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

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

**We are here to HELP YOU.
HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM IN
THE VILLAGE?
IF SO COME TO THE PAVILION
on Saturday 5th
September
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 September

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
- **Nick Palmer 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.

BERNARD A WARD

Barbara and family thank everyone who attended the service to celebrate Bernard's life and for the many cards and messages of sympathy. We are most grateful for the donations towards the work of the British Red Cross.

Caroline Bickers

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MARTLESHAM MONTHLY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please Can You Spare a Few Hours a Month to Help Martlesham Monthly

The Martlesham Monthly relies entirely on voluntary helpers to collate, staple and deliver the magazine. For various reasons, several of our helpers have now left and we need more help. We are asking for help for approximately

1 hour per month for delivering at the beginning of each month

OR

3 – 4 hours on the morning of the last Thursday of every month for collating and stapling.

If you can help with the collating and stapling, we meet in the Hall of St Michael's Church and refreshments are provided.

Please call Kay Hall 01473 626169 or e-mail mikej.hall@btinternet.com

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

Some of our recent beneficiaries are:

The East Anglian Air Ambulance, EACH, The Martlesham Responders, Music on the Green, Martlesham in Bloom and a donation to Birchwood Primary School for musical instruments. We also maintain the Windsock and organise and pay for the Christmas Tree in The Square.

This is only achieved as we have so many helpers who give their time and effort free of charge.

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THE COMMUNITY

If you cannot help us perhaps you know somebody who can.

PLEASE PASS THIS ON

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 – Housing & Settlement Policy

A reminder that Suffolk Coastal District Council has announced that there will be further consultation on the above from September 2009. This includes consultation on the proposals for 2,000 new dwellings in Martlesham. We will do our best to keep the parish informed of developments.

Local Government Review

The review of the local council structure in Suffolk was put on hold by the Government on 14th July. We will also try to advise the parish of any progress on this issue.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 1st July

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 8th July

*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 15th July

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN AUGUST

*Parish Council - Wednesday 2nd September

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 9th September

*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 16th September

*Finance & General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 23rd September

*Parish Council - Wednesday 7th October

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

From the start of next year the Hall will need a new Treasurer. We would like to appoint someone very soon so they can work with the present Treasurer for several months so they can slip into the position during January 2010. The Booking Secretary sends out all the invoices and collects most of the money. The Treasurer receives the invoices for the Committee and writes out the cheques. The Treasurer is a member of the Committee and comes to the committee meetings, (held about every 6 to 7 weeks) and keeps the Committee up to date with the balances, etc. Please phone the Chairman on 01394 382419 to discuss the position further. The post is an honorary one but of course postage/stationery, etc., are paid for.

The committee have decided to hold an open afternoon at the Community Hall and Richards Room on Sunday afternoon September 27th from 2 pm to 5 pm so all the existing hires and anyone who would like to come can see the full extent of the Hall and Room. We realise that hirers who use one venue only may not know what the other holds/looks

like as with parishioners, etc. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served and Committee Members will be on hand to show you round.

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

The Village – We have, at present, three requests from residents to prune or remove or check on trees around the village. We are getting an expert to look at each case and will make our decisions based on his review. Parkers Place residents have brought to our attention the growth of the gorse over the kerb on the approach road from Eagle Way and we will be getting a quote for this work in due course. The Council will only cut back the growth to the kerb, as this is our land.

The Western Corridor – The perimeter path will be cut back in the first week of September. The contractor will put out warning signs. We are grateful for those walkers who sometimes pick up litter and dispose of it responsibly as this helps to keep the village and its surroundings a pleasant place to live.

The Woods – We are trying something new this autumn. On Sunday September 13th the Conservation Group are having their usual working party in the woods. **This year we would like to invite those people who regularly walk the woods, as well as anyone interested, to come along and help clear the paths of the brambles or nettles/bracken that overhang them.** If you are interested you should come at 10:30 am to the entrance to the woods that is at the bottom of the Village Green (next to the back gardens at the end of Avocet). A director will be there to meet you and direct you to the work area. If you wish to bring secateurs and gardening gloves that is helpful, however if you don't have them or forget them, the Conservation Group have tools that can be loaned for the morning. The Conservation Group would also like a hand with their work so feel free to do that instead. You stay as long as you like and the cutting back should not be arduous, as we are not expecting heavy work to be done.

As usual, if residents wish to comment on anything they can ring

01473 612207 and leave a message, e-mail mhh@martlesham.org.uk, write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP1 9PB or attend the next Board Meeting on 21st September at 19:30 in St Michael's Church Centre. The website is <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>. We still need more people to volunteer as directors or just to help on the committees. Don't be put off by the word 'director' – we are all unpaid volunteers just trying to keep the Village a pleasant place to live. No special expertise is needed just a desire to help.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council are holding a "Jumble, Plant and Book" Sale on the 17th October in the Pavilion on Martlesham Heath between 10 am and 12 noon, admission 30p. If anyone has got any "Bric a Brac", etc., that they do not want, please contact Jackie Bear on the number below.

The Council are also organising a "Christmas Craft Fair" on the 28th November in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. If anyone would to have a stall in which to raise money for their favourite charity, please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 for details, booking form, etc.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Proposed Replacement Village Hall Project

For several years MCC have been working to try to provide a replacement village hall on Kronji's Piece, The Street, Martlesham, which would have replaced the existing one in Top Street that is used by several different groups. Unfortunately, at the end of December 2007 the Big Lottery informed us that we were not successful in getting a grant for this scheme. As it was unlikely that there would be similar funds for such a project in the foreseeable future MCC decided to put these plans on hold.

As a hall is still needed in that part of Martlesham, Martlesham Community Council (MCC)

approached the Martlesham Village Hall Management Committee regarding their existing hall in Top Street, Martlesham to see if it could be improved and brought up to current standards.

Following the Village Hall AGM on 31st October 2008 it was agreed that MCC should undertake a project to refurbish, improve and modernise the Village Hall so that it is up to current standards.

Since then an architect has been employed and has produced a condition survey of the village hall. Unfortunately the conclusions of this survey were that it would be impractical to refurbish the building and therefore not possible to bring it up to modern requirements. The Village Hall Committee was particularly concerned about the extension that was the kitchen (now out of use) and the architect recommended that a structural engineer be employed to look at this. A structural engineer was employed by MCC and he provided a detailed report of the problems and works needed to stabilise the extension and prevent it creating further problems.

The cost of both the architect's and structural engineer's fees have been paid for from MCC's funds which have been raised from their fundraising activities within the parish.

The Village Hall Management Committee remains responsible for the ongoing management and maintenance of the building.

Following the architect's report and subsequent discussions with the Village Hall Management Committee, MCC is now looking into the possibility of building a replacement hall on the existing village hall site in Top Street, Martlesham. MCC representatives have met with Suffolk Coastal District Council's planning officer to discuss some ideas and have sent in sketch plans of these suggestions and expect to receive the planning officer's comments soon.

The existing hall has served Martlesham residents for over eighty years and is now showing its age. In order that a new hall is built

to replace the present building, so that a hall will continue to be there for future generations and serve a wider range of people, we the MCC need more volunteers on our committee (meetings only once a month) and to help with ongoing fundraising.

If you are interested in helping to provide this replacement hall for Martlesham please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 or Burrows on 01473 625196.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER

from Councillor Chris Blundell Changes to Housing and Council Tax Benefits

From Monday November 2nd families who receive child benefit for one or more children will not have this amount included when working out their means tested entitlement to housing and council tax benefit. Those already receiving the benefits will see their entitlement increase.

Pensioners too will receive additional help with their housing and council tax benefit as the Government has increased the capital limit for Pension Credit from the current £6000 to £10000.

Nearer the implementation date there will be opportunities for residents to meet with members of the Council's Benefits Team and other organizations at two locations in the district. Information sessions will take place at Kesgrave Community Centre on Tuesday October 13th from 10 am to 3 pm and at Aldeburgh Fairfield Community Centre on Saturday October 17th from 10 am to 3 pm.

For information about changes to assessment to Housing and Council Tax benefit or to find out more about what you may be entitled to claim you can contact a member of the Benefits Team on 01394 444838 or visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/benefits. Alternatively residents can contact their local Citizens Advice Bureau.

The LGR and LDF

The Government has now lodged an appeal against the outcome of the Judicial Review that comprehen-

sively threw out the Boundary Committee's proposals for Unitary Status because the BCE had failed to properly consider all the main options. We now have to wait until the appeal has been heard and decided upon. The decision is not likely to be known before the end of September at the earliest. The LDF is also in limbo at this time while we await the outcome of the three commissioned reports on Retail, Transport and Infrastructure for the area. That will be followed by a further period of consultation.

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

At our last meeting we had pleasure in welcoming back Mrs Jill Nicholls for her 'Summer Sunshine' demonstration. Her first design had pale pink and mauve flowers with white candles and gloriosa lilies. She then filled a hamper with a variety of greenery, deep mauve buddleja, pale pink flowers and yellow alstroemeria. The third design was on a large cake stand. The top tier was covered with silver foliage and white flowers including roses and a similar arrangement was placed on the bottom tier. Next was a modern design in a black dish filled with alchemilla mollis and allium seed heads with five large sunflowers. The fifth design was a golden pot filled with mixed foliage and tall stems of yellow eremurus with yellow roses, chrysanthemums and alstroemeria. This was followed by a classic L-shaped arrangement in a white bowl with white delphiniums and blue eryngiums. Finally Jill used a large pot with phormium leaves to create a horizontal bow with pale pink anthuriums.

The competition was won by Ann Fraser with Annelie Wijnberg

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 16th September when Mrs Linda Harman will give a demonstration entitled 'Pot Luck'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Margaret Forbes - 01394 382209

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Friday September 11th sees the first meeting of our 2009/10 programme. This should be a varied and interesting evening. Mrs Shirley Watson will be giving a talk entitled 'My Gardening Experience in South Africa'.

Following this, there will be our traditional first night cheese and pickle supper together with beer, cider and soft drinks.

There will also be a raffle with a good selection of prizes.

We meet at the Richards Room at 7:30 pm. Admission to all meetings is free.

New members will be most welcome. Come along and meet us, whether you are a gardener or just want a chat and an entertaining evening.

Further details can be obtained from Patricia Pomphrey on 01473 624171.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event

Garden Birdwatch

Presented by Carl Powell of the British Trust for Ornithology followed by

**Presentation of the results and awards
for our Summer Gardens competitions**

Tuesday 29th September
7:30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

There will be a Plant Swap table. Raffle, plants for sale, light refreshments.

Everybody welcome.
Admission free.

Anglia in Bloom

The Anglia in Bloom judges visited Martlesham on Thursday 16th July and were shown around the whole parish; particularly impressive were the many attractive gardens and the work by several parish organisations in improving our environment. Thank you very much to everybody who helped on the judging and who met and showed the judges round.

Summer Competitions

All of the entries have been judged and the results will be announced at our event above. Thank you to all of our entrants for your work in making your gardens so attractive.

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.

Malga on Radio!

On Friday 11th August Debbie and me (Vice Chair and Chairman respectively) went into town early to ICR (Ipswich Community Radio) <http://www.icrfm.co.uk>

We and Martlesham Parish Council were invited, but disappointingly the MPC was unable to attend and only sent a statement. ICR wanted a discussion on why we had not yet got allotments, hoping to hear both sides. We were able to put our point across and had quite an interesting chat as Terry Mackley read out snippets from the statement, fun but obviously no one to get answers back from, again MALGA out there pushing for what is rightfully ours, land for the community allotments, but alone in the quest in what has been 2 years this September asking for allotments, and 5 years the MPC knew people wanted allotments, in their own Parish Plan!

Land

Busy trying to find out who owns a bit of land is both time consuming and difficult, but possible. We are

on the road to finding out who owns a bit of land which we hope to be able to pass to the MPC for them to build into allotments for the community, paving the way for the new generation of allotments in Martlesham, because, sadly if we do get this land it would not be big enough for all on our waiting list and thus more land will be required.

Calling all land owners

Martlesham is full of land lying idle, unused and being wasted. We are not a town where land is few and far between; we are in the country surrounded by beautiful green fields and fertile land, so out there someone, it might be you, must be able to provide some land for lease or sale to MPC so they can fulfil their obligation to provide allotments for the people, to regain the confidence of the local people in being able to abide by the 1908 law which is out there for the people. Are you that person? Do you have land which you would be able to release?

Could you delight a community?

Website: -

www.malga.co.uk

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

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

ALLOTMENTS 'ACHIEVEMENT'?

I am bemused by the Parish Council's choice of wording in Achievement 21 of their Annual Report. The term 'No further progress' suggests that some progress has been made by the Parish Council whereas it would appear they have used the consistent excuse of the LDF to avoid any proactive efforts to identify potential sites.

If what the Parish Council has done to date regarding the provision of allotments is deemed an 'achievement' I can fully understand why currently in the UK there are some 80,000 people on waiting lists for allotments.

I'm surprised we don't have arranging for replacing the toilet

rolls in the Parish Room toilets on their list.

Yours despairingly, David Keeble

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At our last meeting Mrs Angela Dack from Martlesham Heath WI gave a report of the AGM held in the Albert Hall. She told us about her visit and how much she enjoyed the whole experience including a theatre trip to see Calendar Girls.

Mr Bill Dewhurst then gave us a talk about T.W.A.M. (Tools with a Mission) which was established 25 years ago. It is run by three paid members and many volunteers. It was started by John Bennet a Baptist Minister to support the poor people in developing countries to learn a new trade and become self-sufficient. The donated tools are cleaned and repaired and then packed into boxes in full kits suitable for various trades such as car repairs, sewing, carpentry, etc. We watched a video of people in Uganda learning different trades using the tools. A second video showed a Zambian lady named Faith who runs several orphanages. The children learn carpentry so that they can help to build houses, dress-making in order to clothe the family and also learn how to keep chickens and grow bananas and oranges. The tools sent out help them to be self sufficient and support their families.

Our next meeting will be on 18th September at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham when Mr Chris Winter will give a talk entitled 'Where there's a Will there's a Relative'. New members and visitors are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Margaret Forbes

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

To start our Autumn season of speakers this year we are starting with a lively little number entitled 'Life Upon the Wicked Stage!' Joyce Kimber will be the speaker, she has spoken previously at our Club and we welcome her return. The evening in question is Thursday,

10th September at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre.

The following Meeting will be more 'down to earth' - bingo, it is always enjoyable, again the meeting will be 'same time, same place' but on Thursday 24th September.

We are a friendly club and as you can see our evenings can be very varied. We always welcome new members at any time.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

I am writing this on a hot sunny day and many people with families are on holiday. Did you know that Mothers' Union arranges for some families to have a holiday - families where there is great need, often there has been illness or particularly difficult situations and the family concerned has never had a holiday? This can be the turning point for them, the opportunity to be away from home, time together in a relaxing situation. It can be part of a real healing process. The families usually send a postcard expressing their thanks and it is a joy to know that we have been able to help them.

Come and find out more about us, we meet in St Michael's Church Centre on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Just a reminder that during the summer holidays we will run just one session a week, Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30. The summer holiday sessions start Wednesday 22nd July until Wednesday 2nd September.

Our Friday sessions resume on 4th September.

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 and the session in which you register is ABSOLUTELY FREE!

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 (plus one off joining fee to help cover administration costs). 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 via e-mail martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We would like to welcome everyone back to playschool following the summer break, including many new families joining us.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on October 1st at 8 pm at the playschool. We encourage all our parents and carers to come along to this important meeting. Refreshments will be available, and you will have the chance to chat afterwards with other parents and our staff. We would urge all our parents and carers to seriously think whether they would consider being elected to our committee. This year our Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary are all standing down, as their children have now left the playschool and moved on to school. Therefore, we have to fill these positions for the playschool to continue running. We shall also be looking for fundraisers. And this year we would like an extra sub-committee to take on the organization of a "Silver Jubilee Event" for 2010!! Yes, in May 2010 Martlesham Playschool will have been at the Control Tower for 25 years, so we feel it is right that we should mark the occasion. Watch this space for more details in the coming months!

We are very fortunate to be having a new website created for the playschool. More details to follow very soon but you will be able to find out all about us on this. 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 07857 309365, or 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. This Autumn term is very full and 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

What an exciting term we have this autumn, firstly we have our new lunch club on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes, open to morning or afternoon children or children who would like to stay all day, also our new walking bus to collect children from Birchwood School for lunch or for afternoon sessions.

This term also, we plan to visit 'Jimmy's Farm' to look at their Nature Trail and the Farm Animals. The children's activities are always based around their interests so that they learn as they play. We always have available paint, water play, books, creative, construction, dough as well as a vast array of cars, dinosaurs, dolls, trains, dressing-up, etc that the children can self-select and so choose to play with the toys and activities that really capture their imagination. The children can choose to play outside or inside weather permitting and are kept safe and happy by our highly qualified and experienced staff.

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

MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Martlesham Beacon Hill School will be holding their Summer Fair on 19th September from 12 noon to 2 pm on the school field. There will be lots of stalls with different games plus Sumo Wrestling, a Bungee Run and a Whoppee Dipper. There will also be a bar-b-que with hot dogs or burgers only costing £1.50 each. We also have a cake stall, face painting and many, many more, so why not come along for a afternoon of fun and help raise money for the school?

CALLING ALL MUMS

The Mums' Club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 8th September from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. This meeting will take the form of a 'Chomp and Chat' session!!! After lunch (served at around 1 pm) there will be a chance to chat with your friends while your children play. All mums with babies and toddlers welcome.

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

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

It has been a quiet month for the work group, with no work day during August, (yes, we get a holiday, unpaid obviously!) The woods have been a hive of activity though, with the children enjoying the adventure of the woodland on their holidays. The sound of the laughter is great to hear.

The July work day was busy with lots of general clearing. There have also been a couple of extra work days during the month too to complete the path chippings and

prepare the AVGAS tank area. Thanks to those who attended these.

We had a visit from the Martlesham in Bloom judges, they said our group was "very professional and well organised", and we are now awaiting their verdict.

WHAT LIES BENEATH...come and find out!! We will be formally opening the AVGAS tanks area at the Martlesham Aviation Day, 13th September and you will have a chance to see what's inside them. Our stand will be located in the play area of the playgroup. Come and visit us, we would love to meet you.

The Nature Watch Club enjoyed their July monthly meeting. They studied mini-beasts and were amazed at the number of different spiders found. They also found another great crested newt in the pond. If your children enjoy nature why not give them the opportunity to come along and join in the learning adventure? It is essential to book a place by sending an e-mail to: naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - Saturday 12th September - Birds nests and eggs, 10 am-12 pm

Woodlands Work Morning - Saturday 19th September, 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

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

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

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our club continues to attract good numbers for our roll-up sessions during the week, despite the fact that many of the members also play outside bowls. At the present time, roughly half way through the Summer, we are third in the League and hopefully will maintain or improve on this position.

At the present time Kelsale

have a 20 point lead at the top of the League. We lost heavily against them at Kelsale and hoped to do better at home on our own mats. However, this was not to be and we lost again, the result being 8-2. In spite of this it was a most enjoyable social evening.

Maureen Banthorp

START SOMETHING NEW WITH SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

As new terms start this month for schools, colleges and courses why not start something new yourself? Speak Easy at Martlesham is a Toastmasters' International affiliated speakers' club providing educational programmes in communication and leadership. At each meeting members have the opportunity to speak or take on a role if they wish to, following the educational programmes at their own pace. The communication programmes provide the opportunity to give short prepared speeches designed to help the speaker improve all aspects of giving a speech, from building confidence to use of their voice and speech structure, which in turn can be applied to work and social situations. The leadership programmes encourage members to try out different roles within a meeting including, in the advanced programmes if they wish to follow them, roles outside of the meetings.

Our 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 and there is no pressure to speak, but they can take part if they wish. Why not come along to a meeting to find out more?

Our next meetings are on:

- *3rd September
- *17th September
- *1st October
- *15th October
- *29th October

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

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

During the month we have played two very enjoyable friendly games against Nacton and URC Felixstowe, both of which resulted in wins for our club. We also played one league game against Bealings which resulted in a 5:5 draw.

Sadly we have to report the death of Rose Thrower on 20th June, aged 87. Rose was made a life member of the club in 1996, she was a very active member of the club during her playing years, holding positions on the Committee. Rose was an excellent player and won many trophies in the club competitions. Our condolences go to her family.

Maureen Banthorp

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

With summer seemingly over before it had really begun, we enter the final preparations for the annual Martlesham Heath 10k road race and Fun Run on Sunday 11th October. For runners the late season event on a fast, flat course is an opportunity for a personal best; for spectators the four-lap format offers a great chance to see the race develop before the final energy-sapping 400 metres around the Village Green. Our thanks to Charity Fundraising Ltd. for their continued sponsorship of this event. Refreshments including home made cakes will be on sale from the Pavilion. For more details and a booking

form, please see our website.

The following weekend will see us celebrate the 27th anniversary of our Charter, or founding, as a Lions Club with a dinner and dance at Waldringfield Golf Club. This is always an opportunity to look back at what we have achieved over the past year and to renew contact with fellow Lions and friends from the communities we have supported.

For more information, please see our website www.woodbridgelions.org.uk or telephone 0845 8332820.

CAYDEN'S AUTUMN BALL

Last April a baby boy lost his life aged 22 days old to Group B Strep, which is the most common infection in newborn babies. In an effort to raise awareness and much needed funds for the charity Group B Strep Support, Cayden's Autumn Ball will take place on 25th September. Tickets are £40 per head or if a whole table of 8 tickets is purchased the last ticket is free. This includes a welcome drink, three course dinner, a half bottle of wine, live music from the Ed Zachery Band and a charity auction. Full details of the event, and some of the auction lots can be found at www.caydensautumnball.co.uk along with more information about the charity.

FRAMFIELD HOUSE SURGERY

Seasonal flu vaccinations (for our Martlesham Heath area patients). This year's "Flu afternoons" will be held on Wednesday 14th and 28th October from 1 – 4 pm – just turn up!

We are offering flu vaccinations to the "at risk" groups listed below:

- all those aged 65 years and over
- all those aged 6 months or over with a **chronic illness** (i.e. COPD, asthma, chronic heart disease, chronic renal disease, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease (stroke), diabetes)
- those in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities
- carers

On those afternoons our clinicians will be offering flu vaccinations – so there will only be a limited number of Emergency GP appointments available.

Denise Guy, Business Manager, Framfield House Surgery.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

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

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

Come and meet each other at our Cameo Coffee Morning this month at 20 Warren Lane, Martlesham Heath on Friday September 11th from 10 am to 12 noon. All will be made welcome by your hosts Trevor and Gill Barber.

The Suffolk Churches Bike Ride takes place on Saturday September 12th and Brightwell Church will be open from 9 am to 5 pm to receive visitors. Make sure you give us a look.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
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www.achurchnearyou.com

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away!"

"A proverb a day keeps the Devil at bay!"

These old sayings have an element of truth in them. There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs, each chapter full of practical wisdom.

That is one chapter for every day of the month. Why not try this exercise for the month of September?

Here is a sample from Proverbs Ch 3:-

My son, forget not my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name with God

and man.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

All good stuff! - Read on!

ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Sundays

Worship and Teaching - 10 am
(Looking at the Book of Joshua)
Communion - 11:45 am

Mondays

After School Club - 3:30 to 5 pm

Tuesday Circle

8th September - Autumn Lunch

Wednesdays

House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Toddler Group - 10 am

Youth Club - 7 pm

Fridays

Friends on Friday - 10 am.

*6th September - 'Cafe' Church

*19th September - Barn Dance
(see details below)

*27th September - Senior Citizens tea and Harvest Thanksgiving

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

Martlesham Christian Fellowship are holding a BARN DANCE at Martlesham Community Centre (Felixstowe Road) on SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 7:30 PM Tickets £7.50 per head from Ruth Mellen - 01473 624401

never changes, it is unconditional, whoever you are and whatever you do.

Our services are listed at the back of this magazine - we look forward to seeing you then.

May you know God's blessing in your lives.



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 6th September Trinity 13	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th September Trinity 14	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 20th September Trinity 15	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship and Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 27th September Trinity 16	6:30pm Evensong Harvest Festival	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 4th October Trinity 17	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship Harvest Festival 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10 am on Monday 14th September and Monday 28th September in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

**CALLING ALL BABIES,
TODDLERS AND
PRESCHOOLERS TO AUTUMN AT BRIGHT STARS!**

Do you enjoy singing, crafts, listening to stories and having fun? If so why not come along, with your parents or carers, to Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session for preschoolers, toddlers and babies held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month (during term time), 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. During the summer we made flags and jigsaws, heard stories about Noah's Ark and Jacob plus played games and sang action songs. Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to welcoming you!

The dates for our Autumn sessions are:

September 14th, September 28th, October 12th, November 9th, November 23rd and December 14th

If you would like any further information please contact Jo on 01473 622160 or Sonya on 01473 625196.

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

I hope you have all been able to enjoy some summer sunshine.

Perhaps you remember as a child going on 'Treats' with Sunday School.

You may have stopped going to Church and wonder what it would be like to go again now but just have not got around to it.

On September 27th it is 'Back to Church' Sunday. It is a day when you have a special invitation to come to church again and find out what goes on. You can be assured of a very warm welcome and above all you can be assured that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever - His love never changes, it is unconditional, whoever you are and whatever you do.

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