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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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Are you publicising an event? Have you remembered to let the Martlesham website know about it...

www.martlesham.org.uk. There's also a Facebook group 'Martlesham Community Website' which you may want to have a look at and join.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

STOP PRESS

There will be an evening opportunity to view the Bloor Homes plans in the Parish Room on Tuesday 31st August, 5 to 7 pm.

Bloor Homes Planning

Application, Martlesham

Development Plans Committee meeting on Thursday 9th September, 7:30 pm, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road

Bloor Homes have submitted the following planning application to Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC): C10/1906 – Land south of Main Road, Martlesham – Erection of 281 dwellings together with associated garages, parking access off Main Road and open space.

SCDC has set a target date for making a decision on this application of 25th October 2010 (this may be subject to change). Along with the BT planning application for 2,000 homes on the land south of Adastral Park, which remains undetermined, this application is highly contentious. The Parish Council is therefore calling the meeting above to discuss this issue alone. SCDC has offered to send 2 planning officers along to advise and answer questions.

As with all planning applications, this Council is only a consultee. SCDC will make the decision and therefore we urge parishioners to make their comments known direct to SCDC by writing to Mr P J Ridley, Head of Planning Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 1AU or e-mailing d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk, but please submit a copy to us.

Many people have been concerned by the minimum statutory

period for response given by SCDC. They have therefore extended their deadline to **Friday 24th September 2010**.

The planning application is available to view by appointment in the Parish Room. Please contact the Clerk as below.

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 18th October 2010**. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2011/12 and the funds will be issued in May 2011. Any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should also submit their project details and business plan by **18th October 2010** at the latest. Please note that due to a change in Parish Council meetings the deadline for grants is now earlier than in previous years.

Centenary Playspace, near Gorseland School

Much work has been going on in the background by residents, councillors and representatives from the Education Service to develop and fund an exciting new play area for our young people. Unfortunately our bid of £50,000 for government Play Builder funding has failed because of the current economic climate, but rather than be disheartened the Centenary Playspace Working Group will continue to consider ways of providing a new play space in this area.

Forthcoming meetings

Parish Council – Wednesday 1st September

Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 8th September

Development Plans Committee – Thursday 9th September 2010

Parish Council - Wednesday 6th 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

website: www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk

Parish Office (at above address) opening times: 9 am – 12 noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance if possible.

SO WHAT DOES OUR PARISH COUNCIL DO FOR US?

I wonder how many of you reading this piece know what a parish council does, how much it costs you, the council tax payer, to run, what powers it has and what value it adds to your environment in these difficult times?

This is the first of five monthly articles which will provide the answers to the questions above and ultimately seeks to provide enough information for you to judge if your money is well spent and ultimately to consider whether **you** wish to stand for election to the council in May next year.

The parish of Martlesham covers both (old) Martlesham and Martlesham Heath residents. There are 15 parish councillors who are unpaid, care greatly for the area in which they live, and seek to influence District, County and ultimately Government thinking to achieve the wishes of the parishioners of this semi-rural parish. They also have local stewardship responsibilities in relation to local amenities such as play spaces, footpaths and cycle routes and are consulted in relation to planning matters.

The Parish Council meets on 10 occasions in the year – on the first Wednesday in the month excluding August and December. There are three committees reporting to the full council. They are: Development Plans; Recreation &

Amenities; and Finance & General Purposes. The committees also have working groups, set up as necessary. The councillors are supported by the Clerk, her deputy and an administrative assistant, all part time staff with a depth of knowledge and experience to ensure that the councillors conduct their business in an efficient and correct fashion.

Over the next three months the Chairman of each of the committees will give an outline of the work they do and for the final piece the Parish Council Chairman will pull all of the detail together and invite you to consider joining the team.

Incidentally did you know that Martlesham Parish Council has recently been reaccredited with Quality Parish Status? Not an award that will be obvious to many except for the logo QPS which appears on Parish Council documents. However it is a matter for much satisfaction to your parish council and congratulations are due to the Clerk, her team and those councillors who pulled the evidence required together and submitted many documents for scrutiny by the awarding panel.

Colin Moore

Parish Council Chairman

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

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

First may I say a big thank you to all those who responded to my request for information on the owner-

ship and management of the area known as Walk Farm Woods/Dr Brittain's Woods. Working together with the Martlesham Parish Council we hope to eventually resolve some if not all of the problems associated with this woodland. I will report on this when more progress has been made.

Second, I believe that you may like to know something of the strenuous efforts that SCDC is making to keep district council costs down through more efficiency. The main efficiency comes about by sharing a large portion of our essential costs with our neighbourhood councils. For example, significant savings have been made by sharing the services of our Chief Executive and Head of Planning with Waveney DC, and also our IT services. Other savings have come about through such items as combined insurance premiums with other councils around us. In all with these kinds of shared activities we managed to reduce our costs in the 2009/2010 financial year by almost £200,000. Some reorganization also helped to reduce costs still further.

Finally there is the matter of a new planning application that, if passed, will have a significant impact on Martlesham. I refer to the application submitted by Bloor Homes (C10/1906) for 281 new homes on the land known locally as 'Mr Pipe's Field' off Main Road. This is a completely separate application to that submitted by BT. I invite all readers to read carefully the notes issued by the Martlesham Parish Council. If you would like to discuss the above items or any 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 are welcome to join me between 10 am and 12 noon for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St Michael's Church hall on Monday 6th September.

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

**Planning application Mr Pipe's Field and Mill Farm
(The field opposite The Black Tiles adjacent to the Common to Felix-**

stowe Road)

A planning application has now been received by Suffolk Coastal's planning department from Bloor Homes to build 281 new homes on Mr Pipe's Field, Main Road and at Mill Farm, Felixstowe Road. The plans are available to view either at the District Council offices at Melton Hill, Woodridge or at the Martlesham Parish Council office, Felixstowe Road by prior arrangement with the Parish Clerk 01473 612632.

Anyone who wishes to make representations to Suffolk Coastal can still do so via e-mail to d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or in writing to Head of Planning, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodridge, IP12 1AU. Please quote the following planning application reference number 10/1906. It is vital that you get your opinions heard. Could I request that, if at all possible, I be copied in by e-mail John.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by post to 115 Carlford Close, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3TA.

The Parish Council will be holding a Development Plans Committee meeting at the Parish Room on Thursday 9th September at 7:30 pm to discuss this planning application.

Suffolk Coastal's Local Development Framework update

The Coalition Government has now clearly stated that the housing figures produced by the regional authority and that have been used by Suffolk Coastal to produce its LDF Core Strategy, and to justify the building of 2,000 homes at and around Adastral Park, are no longer binding on Local Authorities. Suffolk Coastal, if they so wish, could now decide to review its housing needs within its Core Strategy.

The Government's strongly expressed view on the matter is that the regional analysis of need, demand, and broad location of new housing should be replaced by a local bottom up analysis. This opinion is something I strongly support and is something that Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet member with responsibility for planning, Andy

Smith, has been asking for some-time.

Councillor Smith says, "Our task now is to review the strategic housing land aspects of the Core Strategy in line with this new approach. That is to say we have to find ways of identifying need and demand for housing according to local circumstances, both District wide and for individual communities, probably specifically for towns and the larger villages, and more generically for the smaller villages."

He goes on to say, "The Planning Policy Team are currently working to identify ways of doing that, and what factors need to be taken into account, and hence the relevant statistics, estimates and trends and so on which need to be researched from various sources. Some of this was done around 2003-2006, to feed into the Regional Spatial Strategy process, but we now need to update that work, and we now have more freedom to use whatever additional criteria are relevant to our own circumstances."

The advice from Government is that Local Authorities may wish to review their plans following the revocation of Regional Strategies and it recommends that reviews should be undertaken as quickly as possible. I look forward to prompt action being taken by Suffolk Coastal.

If anyone wishes to discuss any of the above issues I am available after 6:30 pm on 01473 626308.

John Kelso, District Councillor,
Martlesham ward

NANT UPDATE

Did you know?

NANT stands for 'No Adastral New Town'. Our mission is to protect the quality of life and the environment of local communities in the areas likely to be affected by BT's proposed housing development next to Adastral Park.

Where will the New Town be?

The new development will be located on the other side of the A12 from Martlesham Heath Village, starting at the side of the BT complex and stretching out towards Waldringfield.

Planning permission is being sought for -

- 2000 dwellings (flats and houses) plus 60,000 sq m of additional employment floor space, a hotel, medical facilities, primary and secondary schools and shops.

- Removal of the A12 roundabouts at Tesco, BT and Foxhall Road and replacing them with multi-lane traffic light junctions.

What effect will this have?

Martlesham and Martlesham Heath could lose their village-like character, becoming part of a much larger town or suburb of Ipswich.

The significant increase in population (about 5000 people) will affect road access to neighbouring villages (e.g. Waldringfield, Newbourne, Bucklesham) and have a highly detrimental effect on the internationally protected wildlife sites along the Deben Estuary, Newbourne Springs, etc.

Additional infrastructure such as the new secondary school, increased energy capacity and water treatment will make further housing development in this general area more viable and possibly inevitable.

Local traffic levels and noise plus congestion on the A12 and A14 via the Orwell Bridge will rise significantly.

House prices in the neighbouring area are likely to drop.

What about Bloor's planning application in old Martlesham?

A lot of NANT's arguments apply equally to other development in this area, such as the recent planning application by Bloor Homes to build 281 houses in old Martlesham.

What is happening now?

Outline planning permission has been sought by BT and is currently awaiting a decision by Suffolk Coastal District Council. In the meantime, the Council has not finalised its planning policy (the Local Development Framework) for the District.

What does NANT want?

NANT is asking the Council to conduct a proper and thorough review of local housing needs before taking any further steps. They should not take decisions that will affect

the District for all time based on pressure (perceived or real) by developers.

How can you help NANT?

There is growing support for NANT. To find out more about us, how you can help or to register for news by e-mail please go to: www.noadastralnewtown.com

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

MHHL, Martlesham Conservation Group and Natural England held a very successful public meeting on 5th August to discuss the future of the Western Corridor Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Thank you to all those residents who took the time to come along and ask some very interesting questions. Thanks also to Phil Smith of the Conservation Group who presented the facts to the audience and answered many of the questions. Peter See, a MHHL Director, also came along to talk to the Natural England representative about setting up a Charitable Trust to fund the work needed. He is still actively looking for more help from householders to run this Trust – if you are interested you can get in touch in the usual ways (below) but ask specifically for Peter.

MHHL is to remove the lower branches of some trees in Lark Rise as they are too near the path and road. We are also removing a dead tree in the same road and seeking advice from tree surgeons on the two large trees at the end of the road near the bungalows and the footpath going on to the green.

The Land Committee is comprised of only two Directors at the moment and therefore requests to deal with certain issues around the Village sometimes have to wait for someone to be able to go out and have a look, contact various parties and then decide on the action to be taken. If you think things are taking too long to get done, perhaps you would like to volunteer to come on the Board and help out!

This month we would like to point out that the litter that is dropped around the Village is, to a great extent, being picked up by a

lovely chap who is paid from MHHL funds to do this. We mention this as some people wrongly think the Council does it and this is another example of how our maintenance charge is being used. (For info. the shopping centre is not the responsibility of MHHL).

The next Board Meeting, to which you are invited, is on September 20th at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre. You can contact us on 01473 612207, e-mail to mhh@martlesham.org.uk and write to MHHL, PO Box 897, IP1 9PB. The website is <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/>

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM & MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 present
“A Moment in Time in Martlesham” Exhibition
 (this exhibition will highlight the July weekend's work)
 &
Open Art Exhibition
 on
Saturday 18th September
10:30 am to 5 pm

Martlesham in Bloom Presentation Evening
7:30 pm
 All at
St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath
 At the above events there will be books and plants for sale, a raffle and light refreshments. There will also be displays about Martlesham in Bloom and Martlesham Community Council. Admission is free to all the above.
 Further details please contact: the Burrows family on 01473 625196 or Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Do not forget the 'A Moment in Time in Martlesham' display with the Open Art Exhibition on Saturday 18th September. This event has been arranged jointly with Martlesham in Bloom and there will be displays of both groups' activities.

Our next Jumble Sale is on Saturday 16th October at 10 am to 12 noon in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. If anyone has any bric-a-brac, etc., (please no magazines, papers or electrical items) please contact the Secretary below.

A Craft Fair is being held on Saturday 20th November in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 10 am to 3 pm. If anyone would like to book a stall please contact the Secretary below for further details.

For further information about Martlesham Community Council or the above please contact the Secretary, Jackie Bear, on 01473 623007.

MCC scribe

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our demonstrator for July was Mrs Christine Hurst from her florist shop in Ipswich and her theme was "An English Country Garden". Members and visitors sat enthralled as bunch after bunch of beautiful flowers were speedily worked into many delightful arrangements.

As the afternoon progressed, she told some interesting stories about her family and shop and gave us handy tips from her 36 years' experience in the floristry business. In less than 90 minutes she produced six very different arrangements in a variety of colours. A large trug filled with aspidistra, green and yellow gladioli, sunflowers and alstromeria, followed by a tall arrangement of pink orchids and lilies combined with green chrysanthemums and carnations. Two large baskets, one filled with a splash of lilac delphiniums, dark purple lisianthus and green chrysanthemums, the other with pink and orange carnations, roses, lilies and gerberas. Then came a pyramid shaped design containing anthuri-

ums, lucadendron and deep red roses. To finish, Christine demonstrated how she makes her stunning hand-tied bouquets.

The competition was won by Ann Chisem.

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 remains at £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 the 15th September when Mrs Jenny Baker will give a demonstration entitled "Mad About Plants". The competition is "Gardeners' World". All are most welcome. Margaret Doveston - 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Saturday 18th September event at St Michael's Church Centre

'A Moment in Time in Martlesham', and the Open Art Exhibition during the day and Martlesham in Bloom's Presentation Evening starting at 7:30 pm. This event has been arranged jointly with Martlesham Community Council and there will be displays of both groups' activities.

Do not forget to let us have your photographs or paintings from 'A Moment in Time in Martlesham' before 18th September please.

The Presentation Evening will include the results of the Anglia in Bloom competition, a quiz/slide show and the results and presentation of certificates and cups for our own Summer Garden Competitions.

See separate item for more details.

For further information about Martlesham in Bloom please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Two visitors from America came to our July meeting when they were able to listen to our guest speaker, Andy Malcolm, talking about 'The Fishermans Mission' of which he is the area co-ordinator. He interspersed his talk with some sea

shanties and then gave us a light hearted history on the origins of fish and chips, which according to history, probably originated in either France or Belgium! An interesting speaker and very passionate about the care of fishermen around the coast of Britain.

A successful fundraising afternoon tea was held at the home of our president, Bernadette Smith, at the end of July.

Our August meeting was a social evening with a light hearted quiz and time for members to chat over tea and refreshments.

A few members joined up with Kesgrave W.I. for a trip to the theatre at Southwold and members still attend scrabble evenings with them every month.

In September Linda Sexton will give a brief history of the Suffolk Landscape and in October Andrew Woods will talk about a cycling tour of Norfolk churches.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Pavilion when any lady is welcome to join us.

Mary Bloomfield - 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Oliver and Robert Paul run the Suffolk Food Hall at Wherstead and we invited them to tell us about their family heritage and farmers markets. They explained how farming has changed since the war and how commercialisation has played a major part in this change. During the 70s and 80s farmers were encouraged to make too much food and were paid to grow crops such as linseed irrespective of the need and market for it. During this time traditional breeds of cattle and pigs were lost. Thankfully things today are changing and farmers are now looking at new ways to farm. At the food hall the staff endeavours to tell customers as much as they can about the food they are buying i.e. how it is reared/slaughtered. Apparently we eat a huge amount of pork including sausages and bacon in Suffolk. Apart from meat the Suffolk Food Hall sells a huge variety of food and although they struggle to find skilled labour such as fishmongers, butchers and chefs we

were delighted to hear that they encourage and teach young people to learn a trade. Some of us have already visited the food hall and certainly intend to return.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room on 17th September when Mrs J. Sago will talk to us about microwave cookery. 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

Martlesham Ladies Club resume their fortnightly Thursday evening meetings in the Richards Rooms, Felixstowe Road at 7:30 pm on 9th September when we will listen to Geoff Woodward on 'Pitcairns: Home of the Mutineers'.

New members are welcome. Please contact Rita Smith 01473 624210.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We held our annual teddy bear's picnic on Friday 16th July, which was a great success. We would like to say a very big thank you to the Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Support Team who came along. The children enjoyed the police car especially switching on the lights and sirens.

Congratulations to Elizabeth who won best dressed teddy.

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 Identity Hair and Beauty, Crown Pools, The Douglas Bader Pub, Beacon Rally Karts, Colchester Zoo, Riverside Theatre, The Ipswich Regent and Aqua Springs.

Our Friday sessions resume on 3rd 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 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

By the time you read this, our new building at Gorseland School should be well under way. We are very excited about our move and are hoping to be in our new home during the October half term. We'll bring you more news next month!

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on October 6th 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, grandparents and carers to seriously think whether they would consider being elected to our committee. This year our Chairperson and Vice Chair are standing down as their children have now left the playschool. We shall also be looking for a team of fundraisers and someone to manage our website. The playschool has to have a committee to be able to continue running, so please speak to us.

Just a reminder that we have changed our session times slightly from this term. Mornings will be from 9 am to 12 noon. Afternoons will be 12:15 to 3:15 pm. Children who stay all day will be fully cared for from 9 am to 3:15 pm and should bring a packed lunch and drink. We still have sessions

available from when we move into our new building (as we can take more children). So, if you are looking for a playschool with a great Ofsted report (March 2010), please give me a call.

Visit our website for more details - www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or you can contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We are registered to take children from 2 years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area. Our children move on to all the primary schools in the area and further afield. Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

An exciting autumn term is just beginning at St Michaels, and all the children are still buzzing with excitement from the summer. We have some new toys and equipment to look forward to, thanks to all who donated Sainsbury's/Tesco vouchers, and this term we will be visiting Jimmy's Farm, a huge favourite for all the children and adults alike. As always we are looking for new ways to fundraise, any creative thinking people out there with new ideas please step forward.

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 7th September from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. This will be a 'Chomp and Chat' meeting. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to come and enjoy lunch (which is provided for you) and then chat with friends (bring your own or come and make new ones !!)

**Martlesham Christian Fellowship
TODDLER GROUP
25TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
GRAND REUNION**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH
2 - 4:30 pm
at the Fellowship Centre,
Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham**
Bouncy castle
Refreshments
Face painting

We hope to see anyone who is/
has been a member of this group
over the years.

Further details from Julia
Faulkner 01473 625482
cjuliafaulkner@yahoo.co.uk
or Karen Jack 01473 288895
hkaren2301@keme.co.uk

MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL SCHOOL ANNUAL SUMMER FAYRE

Martlesham Beacon Hill School will be holding their Annual Summer Fayre on 18th September from 12 pm - 2 pm. There will be lots to do, there's a Bouncy castle, Sumo wrestling, Whoopee dipper and lots and lots of stalls. There will be a bar-b-que and a cake stall also. All money raised from the fayre will go to the school. It promises to be a great afternoon so please come along and support this event.

**KESGRAVE/CATERPILLAR
CHILDREN'S CENTRES**
Kesgrave Children's Centre on

Grange Farm and Caterpillar Children's Centre in Woodbridge Town centre are NOW OPEN.

We have a variety of services and support packages for children age 0-5 years and their families. Some are open to all families, and others are tailored to meet specific groups and needs. The Suffolk County Council, Surestart funded centres are here to raise outcomes for all children and close the gap between the more affluent and the less advantaged.

You're very welcome to drop in to breast feed your baby or to change a nappy. You can make a drink/snack in our kitchen and make a new friend or just chat to a member of our staff about a concern or a worry you have. You may just need a change of scenery for a while or someone to listen.

We also have a wide range of leaflets and a public computer, together with a friendly face who is there to help you find what you need.

Come along and meet us at Unit 4 Grange Business Centre, Tommy Flowers Drive, Grange Farm, Kesgrave OR 7 Cumberland Street, Woodbridge (no parking at either site). You can pick up our new Autumn programme and find out what's going on or call us and we will send one out to you.

We look forward to welcoming you soon. Contact numbers - 01473 636726 (Kesgrave) and 01394 388276 (Woodbridge).
Linda Mitchell, Children's Centre Co-ordinator
E-mail: - kesgrave@suffolk.gov.uk
caterpillar@suffolk.gov.uk

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The July work day was busy with 14 people attending doing lots of general clearing in the hazel area in preparation for planting later on in the year - if anyone has any hazel plants that they would like to see go to a good home then please let us know.

You may have noticed a number of posts in the woods, these will become way markers for 3 paths around the woods. This has been

made possible by the generosity of Mrs Glenys Owens, who donated the funds for these in memory of her husband David. I am sad to report however that within 2 days, we had one post dug up and stolen. These are plastic posts constructed by adults with learning difficulties at a company called Whitehouse Enterprises, to find out more about their products have a look at their website - <http://www.whitehouseenterprises.org.uk/>

The Nature Explorers enjoyed their July meeting, learning how to maintain traps, trap animals and record information about their findings. If your children enjoy the more practical side of nature why not give them the opportunity to come along. It is essential to book a place by sending an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk.

To find out more about us, visit our website or visit our stand at the Martlesham Heath Aviation Day on Sunday 12th September.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting Saturday 11th September, 10 am - 12 noon
Nature Explorers Club Saturday 18th September, 9 am - 11 am
Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 18th 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

CHOIR TEACHER WANTED!

Birchwood Primary School is a small community school at Martlesham Heath and we need your help.

We need a caring and enthusiastic choir teacher who would like to join our team on a voluntary basis.

The pupils at the school are very keen in all musical areas and with the lack of a choir teacher at present, we feel the children are missing many opportunities.

If you feel you can help us please call on 01473 610 701 and ask for Steve Cloke or Karen Carter.

We would love to hear from you.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

This month we welcome five new members to our club. We hope they will be very happy with us and enjoy their bowls.

Since the last issue we have only played one match, this against Claydon which resulted in a win for the club - 6 points to four. This was a very close match, the total points at the end being 42/41.

Our winter fixtures list is now completed with the exception of one match and this should be arranged by the coming weekend.

Maureen Banthorp

TABLE TENNIS

Martlesham and Kesgrave are invited to try their hand at table tennis. The club will restart on Friday 10th September from 7 pm to 9 pm. Beginners to league players are welcome, depending on numbers - singles or doubles are played. Bats and balls can be provided at no extra charge. If you haven't picked up a bat before or have played sometime in the past, you can try your hand every Friday from 7 to 9 pm at the Kesgrave Sports Hall. Pay and play at £3 per session. A limited number of junior coaching places may be available, please enquire by phone. For further information please ring 01473 610177.

**Ooh! Sore Feet?
Choose from a male or
female practitioner
Tel: 01473 720655**

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

After a hugely successful Riverside Fair in support of the Woodbridge Regatta, our thoughts turn to the Martlesham Heath 10K and Fun Run on Sunday 3rd October.

Over the years this event has

grown locally and regionally in entry and reputation. The 10km race is a flat course and is used extensively by those seeking a personal best for this distance. The fun run is just that; great family fun. Just 2.5km, it is pitched at those new to running or just too young to enter the main race. For spectators the four lap 10K format means a chance to see the runners as they lap the course.

Our refreshments are also gaining quite a reputation with many supporters declaring they come for the coffee and walnut cake first and the race second. There is a fine selection of home made cakes and savouries that tempt even the most fitness conscious.

All proceeds from the event go to local charities. Sponsored once again by local company Charity Fundraising Limited we are hoping to beat previous fundraising records, as this year's principal beneficiary is the Tree House Appeal and we hope that such a worthy cause will attract even more participants.

EAST SUFFOLK SERVICES MEMORY WALK 2010

12th September, 2 pm, Kesgrave - meeting at the Alice Grange Care Home, Ropes Drive, Kesgrave
Memory Walk is Alzheimer's Society's flagship fundraising event. This September, thousands of people will be taking part in Memory Walk 2010 across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds and awareness for your local service, while organising a fun day out for your supporters, colleagues, family and friends.

All the money raised will be spent locally to allow more people living with Dementia access to essential services in East Suffolk.

Walkers can sign up to take part by visiting www.memorywalk.org.uk

To find out more about plans for the day please contact: Jon Lee, Alzheimer's Society - 01473 237301 or e-mail eastsuffolk@alzheimers.org.uk or

Debbie Richards, Alice Grange Care Home - 01473 333551

SPEAKEASY AT MARTLESHAM

Guests are welcome to join any of our meetings and there is no pressure to speak. Why not come along to a meeting to find out for yourself? We are also well known in the area for our lip smacking refreshments!

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 7:15pm start.

Our next meetings are on: 2nd September, 16th September, 30th September, 14th October, 28th October.

If you would like to learn more about the club please 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

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

Christianity is 'personal'

Christians attend Church to enjoy fellowship with other Christians. We find singing God's praise together uplifting, and a fitting way to worship our Creator, our Redeemer. We are regularly encouraged and challenged by messages from the Holy scriptures. These are regular features of the Christian way of life, but the heart of Christianity is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Paul wrote to believers in Rome emphasising that the 'Gospel' is the good news about God's Son, Jesus, who lived as a real man in our world. Our relationship with Jesus is the most important aspect of our daily living.

The picture of marriage is a helpful illustration. Setting up home together, sharing work experiences, overcoming obstacles of health and finance and living in the context of a wider family, are all regular features of any marriage. What really makes a marriage, however, what

really gives it an inner treasure and strength, is the relationship between husband and wife. This needs constant nurturing and encouragement for the marriage to flourish and to remain strong, stable and beautiful.

So with the Christian's relationship with his Lord! Daily communion with Christ will keep this relationship warm and strong.

An old Chorus puts it this way:-

He lives! - He lives! - Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me,

along life's narrow way.

He lives! - He lives! - Salvation to impart,

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart!

ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Normal activities re-commence after the August break.

Sundays - Main Service, 10 am

Tuesday Circle - 14th September

House Groups - Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Mums and Toddlers - Thursdays, 10 am

Friends on Friday - 10 am

For further information contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

AUTUMN 2010 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 2nd and 4th Mondays 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. Activities during the summer term included making puppets, as well as singing action songs and games.

Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to seeing you.

The dates for our Autumn 2010 sessions are:

September 13th, September 27th, October 11th, November 8th, No-

ember 22nd, December 13th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon on 01473 622160, Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196 or Rev. Ian Naylor on 01473 622424

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

*Sundays 5th and 19th and 26th - Holy Communion, 8 am

*Sundays 12th - Evensong, and 26th - Harvest Festival, 6:30 pm

The 29th Annual Historic Churches bike ride is to be held this year on Saturday 11th September, 9 am to 5 pm. We are desperate for cyclists to ride for Brightwell Church, the proceeds to go towards our Tower Appeal.

I have sponsor forms and lists of all churches and chapels that will be open and manned, also suggested routes so please get your bikes out and do your bit for Brightwell Church. I shall be doing my bit by stewarding at the church for the whole 8 hours and being sponsored for that.

Thank you to everyone who either helped, donated goods or came and spent their money at our coffee morning on Saturday July 31st. The magnificent sum of £220 was raised which will go into the Tower Fund.

Marjorie, Church Warden

We are ever grateful for the help that we get from the parish and for the efforts contributed by parishioners in so many ways and as a church body we are always aware of how we might be of support to the parish. To this end two new initiatives are being considered and will be discussed at our next PCC meeting on Monday 20th September at 7 pm at the Church Hall. We would invite parishioners to attend this meeting to make contributions to the discussion. Otherwise watch this space. To those of you who use the e-mail address for contact please note the change of address.

Finally Congratulations to David and Judith Stinson who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in August.

Geoff Lambert PCC Secretary

brightwellchurch@btinternet.com
www.achurchnearyou.com

ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

September sees the Junior Church and Youth activities re-starting at **St. Michael's**. The autumn term is always busy with Junior Church members involved in the Harvest Supper and service, Saints and Sausages Party (alternative to Halloween) and nearer to Christmas, seasonal services and party.

However, on a regular basis in term time the following activities take place:-

Every Monday – Youth Clubs

6 pm - Junior Church Youth Club (Years 4-6)

7 pm - Open Youth Club (High School age)

8 pm to 9:15 pm - Senior Church Youth Club (High School age)

(the 6 pm and 8 pm Clubs include Christian teaching and discussion)

2nd and 4th Monday – Bright Stars

Half hour activity Service for pre-school children and their carers followed by refreshments. Next service – 13th September at 10:30 am.

1st Sunday of each month at 9:45 am – All age worship

Interactive service for all ages including craft activity for children.

All other Sundays at 9:45 am – Junior Church

There are six Junior Church groups running alongside the main service with the children and young people joining each service at the beginning or end. There is a creche available and the most senior group (up to age 18) usually use the Pavilion.

At **St. Mary's** there is a Family Service at 11 am on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome to this more informal service which includes a talk for "children" of all ages!

A group of young people practice bell-ringing throughout the summer months at **St. Mary's** and the bells are rung for special services. The group is also available for wedding bookings.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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 Marian Naylor, 60 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath 01473 624196

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 5th September Trinity 14	8am Holy Communion 10 am St. John's Felixstowe – Licensing of the Revd. Elizabeth Corker	11 am No service	9:45am No service
Sunday 12th September Trinity 15	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11 am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Communion
Sunday 19th September Trinity 16	8am Holy Communion	11 am Family Communion (CW)	9:45am Worship 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 26th September Trinity 17	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11 am Matins	9:45am Family Communion
Sunday 3rd October Trinity 18	8am Holy Communion	11 am 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 meet on Monday 13th September and Monday 27th September at 10:30am in St Michael's Church Centre.
A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.

- Please use the following suggestions as a basis for your thanksgiving and intercessions:
- 5 Rev'd Elizabeth Corker being licensed at St John's Church, Felixstowe
 - 6 East Anglian Air Ambulance
 - 7 all children returning to school
 - 8 the residents and shop owners of The Square
 - 9 the Quiet Day in Jeremy and Cynthia's garden
 - 10 the Martlesham Mother and Toddler Group
 - 11 the Suffolk Historic Bike Ride
 - 12 the Junior Church returning after the holidays
 - 13 the country of Pakistan and her people
 - 14 farmers bringing in the Harvest
 - 15 the residents of The Stirrups
 - 16 the people who care for those with dementia
 - 17 the homeless
 - 18 "A Moment in Time in Martlesham" Exhibition
 - 19 the Churches in the Martlesham Benefice
 - 20 children being bullied either at school or at home
 - 21 the courage to face our own daily challenges
 - 22 the residents of Thirling Court
 - 23 thank God for everyday acts of kindness
 - 24 careful driving on our roads
 - 25 Martlesham Toddler Group's 25th Anniversary Celebration
 - 26 the unity of all Christian people
 - 27 countries affected by drought
 - 28 CMS projects
 - 29 the residents of Three Styles Lane
 - 30 the Martlesham Monthly magazine production
 - OCT 1 the East Anglian Children's Hospice
 - 2 Martlesham Brass 14th birthday concert
 - 3 freedom to preach the Gospel
 - 4 to pray that God will heal emotional and physical wounds