

We would do well in our families and communities to sow these seeds, in order to harvest the fruits of harmony, contentment and

security.

The 'seed' Jesus referred to in the parable he called the 'Message of the Kingdom'. Perhaps he was alluding to the Gospel of God's love, or simply God's Word. Wise is that person who takes such seed into his heart, that fruit might come which will glorify God and bless his fellow man.

ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

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

Mondays: After School Club (years 5,6 and 7) - 3:30 to 5 pm

Tuesday Circle: 10th November - "A Musical Matinee"

Wednesdays: House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays: Toddler Group - 10 am, Youth Club - 7 pm

Fridays: Friends on Friday - 10 am

1st November - 'Cafe Church'

Why not try this 'church' in an informal setting?

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

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

Remember, remember, the 5th of November...I'm not sure how much we remember about the history of Guy Fawkes but November is a month of remembrance - Remembrance Sunday when we remember all who have died in wars and conflicts around the world, fighting for freedom, fighting for a safer world. We are seeing far too frequently on our television screens the coffins of those members of the armed forces who are dying in Afghanistan as they are brought home. In our church services we remember, week by week, the supreme sacrifice of Jesus, who died for us so that we might live in freedom from sin. No matter what happens in our lives nothing can take that away, God is always ready to forgive our sins so we can live our lives in the freedom of his love. Come and join in our services, on Remembrance Sunday and on every Sunday, all are welcome in our fellowship.

God Bless You.



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 1st November All Saints	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 10:50am Rem. Service	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 15th November 2nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship and Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 22nd November Christ the King	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 29th November 1st in Advent 5th Sunday	6:30pm Advent Carols	8am Holy Communion	9:45am Benefice Service

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Monday 9th November and Monday 23rd November in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

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

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| 5 those persecuted for their faith | 24 the work of judges and magistrates |
| 6 give thanks for clean drinking water readily available | 25 the residents of Hunters Ride |
| 7 all those who feel excluded | 26 our armed forces |
| 8 Remembrance Sunday – remember all those who lost their lives | 27 victims of natural disasters and those striving to help them |
| 9 give thanks that we have bibles available in our own language | 28 families caring for a relative with dementia |
| 10 all those involved with the production and delivery of Martlesham Monthly | 29 those leading church services today |
| 11 remember the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month | 30 St. Andrew's day - remember fishermen bringing in the harvest of the sea |
| And observe a minute's silence | DEC 1 the air ambulance |
| 12 pray for those living in Holly End | 2 those living in Jackson Court |
| 13 businesses in The Square | 3 national and local government |
| 14 the concert by the Community Light Orchestra at St Michael's | 4 peace in the Middle East |
| 15 the children attending church today | |
| 16 our neighbours | |
| 17 those in hospital | |
| 18 those living in Horseman Court | |
| 19 those with mental health difficulties | |
| 20 Martlesham Community Responders | |
| 21 those seeking shelter as the nights get colder | |
| 22 St. Cecilia's day - give thanks for music in our churches | |
| 23 those who have been bereaved | |

BRIGHT STARS HEADS TOWARDS CHRISTMAS!

If you are a baby, toddler or pre-schooler Bright Stars, which is a fun children's worship and activity session, is there for you. There is no charge for these activities which last half an hour and are followed by refreshments. Why not come to our next session when we will start looking forward to the Christmas story. As well as the dates above in Nov, there is also a session on Monday December 14th. For any further information please contact Jo on 01473 622160 or Sonya on 01473 625196.