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*****EDITORIAL*****

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

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

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Martlesham Monthly Editors

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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

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CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE SQUARE

Again this year Martlesham Monthly was delighted to sponsor 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 The 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 DC Construction who supply the fencing and thanks to John Hovell for his help and support.
Paul Firman and The Editorial Team

CHRISTMAS OFF THE GREEN

On Friday 4th December, Music on the Green presented "Christmas off the Green" at The Douglas Bader. This fantastic night was held to start off the celebrations for Christmas and the fundraising for our 2010 event.

The evening began with a performance by the children from Birchwood Primary School. They sang and played instruments, with very proud relatives watching them. They came under the direction of Mrs Davidson, who accompanied the children and had arranged a very entertaining programme. The evening then continued with carol singing around the piano, it was then over to Mr Toucan who got everybody up and dancing to round off a great evening.

This was followed with the Grand Christmas Raffle which managed to raise an incredible £500, which will go to supporting Music on the Green and our chosen charity, EACH.

Our thanks must go to Mr Cloke, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Vince as well as all the other teachers and children from Birchwood Primary School.

Karen, Tony and all the staff at The Douglas Bader were an incredible support, and not only hosted the evening, but also organised the Grand Christmas Raffle. They even kindly donated a television as the first prize in the raffle,

and we must also thank everyone else who donated prizes (over 20 in all).

The warm mince pies were provided by Duncan's Butchers and Bakery and they went down an absolute storm on the cold and windy night!

Paul Firman, from the Music on the Green committee, said 'Christmas off the Green was a brilliant community event, and it was heart-warming to see so many members of the community enjoying themselves. It's great to have got our 2010 Music on the Green campaign off to such an incredible start.'

Emma Noye

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Happy New Year to all parishioners.

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

Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) received over 1,100 comments on its recent consultation. It therefore decided to postpone its originally proposed meetings in December and January in order to have more time to fully assess these comments. SCDC has also decided to submit the draft Core Strategy to one of its Scrutiny Committees. SCDC has published a new timetable of meetings:

- **Thursday 21st January:** Community, Customers & Partners Scrutiny Committee

- **Wednesday 10th February:** Cabinet

- **Monday 8th March:** Full Council

The venue is Trinity Park Showground, starting at 7 pm. All meetings are open to the public. For further information refer to www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

The Parish Council believes that the BT planning application has had an undue influence on the SCDC preferred option for housing distribution and is strongly objecting to 2,000 new homes in our area.

Boundary Committee advice to the Secretary of State on unitary local government in Suffolk

On 7th December the Boundary Committee for England published its

advice and now the Secretary of State has to take a decision on whether to:

- implement the original Ipswich Borough Council proposal in 2007, with or without modification;
- implement one of the Committee's alternative proposals: a unitary county of Suffolk (Committee's preferred alternative) or a two-unitary pattern comprising an Ipswich & Felixstowe authority and a Rural Suffolk authority;
- take no action.

Anyone who wishes to make representations to the Secretary of State should do so by **19th January**, in writing to: SuffolkStructures@communities.gsi.gov.uk or Unitary Structures Team, Zone 3/J1, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU. For further information, please refer to www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/restructuring/boundarycommittee.

The Parish Council will consider its response at its meeting on Wednesday 6th January.

Public Community Engagement Meetings

To comply with the Policing Pledge, it is proposed that Public Community Engagement Meetings (PCEM) are held regularly to allow the public to set priorities for policing in their local areas. A meeting is to be held on **Thursday 14th January** at the Village Hall, Humber Doucy Lane, Rushmere St Andrew, from 6:30 - 7:15 pm (prior to the Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council meeting). Parishioners from the 12 parishes covered by the Kesgrave & District Safer Neighbourhood Team, which includes Martlesham, are welcome to attend.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesday 6th January

*Recreation & Amenities - Wednesday 13th January

*Development Plans - Wednesday 20th January

*Finance & General Purposes - Wednesday 27th January

*Parish Council - Wednesday 3rd February

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

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible at our AGM on **Thursday 4th February**. With so many changes happening on the outskirts of our Village it is a good time to take part in the general discussion at the end of the usual AGM business. We are also actively hoping to recruit at least one or two (but hopefully more) new directors to the Board. Please think about whether you could spare some time to take an active interest in the care of our Village.

Thank you to all those members who have paid their maintenance charge for this year 2009/10. To those who have yet to pay, don't forget that if we have to send out reminder letters the amount will go up in order to pay for the additional time and paperwork. It is only by collecting all the

money due that we can pay for all the varied work that goes on around the Heath (including paying for the grass cutting).

Although it is winter, this is the time for work to be done on the land, as before March it does not interfere with birds nesting or insects emerging. Whilst we try to address any concerns about the open areas around the Village, please remember we are all volunteers who also have other demands on our time.

If you wish to attend our next Board Meeting it will be at 19:30 on Monday, 17th January in St Michael's Church Centre. You can get in touch by telephone (01473 612207); by e-mail (mhh@martlesham.org.uk); or by writing to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Check out the website on

<http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

JOHN KELSO'S JANUARY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

LDF UPDATE (2,000 new houses for our area?)

Hopefully most of you will have been made aware that the Suffolk Coastal Cabinet meeting that was to be held on 14th December at Trinity Park to decide on the proposal to increase the new housing figures for Martlesham from 1,050 to 2,000 minimum was cancelled. Over 400 individuals and organisations took the time to respond to the Councils latest consultation exercise.

Officers considered that more time would be required to fully assess those responses. It was therefore decided to cancel the meetings arranged for 14th December and the 21st January. They have also decided to refer the whole Core Strategy document to one of the Councils Scrutiny committees.

The new meeting arrangements are as follows:-

*21st January - Scrutiny Committee

*10th February Cabinet

*8th March Full Council

All of the above meetings will be held at 7 pm at Trinity

Park and will be open for members of the public to attend. Please make every effort to do so if you possibly can.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW - LATEST INFORMATION

The Boundary Committee have now put their final recommendations for the future shape of Local Government in Suffolk to the Government. The Communities Secretary has been given the committees two recommendations, its preferred option of one giant council to govern the whole of Suffolk (the so called one Suffolk option) or an Ipswich/Felixstowe and surrounding areas unitary (the so called North Haven option) along with a Rural Suffolk unitary council covering the rest of the county.

The Secretary of State will now decide on whether to implement the Ipswich Boroughs original request to be given unitary status with, or, without modification, or, to implement one of the Boundary Committees recommendations with, or, without modification, or, to take no action and leave things as they are.

Anyone wishing to offer any comments or opinions to the Secretary of State should e-mail SuffolkStructures@communities.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Unitary Structures Team, Department of Communities and Local Government, Zone 3/J 1, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU.

The closing date for the receipt of comments is Tuesday January 19th.

It seems 2009 was a year for consultations but no one listened, maybe 2010 will involve those in authority taking notice of what the public have to say and acting upon it.

Please feel free to e-mail john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or contact 01473 626308 after 6:30 pm if you wish to discuss any council matters

John Kelso, District Councillor - Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S JANUARY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Local Government Review

As you may now be aware, the Boundary Committee for England's

(BCE) appeal has been allowed and Mr J. Foskett's order of 10th July 2009 is set aside. The full judgment can be seen at www.bailii.org.

recent-decisions-ew.html#ew/cases/EWCA/Civ This is a disappointing result and it means that we have lost the case for an east/west split of Suffolk with a separate unity council for Ipswich. However the councils of Suffolk Coastal, Forest Heath and St. Edmundsbury are now considering whether to ask the Supreme Court for permission to appeal. The Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) requested that the BCE submit its recommendations by 8th December 2009. The Government has also announced the timetable for people to give their comments to the Communities Secretary to the BCE's final recommendations. The deadline for comments is

Tuesday 19th January giving everyone just six weeks to make their comments. All representations should be made in writing, and if possible sent by e-mail to SuffolkStructures@communities.gsi.gov.uk or they can be posted to Unitary Structures Team, Department of Communities and Local Government, Zone 3/J1, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU.

Local Development Framework

Under the constitution of SCDC any new policy document must be submitted to scrutiny before it can be presented to the cabinet and the full council for approval. Therefore the

Core Strategy document will be scrutinized by the Community, Customers & Partners Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 21st January it will then be considered by the Cabinet on Wednesday 10th February and finally by the full council on Monday 8th March. All the meetings will be held at the Trinity Park Showground and all will start at 7 pm. If the Core document is approved it will then be passed to a Government Inspector for possible final approval or rejection. If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively you can join me for a chat

and a 'cuppa' at St Michael's Church hall on the Monday 4th January between 10 am and 12 noon.

NO ADASTRAL NEW TOWN **(NANT)**

www.noadastralnewtown.com

After last month's newsletter went to press we got late notice that Suffolk Coastal District Council had decided to postpone the LDF task force meeting which had been scheduled for 14th December.

We hope you heard about this and didn't turn up at Trinity Park to find it dark! We asked SCDC to try and inform everyone - they issued a press release and e-mailed everyone who had responded to their consultation. NANT e-mailed as many people as possible including everyone who had given us their e-mail address in response to our online survey.

The new schedule of meetings is now as follows (all at Trinity Park at 7pm):-

*21st January – Community, Customers & Partners Scrutiny Committee

*10th February – Cabinet

*8th March – Full Council

Please do try to attend these meetings – a good turn out will show the strength of feeling in the community. Our councillors will know that their discussions have been widely observed, and that we are not just relying on the published minutes to know what was said.

SCDC's website says:-

"We would like to thank all those who took the time to respond to the latest consultation about where the new homes needed in the district would be distributed between now and 2025.

Because over 1,100 individual comments were received, we have decided that we need more time to fully assess them and have postponed our scheduled meetings about the Core Strategy.....It has been decided to submit the draft Core Strategy to one of the Council's Scrutiny Committees whose role is to examine proposals as part of the Council's wider policy framework."

We hope this is good news and that SCDC will listen to every-

one's real concerns about an LDF consultation process that originally specified 1050 houses and is now proposing 2000 houses with the potential to grow up to 3500 homes.

NANT is currently trying to find out the precise terms of reference of the Scrutiny Committee to see whether or not we can have a direct input.

Thanks to the 300+ people who responded to our survey and to everyone who submitted their comments to SCDC – we know it wasn't an easy process but hopefully it will prove to have been worth doing if the council listen to us all.

Keep up to date with the situation by visiting our website regularly – **www.noadastralnewtown.com**

JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK

SALE

**ON SAT 20TH FEBRUARY
IN THE
PAVILION, MARTLESHAM
HEATH**

**10 -12 NOON
Admission 30p**

**Enquiries to Jackie Bear on
01473 623007**

**If anyone has any bric-a-brac,
jumble, etc., please contact
Jackie on the above number.**

**We do not want any
magazine's, papers or
electrical goods**

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

'C is for Christmas' was the title of Mr Lionel Clarke's demonstration and he began by using a lump of bark from his garden. 'Deep and crisp and even' was his theme and his design included artificial white honesty, silver glittered twigs, white carnations and chrysanthemums with white angel hair to give a 'frost' effect. A glass tank containing black pebbles with gold and mauve baubles was the basis for his second design and his third design was

in a chimney pot with twisted willow, giving an impression of smoke together with a Father Christmas hat hanging over the side. A turquoise and gold covered ring containing a central candle and gold artificial decorations featured in his next design, followed by arrangements at the top and bottom of a green tinsel covered hoop incorporating magenta Singapore orchids. A small gold pot with single-headed bronze chrysanthemums and a wrought iron candelabra containing burgundy roses and silk poinsettias splashed with gold completed his interpretations of Christmas.

The competition was won by Ann Chisem with Gloria Woolner 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 20th January when Mrs Helen Bird will 'Take a Blank Canvas'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

M.A.L.G.A.

AGM

Tuesday 26th January

***Cheese & Wine Party**

***Raffle**

- How we choose who gets a plot
- Allotment discussions
- Nominations for committee

We have a big year ahead, people digging and lots of work to get the site right for our allotments.

LAND Update

Small hold up on the land, it appears that not all the land is correctly identified but the Parish are seeking to find out ASAP which needs confirming.

We have been measuring the land and will be arranging the site to be the most suitable for the space we have.

I had information this month there's more land on the way, which could be enough to get us all on.

Membership

Thanks to all those who sup-

ported us last year.

Next year's membership is due now.

As expected we didn't have as many people join or re-join last year but still a good number. Understandably there were several issues and road blocks that, at the time, did not seem to be clearing quickly enough and there wasn't any light at the end of the tunnel. But how amazing a year can be! We now have a land offer and the MPC working hard to secure it for the future. Fantastic.

So I would ask you to come and join us, not just for an allotment but for the support we will need for the near future. Next year financially is going to be critical for the allotments and your support goes a long way to making sure we keep up the momentum.

Last but not least I would like to thank all those who supported us last year and especially all the committee who worked.

MALGA would like to wish you a Happy New Year

Website: -

www.malga.co.uk

Please e-mail me:-
malga@btinternet.com

Thanks - Paul Day, Chairman

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Tree-O-Clock

Martlesham in Bloom participated in the BBC's Breathing Space's attempt to set a new world record of the most trees planted in the country between 11 and 12 noon on Saturday 5th December. We coordinated the planting of several trees on the Recreation Ground by representatives of Martlesham Guides, Martlesham Community Council, a local family as well as by members of Martlesham in Bloom; similar tree planting was undertaken by many communities and individuals throughout the country. Thank you to all who helped though we do not know yet whether the new record was achieved.

Our next events:-

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 20th February
10 am to noon

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath

(jointly with Martlesham Community Council)

'Growing Places'

a talk by Maggie Roberts
(Manager)

Growing Places is a social enterprise, based at Claydon, which aims to create training and employment opportunities for people who are disadvantaged. They provide boxes of vegetables and other produce, undertake gardening work and have provided hanging baskets for Ipswich town centre.

**Wednesday 24th February
7:30 pm**

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

Anglia in Bloom

We will be entering Martlesham in the Anglia in Bloom 2010 competition.

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

More information about the above events in the February issue and on parish notice boards.

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

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Linda Leigh acted as our WI Advisor at our AGM when Mrs Audrey Burnell was elected as our new President. The existing Committee were all re-elected with the exception of Mrs Margaret Forbes who stood down. Mrs Anne Bennett was thanked for her dedication and hard work during her three years as President and the Committee was also thanked. Linda Leigh said a few words to us about the new WI logo and drew our attention to the list of resolutions which will be put forward at the next Which Resolution meeting on 18th January. We then relaxed with tea and a short quiz entitled 'How sweet are you?' The answers were based on varieties and/or trade names of confectionery or chocolates and the quiz was won by Marion Cotterell who

confessed that she very rarely ate sweets OR chocolates!

We meet in the Richards Room on the third Friday in the month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be our open meeting on 15th January when Jane Walker will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Two decades of African Safaris'. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

A very Happy New Year to all our members and readers.

We really start the New Year off with a couple of excellent speakers. They have both been to our Club before but are both back by 'public demand!'

*14th January: 'Waltzing Matilda' - Speaker; Eric Punaks

*28th January: 'Little Bits of Suffolk' - Speaker: Peter Driver

We meet alternate Thursdays, in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre at 7:30 pm and welcome all new members.

Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

If you read our column you will know that we support many projects overseas where whatever we are able to send makes an enormous difference to our members in other countries.

We are having a lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches and desserts to raise money for our overseas work. It is at St Michael's Church Centre on Wednesday 3rd February at 12:30 pm and is open to all - not only do you enjoy a very good lunch you have the opportunity to meet other people too. This will enable women to learn to read and write, to attend parenting courses and learn new skills which enable them to earn money for their families. Do come along and join in this very happy occasion.

For further details please contact either Marion on 01473 624196 or Elizabeth on 01394

210793.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We held our Christmas party on Friday 11th December, which was a great success. Santa made a special journey to see the children. We hope that all the children who came had a good time.

We would like to give our thanks to all the organisations that supported the group by donating items for our raffle. These include Crown Pools, S & I Hair and Beauty, Tesco's, Baylham Rare Breed Farm, Black Tiles, Co-op, Colchester Zoo, Identity Hair and Beauty, Wolsey Theatre, The Douglas Bader Pub, Milsoms and Ipswich Regent.

We would also like to thank Ruby's family and friends, for raising the most money in our sponsored toddler.

We start again for the New Year on Wednesday 6th January and Friday 8th January.

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

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

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

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We had a wonderful Christmas party on the last day of term in De-

cember. Thanks to all our parents for taking part in the hamper raffle and various other fundraising events, and to the children for bringing in their decorated Christmas tree pictures. All the entries were wonderful – well done!

We would like to welcome Karin Goulden as our new Play Assistant and hope that she enjoys being part of our team. We are also welcoming 15 new children and their families to playschool, and hope that they soon settle down and enjoy the fun and activities we have to offer.

This year is our Silver Jubilee!!! Yes, in May we will have been at the Old Control Tower for 25 years. What a great excuse for a party! So, our anniversary coordinators and fundraisers will be organizing a celebration event, hopefully in May. Keep reading our column and look out for our advertising later on.

Our new website is now available. Click on to:- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk and you can find out all about us and download our prospectus and registration form. Alternatively, you can still contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We do have a waiting list, and are extremely busy this term, so we advise that you complete a registration form at the earliest opportunity. We currently take children from the age of 2 ½ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk
Happy New Year from all at St Michaels. A big welcome to all the new children who started this term. This term sees the successful lunch club increase to four days a week so please let the staff know if you are interested.

We would like to thank everyone for fantastic support we had for all our fund raising events in

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DANN DANCE

2009. We were able to install a new computer for the children along with renewing some our old and tired toys. Without the continued support from you all these things are not possible. We are hoping to continue the success through 2010 with more events. Watch this space!

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

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

Louise Peck

CALLING ALL MUMS

The Mums' Club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 5th January. Lunch will be served at 1 pm followed by a talk on 'Children's Eye Care' by Mrs Ruth Ankras from Boots Opticians. All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us.

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

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

"HAPPY NEW YEAR" everyone. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Maybe you enjoyed a leisurely stroll through the woods, maybe you saw the volunteers enjoying their festive work day at which they celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Group and everyone also got a chance to see our

Anglia in Bloom Award. Maybe your New Year's resolution is to come and join us. It would be great to see you sometime this year. Who knows, **maybe** we will! Work day dates are on our website below. Questions and suggestions about the work of the Group are always welcome and will be particularly useful as we now set the agenda for the next 10 years!

Talking of resolutions, may we request that all dog walkers make a resolution to be more responsible? Unfortunately, we have been told of a couple of incidents where dogs have been bitten by other dogs. If you know your dog can be a little grumpy at times please consider putting it on a lead when approaching other dog walkers, thank you.

We would like to say a big 'THANK YOU', to all volunteers for their contribution over the past year. A special thanks to those who have stood the test of time and have helped over the past 10 years. That's worth a celebration, ah that's why there was extra cake at the festive work day.....I remember now!

The dates for the 2010 **Nature Watch Club** meetings can now be found on our website. There will be a new club for 11+ years, more information will follow. Keep up to date on our website: naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - 2010 dates now on website.

Woodlands Work Morning - Saturday 16th 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 pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL - LOCAL COLLECTORS

Once again, I take this opportunity to thank all the stalwart ladies and

gentlemen who, so generously, give their time to help with the annual collecting for the British Legion Poppy Appeal, each year, at Martlesham's Tesco store.

This year, two of our long time, regular collectors were unavoidably taken ill and as we all wish them both a very speedy recovery, we will look forward to them rejoining us again next year.

Three of our collectors come long distances to help us, and we were lucky enough to be joined by five new collectors who, we hope,

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will be with us again next year.

We do thank the general public for giving so very generously for the 8 days we, the Martlesham group of collectors, manned the collecting teams from Saturday October 31st to Saturday November 7th.

Collectors from Kesgrave covered Martlesham Tesco on Monday and Tuesday November 9th and 10th.

On behalf of all our collectors we do thank the manager and staff of Tesco's for their support also.

Patricia Harris, Martlesham

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Not much to report this month. Our club Singles Competition is now completed and we have the winner and runner-up ready to receive their awards at the AGM. The Doubles competition is in progress and a good start has been made in getting this played off. We have not yet been able to arrange a day for the Triples or the Fours but this information will be with us shortly.

We are now in the process of arranging our Annual Dinner which will be held on 4th February and as we had such an excellent meal with good service last year we will be using the same venue again - The Alnesbourne Priory Country Club. We already have a list of members wishing to attend, but all will be welcome together with their partners.

May we wish you all a good New Year and hope that

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everybody keeps in good health and achieve all their aims for the coming year.

Maureen Banthorp

LOCAL GAS CENTRAL HEATING SPECIALISTS TRIUMPH AT NATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARDS

Local heating specialists John T Wilding (Maintenance) Ltd have won the national central heating services "Total Excellence and Quality" (TEQ) Awards 2009. The company also won first prize in 2005 and 2002. The Awards, administered by appliance plan specialists Domestic & General, are based on feedback from over 420,000 customer satisfaction surveys which examines areas including call handling, courtesy of the engineer and job satisfaction.

John T Wilding (Maintenance) Ltd is a long established central heating business based in Anson Road, Martlesham Heath. Company Managing Director, Steve Lancaster, commented, "We are thrilled to be receiving another TEQ award this year. We have continued to improve our services to our customers over the years and it is great to have our efforts recognised."

Established in 1975, John Wilding (Maintenance) Ltd currently employ 15 staff including two trainees. The firm has always been proactive with training apprentices to enable the business to maintain high quality engineers. They are members of professional trade bodies such as GAS SAFE, OFTEC and APHC (Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors). Although a moderate sized company with immense resources, John T Wilding (Maintenance) Ltd still retains a friendly family ethos. You can test their willingness on any heating and plumbing matter by calling them on 01473 611744.

HPE Music Presents...
The Deben Light Ensemble
1930s Radio Show
One Night Only!
7:30 pm Saturday 30th January
2010
 at
Burness Parish Room, Melton
 Woodbridge Suffolk
Raffle for Riding for the Disabled
Association The Hollesley Group.
 Tickets: £8 Full, £6 Concessions
 (Over 60s, 16 or under or disabled).
 Tickets available from: Burrows
 01473 625196,
 Ellison 01473 611270 or Dolan
 01394 387806.
 Further information: Ellison 01473
 611270
 The Deben Light Ensemble is a col-
 laboration between Martlesham
 Cantilena Choir and Melton Folk.
 Anyone interested in taking part in
 future events please get in touch.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT **GROUP**

The Beavers have been invited by 5th Woodbridge to join them for a Campfire evening in December.

Coming up the Scouts will be doing map reading skills, a night hike/sleepover and global trading.

Volunteer/s Required

As a group we are always on the look out for adult volunteers to enable us to offer scouting activities to children aged 6 to 14. At present 76 young people are members of 1st Martlesham and we have a number on our waiting list. We are currently unable to satisfy demand for places primarily due to a shortage of leaders.

As a result of this shortage our scout section will be unable to accommodate a significant number of current Cub members who are/will be due to move and a number of options are being considered. If you are at all interested or know someone who may be interested in helping us keep the Scout Section open for as many young people as possible, please contact the Membership Secretary.
 marsh.pr@gmail.com

2ND MARTLESHAM HEATH **GUIDES**

We spent a busy Autumn term, working towards lots of badges, Agility, Craft, Chocolate, Team Leader and Team Player. We say a big thank you to Johnny Dixon, one of our Community Responders and Carl Friar, a local paramedic, who helped 18 of the Guides gain their Active Response badge. Over Christmas we were out and about handbell ringing and we thank everyone who supported our efforts.

1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH **RANGERS**

We are currently working towards our Centenary challenges to celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding UK and in the Autumn term we hiked in the dark, made ice cream, held an Italian evening, played the handbells and made soup for the CAROLS IN THE SQUARE event where hopefully we will have fed 100 people. We are also doing a story gathering project about Guiding past. If you have any memories, photos or material that you would like to share with us, please contact the number below.

Best wishes to all our members for a productive 2010 and a Happy 100th Birthday to us all!

Jo Dixon - 01473 622160

ROTARY CLUB WOODBRIDGE **DEBEN, CHRISTMAS SLEIGH** **2009**

Father Christmas on his sleigh with his Rotarian helpers received magnificent support from the residents of Martlesham Heath, on his trip around the Heath prior to Christmas. We sincerely, thank you all for your generous donations of nearly £900, which will be distributed to local, national and international charities during 2010.

For more information visit our website www.debenrotary.org.uk or call Neil Welling 01473 736255.

Rotarian DWA Embery

5TH BIRTHDAY FOR SPEAK **EASY AT MARTLESHAM!**

Speak Easy at Martlesham recently

celebrated 5 years of equipping members with all the skills needed to tackle public speaking confidently with a special evening. Celebration was the theme including short talks on celebratory subjects plus much fun and humour throughout the meeting. Speak Easy's new logo was also launched, which combines communication in the form of a speech bubble streaming from an aeroplane, which refers to the club's meeting location at Martlesham Heath, previously an important experimental airfield. The logo was particularly appreciated on the club's delicious birthday cake! Special guests at the event included the two founder members, Teresa Dukes of Dukes Consultancy and Jeff Bartrop of BT plc who were honoured to cut the cake in celebration!

The club was established in October 2004 to provide individuals with the opportunity to improve their speaking skills in a friendly and encouraging environment. Everyone who joins is eager to glean the secret to gaining confidence and self-esteem in order to communicate their messages more effectively. During the past 5 years the club has been able to help over 75 members find their voice and speak with confidence. These members have grown in their personal lives as well as their professional lives.

Speak Easy at Martlesham meet on alternate Thursdays at The Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB (behind Tesco) 7 pm for a 7:15 pm start. Guests are always welcome to come along to meetings.

Our next meetings are on:

- *7th January
- *21st January
- *4th February
- *18th February

If you would like to learn more about building your confidence and speaking to audiences feel free to contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462. Further information can be found on the Speak Easy website - 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 JANUARY
SUNDAYS 3rd AND 17th - Holy Communion, 8 am
SUNDAYS 10th AND 24th - Evensong, 6:30 pm
SUNDAY 31st - A Service of Celtic Worship

A Happy New Year to all!

After all the busyness of December it is difficult to get into gear again to start a new year. However, January in 2010 is a month of five Sundays and this gives us an opportunity to have a special Service outside of our usual regime. We are taking the opportunity to hold another Service of Celtic Worship on Sunday 31st to which you are all welcome.

In order to get the new year under way our ODFI* committee will be meeting to plan the vast catalogue of events for Brightwell during the year. Watch this space for news throughout the year.

(* Old Dears For Ideas)

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
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MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Welcome Winter!"

We rarely welcome snow and ice, dampness and the biting east wind - yet winter has it's unique attractiveness.

W.H.Davis writes of 'winter's beauty':

"...Welcome, winter, with thy power
To make a tree a big white flower,
To make a tree a lovely sight,
with fifty brown arms draped in

white.

While thousands of small fingers show
in soft white gloves of purest snow"

We have emotional 'winters' too, which we would avoid, when stress or pain makes our spirits low and loneliness can freeze the soul.

Winters do move on to springtimes, and someone has said "The best way out of our problems is 'through' them!" We have all known dear folk, who have been beautified through pain.

Jesus endured a winter of stress, during the days of temptation (Luke Ch. 4). He came through this proved and vindicated. The severest winter was yet to come, in the darkness of the cross. Praise God! The springtime of resurrection soon followed.

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

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

Mondays: Monday Club - 3:30 to 5 pm

Tuesday Circle: 12th January

Wednesdays: House Groups - 7:30 pm

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

Fridays: Friends on Friday - 10 am
'Café Church' - Sunday January 3rd

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

NEW YEAR AT BRIGHT STARS

We would like to invite all pre-schoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers who enjoy singing, stories, crafts and having fun to join us at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session 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. During the last term we dressed Joseph in his coat of many colours, played parachute games and made Angel decorations for Christmas, to name but a few activities as well as discovering how the different people in the Christmas story may have felt as events unfolded around them.

The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to welcoming you!

The dates for our Spring 2010

sessions are:
January 11th
January 25th
February 8th
February 22nd
March 8th
March 22nd

If you would like any further information please contact: Jo Dixon 01473 622160, Sonya Burrows 01473 625196 or Rev. Ian Naylor 01473 622424.

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year with all its hopes and dreams, not to mention New Year resolutions.

January 6th is the day when we celebrate the Epiphany (there is always something to celebrate in our churches). It is the time when we remember the wise men visiting Jesus, bringing him gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The wise men had studied the scriptures and studied the stars and travelled a long way to find the Christ child, the one who would bring hope to the world.

Our journey of faith, of finding Jesus, is sometimes long and difficult but when we find him it is worth the effort because finding him is transforming, life-changing and life is never the same again.

Do you want to make that journey of faith to look for Jesus in your life?

Come to one of our services, come and see...you will be sure of a welcome.

A Happy New Year to all.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd. Ian Naylor, 17 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SA,
Tel: 01473 622424 and e-mail address: inaylor17@aol.com

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The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770

READERS: Carolyn Smith, 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625630
Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320

ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,
Tel: 01473 623194

| Services for the Month | Brightwell St. John's | Martlesham St. Mary's | Martlesham Heath St. Michael's |
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| Sunday 3rd January Christmas 2 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion BCP | 9:45am All Age Worship |
| Sunday 10th January Baptism of Christ | 6:30pm Evensong | 8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship | 9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church |
| Sunday 17th January Epiphany 2 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Family Holy Communion | 9:45am Worship Service and Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service |
| Sunday 24th January Epiphany 3 | 6:30pm Evensong | 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins | 9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship |
| Sunday 31st January Epiphany 4 | 6:30pm Celtic Worship | 11am Benefice Service | 8am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 7th February 2nd before Lent | 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 11th January and Monday 25th January in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY

Please pray daily for the world, the church and our community:

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| <p>5 for the Mother's Union meeting prepared for tomorrow</p> <p>6 for all residents of Manor Road</p> <p>7 for drug and alcohol addicts</p> <p>8 for our hospitals and hospices</p> <p>9 for all who find life difficult in winter</p> <p>10 The Baptism of Christ - bless all being baptised today</p> <p>11 for the unity of the church</p> <p>12 for the witness and teaching of the Quaker movement</p> <p>13 for all residents of Mayfields</p> <p>14 for all military personnel in war torn areas</p> <p>15 for all suffering from drought conditions</p> <p>16 for all who are hungry</p> <p>17 that we follow Jesus when he calls</p> <p>18 for the week of prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>19 for all prayer groups in the diocese</p> <p>20 for all residents of Mayfields Lane</p> <p>21 for PPC meeting and all decisions made in faith</p> <p>22 for all music makers in our churches</p> | <p>23 for those awaiting hospital treatment</p> <p>24 for the unemployed</p> <p>25 for St Paul and his teachings to us all</p> <p>26 for the homeless</p> <p>27 for all residents of Mill Lane</p> <p>28 for all mothers with young children</p> <p>29 for the local schools, the children and staff</p> <p>30 for the local shops in these difficult times</p> <p>31 Candlemass - may we shine and reflect God's love</p> <p>FEB 1 for all who volunteer in so many ways</p> <p>2 for all carers</p> <p>3 for all residents of Netherwood Court</p> <p>4 for all relief agencies and their valued work</p> <p>5 for so many troubled areas of the world</p> |
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