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Martlesham Monthly Editors

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY MAMMALS

April:- Muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*) The Reeves muntjac was introduced from south east Asia to Woburn Abbey around 1900 and since then has spread throughout the UK in large numbers. This smallish deer starts breeding at 18 months old and can produce a fawn every 7-8 months. The male has small, sharp antlers and these are in velvet when growing between May to August, August to September they lose velvet and in April to May the following year they lose or cast their antlers. The muntjac is found where there is shrubbery or woodland and males often can be heard barking.

POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:
Office—01473 334980
E-mail—richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

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received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

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

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Following the astonishing support we received last year, Music on the Green is gearing up for an even bigger and better year for 2011 (yes, it is possible!)

Saturday 9th July sees the annual Music and Village Day return to the Martlesham Heath Village Green, and we'd love you to be involved. Whether you'd like to have a stall within the arena area, take part in the great Boot Sale or help with our fundraising on the day, or even just simply turn up and enjoy the music, whilst supporting the most worthwhile of causes, East Anglian Children's Hospice, we want to hear from you. Our spaces for the stalls are filling up exceptionally quickly, and we would love to accommodate any local organisations and businesses that want to promote their brand. If you sell clothes, hats, food, drinks, shoes, gifts, accessories, in fact if you sell anything at all, come and get involved! Please e-mail info@motg.com for more information and costings, or visit the website www.motg.co.uk

We've got an incredible headline act confirmed, with all the regular favourites of years gone by still present, more details to be released as we get closer to the best Saturday of the year! And there will be the usual family entertainment, fundraising and vibrant atmosphere for which we are now known.

As we raised £6,000 last year, we need your support more than ever to match this. And the money raised goes to supporting the East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH). Even though the charity have been fortunate enough to reach their target of £3 million to

build the 'Treehouse' they still need our support to continue to provide palliative care to the children of our region.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 20th April

Your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham; not a meeting of the Parish Council but we do give you a report of what we've been up to during the year. This will take place at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room (address below). All welcome.

Your Village Needs You

Nobody cares more about your community than you and your local council do! The next election of Parish Councillors takes place on Thursday 5th May. Martlesham has 3 wards with 15 seats to fill. Nomination papers are now available from Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) or the Clerk. Delivery of nomination papers direct to SCDC takes place from Monday 21st March to noon on Monday 4th April. Latest date to withdraw candidature is noon on Thursday 7th April. If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of seats available, an election is uncontested, and the result will be published as soon as possible after 7th April. If an election is contested, we urge you to vote on Polling Day, 5th May.

Centenary Playspace Project

Work is due to start on 11 April 2011. We hope to have an official opening at the end of May – watch this space!

BMX Project

The Parish Council and the Police have for some time been concerned about the lack of facilities for teenagers. A Project Group (a subgroup of the Recreation and Amenities Committee of the Parish Council) has been set up with representatives from Martlesham Parish and Kesgrave Town Councils, the Police, Suffolk County Council and the young people themselves. Potential sites are being considered, funding has been obtained, and we are hoping to hold a 'Consultation Evening' before the summer, when you will be able to view the plans and ask any questions of the Project team. The date for the consultation will be advertised in the Mart-

lesham newsletters and on notice boards. If any parishioners would like to join the Project Group before then they are invited to contact the Clerk.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – Public Community Engagement Meeting

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 6th April, 6:30 – 7:15 pm**, in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham. This is your opportunity to let the police know your local concerns.

Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework - Consultation on the Reviewed Draft Core Strategy

SCDC postponed its full Council meeting on the Core Strategy due to reports on the impact of visitors on conservation sites in the 'Suffolk Sandlings'. A detailed analysis is now being carried out & it is likely to be late summer/early autumn before a decision is made. The determination of the BT planning application for 2,000 homes will also be delayed but we have no clear timescale. In the meantime we expect to receive an amended planning application from Bloor Homes for a development of 281 homes off Main Road. This application still remains contrary to the current Local Plan & the draft Core Strategy. For further information please refer to the SCDC website: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

Have your say on the future of Suffolk's libraries – SCC Consulta- tion 18th January–30th April

The County Council is proposing major changes to the county library service and seeks your views. For information go to www.suffolk.gov.uk/LibrariesConsultation2011, or telephone 01473 265086. We would be grateful if you would provide us with a copy of any comments.

Forthcoming meetings

- *Parish Council – 6th April
- *Development Plans - 13th April
- *Recreation & Amenities – 4th May
- *Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 18th May

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.

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

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) LATEST (2000 homes adja- cent to Adastral Park)

Firstly can I take this opportunity to thank all those residents who took the time and trouble to attend the Special Suffolk Coastal Cabinet meeting which was held at Trinity Park on the 17th February. It was really great to see so many of you there. Unfortunately the Cabinet members decided to ignore our concerns and comments and recommended that the Full Council takes the document forward to the examination in public stage. The Full Council meeting was to have been held 9th March at Trinity Park as reported in last month's magazine but was postponed on

the 1st March due to a report being received from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust as part of the recent consultation exercise. The Trust raised concerns about the potential impact of visitors from the proposed future developments in areas to the north and east of Ipswich on the nature conservation sites in the 'Suffolk Sandlings', north of the river Deben. The Council has taken legal advice and was advised that the Wildlife report should be fully analysed prior to any further decisions being made on the Council's LDF Core Strategy. It is therefore very likely that no decisions will now be made until after the Council's elections due to be held in May and time will also need to be given to train any new Councillors in planning matters. So I believe it will probably be July at the earliest before this matter proceeds any further.

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust report can be viewed at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/502B5A73-E4FD-4F82-A897-235933E85C46/0/SuffolkVisitorSurveyReportFINAL.pdf>

BLOOR HOMES PLANNING APPLICATION AT PIPES FIELD AND MILL FARM

No updated plans have yet been received by Suffolk Coastal at the time of writing this report. Once again due to the Council elections due to be held in May I do not envisage anything further happening with this application until the summer. I will of course keep you advised of any updates.

COUNCIL TAX 2011-2012 FOR MARTLESHAM

The following precepts have now been set for a band D property

Suffolk Coastal District Council	=	£149.40
Martlesham Parish Council	=	£45.89
Suffolk County Council	=	£1,126.53
Suffolk Police Authority	=	£160.74
Grand Total	=	£1482.56

MY NEW CONTACT DETAILS

*By post: 115 Carlford Close, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3TA

*e-mail: john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

*New telephone number for Council business: 01473 631682

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters or any other Council matter, please get in touch. John Kelso, District Councillor, Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Core Strategy of the LDF: At the monthly meeting of the Suffolk Coastal District Council in February 2011 I asked a set of questions that had been supplied to me by NANT (No Adastral New Town) that concerned the research into the impact on the local environment. They had discovered that two E.U. Directives that concerned the protection of local wildlife and their habitats did not appear to have been adequately researched. The council officers were not able to adequately answer my questions. The Council officers also revisited a recently submitted 85 page statistical report by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) that clearly demonstrated that any further development close to the River Deben would almost certainly impact on the wildlife and their habitats. SWT's report was primarily concerned with the area on the north side of the river where visitor numbers to such places as Sutton and Rendlesham Forest are already quite high and they were clearly mindful of the effect that any proposed new developments might have. The council officers together with the council leaders then decided that it would be prudent to delay the final presentation of the Core Strategy for acceptance by the full council until after these wildlife and other matters had been reconsidered. So the full council meeting scheduled for 9th March at Trinity Park Conference Centre was postponed. It is likely that the meeting to approve the Core Strategy of the LDF will not now take place until much later in the year because of the imminent elections and the need to train up any new councillors who may be invited to sit on the reconvened planning subcommittee after the elections. In the meantime it does indicate that any other proposed development such as the 'Bloor Home's Project' off Main

Road in old Martlesham will almost certainly be placed on hold until after the issues surrounding the Core Strategy have been resolved.

When you receive this report the election will be under way. I will still hold a surgery on Monday 4th April between 10 and 12 noon at St Michael's Church Hall but not in May since that will be the election week. I can also be contacted at any time by calling 01473 613360 or by e-mail at chrisblundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk I wish everyone a good Easter.

NANT UPDATE

Suffolk Coastal's plan to allocate 2000 new houses at Adastral Park Martlesham is halted

At a recent Suffolk Coastal District Cabinet Meeting, Councillors and the general public were assured that all of the 1880 comments and objections received during the LDF consultation period had been analysed and that "they raise no major new planning issues". This is also stated in the report prepared for the Cabinet. Recent events have shown this not to be true.

On 28th February, SCDC issued a press statement in which it admitted that it had not taken into account a response received from Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) on January 20th. The SWT objection is based on an important visitor survey report carried out at several of the area's internationally protected wildlife sites. SWT expressed concern regarding increased visitor numbers that will be generated from housing allocations such as those at Adastral Park. In order to meet its obligations under the European Habitats Directive the Council must conduct a full appraisal of the report.

One has to wonder why SCDC took the very unusual step of identifying a site-specific allocation of housing within its Core Strategy. The more usual process, followed by Councils across the country, is to agree the overall strategy for the district, which is then followed by a separate site allocation document at a later date. Given the contentious nature of the site-specific housing allocations at the BT site at

Adastral Park, one would imagine that many councillors are wishing that Suffolk Coastal had followed the more tried and tested process. The way in which this process has been handled is riddled with flaws with a budget that is escalating out of control.

A member of the council stated that this delay to the LDF "postpones the time when we can use it to protect our area from inappropriate development". This is not the case. Our area is very well protected from "inappropriate development" by the "saved" policies that are currently in place. In fact, under the current policies the area is protected from the most "inappropriate development" so far proposed - the one next to Adastral Park.

If you wish to keep in touch with the NANT campaign, donate to the fighting fund or volunteer your expertise, please contact us via our website -

www.noadastralnewtown.com

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

In the woods behind Forest Lane we have been aware for some time that household items and compost bins have been deposited outside the gardens and therefore on our land. We have informed the residents, some of whom may not be responsible for the items as they have been there a long time, that these will be removed. (If you go to the MHH website you may be able to view pictures of the offending items.) This work will have to be paid from the maintenance charge and is not something we should have to do. We regularly ask people not to make use of open land beyond their boundaries but this practise continues and therefore is a cost to all of us when it needs rectifying.

The Council have recently sent out a Highways representative on a similar mission – namely, to identify when people's gardens are overhanging their boundaries and causing the footpaths to become narrower or impassable. He has identified certain properties and issued letters asking that the owner

gets the work done. As a property owner you have a responsibility to maintain your property and that includes its boundaries. On our part, we are cutting back yet more trees in line with the Highways Department's request. We have also asked a tree surgeon to start planting some new trees on the Heath and as this is in our control we can plant in more suitable places and with more suitable specimens than the original developers chose to put in.

The small green in Heathfield has had all the posts repaired, renewed and painted and it is looking very smart. It might take some time but the work gets done eventually so bear with us.

We are receiving funding from Natural England to improve the western corridor so you may see change happening a little faster there in the future. Anyone wishing to join the group that will oversee that work or become a Director on the Board of MHH should get in touch and another director will explain what we do and hopefully entice you to join us. David Cameron's Big Society doesn't seem to be working for us as it is painfully difficult to get volunteers to become directors. We are very lucky in having some very good volunteers who help on the Land Committee but we still need official directors.

Contact us on e-mail at mhh@martlesham.org.uk or visit the website: <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk> and phone us on 01473 612207 and our very efficient secretary will pass on messages as soon as she is able to.

The next Board meeting which anyone can attend is on Monday 18th April at 7:30 in St Michael's Church Centre.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Charity number 273769

GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Golf Tournament is being organised by MCC for 6th May in order to raise funds not only for a Replacement Village Hall but also for the "East Anglian Air Ambulance" at Waldringfield Golf Club.

The entry fee is £120 for

teams of four which include 18 holes of golf, bacon roll and coffee in arrival, and a light lunch. There will be plenty of prizes to be won by teams and individuals There will also be a Grand Draw with lovely prizes, e.g., a short break in a Suffolk cottage (three nights), a day at Newmarket races, a trip on the River Orwell, plus many other lovely prizes.

Sponsors are invited to sponsor one of the holes and display their own advertising materials.

All those interested in taking part should contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 for further information.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Tree Planting

Would you like to plant a tree(s) for Mothering Sunday?

We will be planting trees near the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham at 2:30 pm on Saturday 2nd April.

Any volunteers welcome to come and help.

Further details please contact the secretary, details below.

The trees have been provided by the Royal Horticultural Society as part of the launch of 'in bloom' competitions across the country.

Our next event;

A talk by Lynn Allen of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Unit

Tuesday 10th May, 7:30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath

This event will also include our AGM and the launch of our summer garden competitions.

There will be more details nearer the time.

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 & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our February meeting was a 'hands on' when Mrs Deborah Cutts, a florist and teacher, gave us a step-by-step demonstration on how to create a valentine ring. Starting with the use of oasis, roses, tulips and candles

were added around the sides. Then came pieces of bark, moss and a variety of foliage making a delightful arrangement.

With inspired enthusiasm we then proceeded to create our own versions and with much encouragement and assistance from Deborah our own unique designs took shape. The results were pleasing and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

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 April 20th with a demonstration by Mrs Jacquie Aldous entitled "That's Entertainment". The competition is "Illustrate a Song Title". All are most welcome.

Margaret Doveston - 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Following our 'final' notes last month, it does appear that members may have an interest in some sort of re-union.

An informal buffet evening on a Wednesday evening at the Douglas Bader has been suggested in late May or early June.

Will those interested please get in touch with Jean on 01473 622280 who has kindly agreed to arrange things for us. The cost would be about £9 per person.

Please spread the word to other 'old' members who may not have seen this notice.

Thank you.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Operation Florian was the name given to a journey undertaken by our latest speaker, Mr Jonathan Cook. Along with three other fire-fighter colleagues, he drove one of four fire engines to Macedonia and we invited him to tell about his very eventful expedition. The journey took them through many countries including Germany, Austria, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Kosovo and Bulgaria. We were shown some

stunning slides of the route along with slides of the fire engines and crew. Jonathan amused us with his tales of the difficulties they had at petrol stations, with custom officials and the police. Despite all this and the cramped conditions inside the engine (adapted to give sleeping space as they travelled all day and night), they were able to deliver the engines after some 2064 hours on the road and with less than 4 hrs sleep each night. We could imagine the excitement of the villagers when the engines were handed over to them and the elation and relief from the crew. A press conference/ceremony, tour around the town, raccia (local drink) and then food/beer was the small reward for a wonderful achievement. A fascinating and heroic story which was enjoyed immensely.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room at 7:30 pm on 15th April when Ann Day will take us on an 'Armchair Walk of Ipswich'. New members and visitors are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Did you know that 2011 is the European year of volunteering? This is something that lots of Mothers' Union members are very good at! They are currently helping in prisons, hospitals, hospices, community halls, churches and a great number of other places. Charity shops are always pleased of offers of help, so if you feel you have a little time to spare, why not offer your services? Drivers are always needed to take people to and from hospital, dentists and surgeries, etc. Perhaps you have a neighbour or friend needing help with shopping or gardening...the list goes on and on. Whatever the need, I feel sure there is someone who could fill it! Whatever age we are, there is a need for the warmth of love to be shared.

Volunteering is not only needed but gives fulfilment to those

who invest time in those around us.

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on Wednesday 6th April at St Michael's Church Centre. Our guest speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Moore, who will be showing slides depicting Easter. Why not join us?

For further information contact Florence Fisher on 01473 631347.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

There is a special day coming up in April – Mother's Day. This year we have decided to hold a raffle with the prize being a pamper hamper containing lots of special treats for the mums. The raffle tickets will be £2 a strip and draw will be made on Friday 1st April.

For the Easter holidays we will be closed on Wednesday 13th April and we'll reopen on Wednesday 4th May.

We will be holding our AGM in the Martlesham Pavilion on Tuesday 17th May at 8 pm. The AGM is a crucial event in the life of the group. Not only do we need a full committee to be able to run the group, we also need plenty of members at the meeting to elect that committee. Without your attendance the group will sadly have to close, and we've come very close to it each time round over the past 3 years. Please spare us an hour (maximum) of your time to make sure that this valuable resource keeps going.

There are likely to be some vacancies on the committee for next year. Please speak to any member of the committee (our contact details are displayed on the board at sessions) or e-mail us (address below) if you're interested in joining the committee or would just like to find out a bit more. The committee members are usually the mums, but dads, grandparents, aunties and uncles can all get involved.

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

Our sponsored woodland trail on the last day of this term should be a huge success and great fun for everyone taking part. All children will receive a small egg for taking part! Thank you to their parents and friends for raising so much money – we shall have a total after the Easter holidays. This will enable us to buy some more toys and equipment for our outside area.

At the end of term we shall say a sad goodbye to a number of our children as they move on to nursery or school. We wish them and their families all the very best.

At the end of this term we shall also be saying goodbye to our longest serving member of staff. Julia has decided it's time to hang up her playschool clothes! On behalf of all the staff, children, parents and carers we wish Julia a very happy retirement and thank her for all she has done for the playschool.

This year our Fun Day takes place on Saturday July 2nd. The theme is kings and queens and we're hoping that our children will dress for the occasion! Make a note of the time – 12:30 to 4 pm. Come along for the BBQ and join in the fun and games. The Fun Day will have all the usual attractions – refreshments, tombola, raffle, stalls, bouncy castle, fun and games, entertainer, etc. Come along for an

enjoyable afternoon – the weather's going to be fantastic!

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 to join our waiting list, on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We currently take children from 2 ¼ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area. As mentioned, the summer term is full, but we would urge parents to get their children registered for future terms as soon as possible. Caroline Swale, Business Manager

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

With Easter fast approaching, we are pleased to offer places at our SAPLINGS HOLIDAY CLUB, which will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the holiday period from 9:15 am until 3:15 pm, or half day if preferred. These fun, relaxed sessions offer plenty of opportunities to play, enjoy crafts and make new friends and are available for children from pre-school age and others up to the end of Key Stage One. Places are limited and it is proving very popular so to book your child's place, please call Sarah Tait on 01473 614174.

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 the surrounding areas, as well as Kesgrave and they then leave us to go onto all the local schools including Birchwood, Gorseland, 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 Sarah Tait on 01473 614174 or e-mail admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

or visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 5th April from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served around 1 pm followed by a talk on Baby and Toddler First Aid. All mums with babies and toddlers welcome.

Our May meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd May when we will welcome Janet Bull, an IAIM Certified Infant Massage Instructor, to tell us about the benefits of Baby Massage.

For more details on the above meetings or for more information about Mums' Club please ring Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

KESGRAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We now have our timetables ready for the Easter holidays; these are available from Kesgrave Children's Centre or our groups. All our normal groups will have an Easter theme so please come and visit or telephone us for further information.

Come and join us on Wednesday 13th April for 'Family parachute and singing games' for 0-18 months at Martlesham Heath Pavilion, followed by a similar session for 18 months - 5 years and their families.

On Tuesday 19th April we will be making Easter chicks at the Children's Centre and on Wednesdays 20th and 27th April we have 'Library Time', when you are welcome to come and read with your family and borrow a book from our library.

Make a note in your diary for Thursday 28th April as we will be creating some Royal Crafts at Kesgrave Scout Hall. We would love the children to come dressed up, ready to make a crown fit for a prince or a princess. Or they could make a jewellery box or a special photo frame to help celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Just a reminder that even though the three centres are based in Rendlesham, Kesgrave and

Woodbridge, they are for all the families in between to join in too. We welcome mums, dads, grandparents and other carers at our sessions from Martlesham, Eyke, Orford and Otley and many more of the smaller villages in the area.

Your input is very important to us and we welcome your suggestions for new groups for future time-tables

If you have any questions please contact us at Kesgrave Children's Centre on 01473 636726 or our other Children's Centres: Caterpillar (Woodbridge) 01394 388276 and Rendlesham 01394 462191.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday March 4th and our monthly meeting was packed to listen and look at a meeting entitled, "Flying From My Mind".

David Cook is a local man with a lifelong passion for flying. He related how he first built a rigid wing glider to take part in the popular "Selsey Birdman Rally", a light hearted event to attempt to fly a distance of 50 yards from the lifeboat pier at Selsey Bill with a home-built glider. David failed to win the £3000 prize but came closest with a flight of 44 yards. He went on to design and build micro-lite powered hang gliders and personally flew across the English Channel in one. He has also established a microlite altitude record of 27000ft.

Several hundred have been built and are owned throughout the world. Due to disagreements with the Civil Aviation Authority production of these has ceased and David no longer holds his pilots licence. The title of David's illustrated talk was taken from his book, "Flying From My Mind."

A vote of thanks was given by our member, Ralph Rutherford, who is an ex-RAF Vampire pilot.

Our next meeting will be given by our member, Frank Bright who lives at Martlesham. The title is "Wrong Side of the Channel – life in German occupied Europe during WW2." This is a powerful personal story of tragedy, endurance and

eventual salvation and success. An evening certainly not to be missed.

Meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm with a tea break half way through. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door. Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The recent AGM held on the 7th March was well attended. The two retiring committee members were thanked for their work over the past years and two new members volunteered to take their place. In his report the chairman reviewed the progress made during the past year. He thanked the committee and the volunteers for their hard work during the year, and also thanked all our friends in the local community for their continued support. Business was concluded with a short presentation on the history of the group over the past 11 years, since its formation to prevent the woods being flattened for the Park & Ride car park.

The dates for the 2011 Nature Watch Club meetings are on the website now. We are continuing with the new club for 10+ years too, Nature Explorers, which had its first meeting in January, where preparation work was carried out to convert a WWII bunker into a wildlife habitat. Bookings and enquiries for these can be made by sending an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Sunday 17th April, 10 am - 12 noon

Nature Watch Club Saturday 23rd April, 10 am - 12 noon. Subject - Amphibians.

Nature Explorers Club Saturday 21st May, 9-11 am.

For details of the above and more information about PWCG and its activities, please access our website at

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

01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Our regular monthly work party will take place on Sunday April 10th on the heath, western corridor. We will be following up on the previous work party and Megabash event. Please come and join us, no tools or special expertise is needed. Meet out on the heath or outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am if you are not sure where to find us.

If you are interested in Birds we would particularly like to hear from you as we need help in conducting surveys of the Martlesham Heath SSSI. We are looking a few people who could walk a regular circuit of the heath on a few occasions making observations of the bird species present so that we build up a more detailed systematic picture of the birds that our heath supports and the effects of our management activities. We hope to build up a pool of people so that we can share expertise and the commitment for any one individual will be light.

If you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observations on local wildlife, please get in touch. We would especially like to hear from anyone who can help out with the wildlife surveys we intend to carry out as a contribution to the management plans for the heath SSSI.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST Woodbridge Group

On Thursday 21st April we have an illustrated talk with Patrick Barker on "Conservation in Action: How our Farm Won the Silver Lapwing" at 7:15 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. The Silver Lapwing is a national award presented by FWAG to the farm that is judged to have done the most to encourage conservation and has demonstrated a track record of environmental best practice. Please come and join us for a great evening. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member. Admission is £2 as usual.

We will have a very short AGM at the start of the meeting.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

CELEBRATION AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

At Speak Easy at Martlesham we love to celebrate members' achievements because we think that it's important to recognise people's progress. Earlier this year we held our Annual Celebration Dinner with our Awards Ceremony. Thirty members and guests met at The Admirals Head in Little Bealings to enjoy an excellent meal and congenial company; it was great to see many new members attending as well.

The Awards Ceremony was opened by Dave Nightingale recounting an amusing story about snowdrops. Mike Watts (President) chaired the evening and Teresa Dukes (District 71 President) presented the awards.

Members who received educational awards during the year were recognised and the special awards were presented by Teresa: Toastmaster's Promise Award – Dave Nightingale, President's Award – Brian Faulkner and Member's Member Award – Peter Brown. Congratulations to everyone.

Speak Easy always welcomes new members or even people who just want to see what we do! We meet alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind the Tesco superstore) and guests are always welcome. Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm.

Future Speakeasy at Martlesham 2011 meetings:

April 14th and 28th

May 12th and 26th

Further details can be found at www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk or call Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AND KESGRAVE COUNTRY MARKETS

Martlesham Heath Country Market welcomes all to their weekly market

held on a Tuesday between 9 am and 10:15 am at The Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath. Meet your friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

Contact for further details Margaret Gayfer on 01473 623849.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We held our triples competition on Sunday afternoon, 27th February, the winners being George, Margaret and Lynn and runners-up, Vic, Oscar and Maggie.

At the present time we have slipped slightly in the league, now in second place to Old Felixstowe, the recent results being a win of 8:2 in one game and a draw of 5:5, with two losses of 8:2. However we still have three games to play as against Old Felixstowe having only one. Hopefully we might change this position.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Brian Davey - 01473 624789

Linda Brown - 01394 384698

George Gould - 01473 636155

I must thank all those members who work hard throughout the winter so that the Green is ready for us all to play come the summer and to all those who help with the spring cleaning so that everything is ready for the off come 16th April. Many thanks especially to Brian Davey our Chairman and Head Groundsman for all his hard work.

Good luck to all those members who have entered County competitions. With us having Peter Gorham as County President this year it would be lovely if some of our members could reach the County Finals.

Our Open Tournaments, of which there are 2 weekend tournaments and 6 Wednesday Pairs tournaments, are always very popular. If you play bowls but have never visited our club, why not enter one of our Open Tournaments and get to see what our club is like?

Our Wednesday Pairs Tournaments are played once a

month and although these are full we always welcome anyone wishing to play in these and do our utmost to include new bowlers into as many of these tournaments as possible.

Our two weekend tournaments are being played on the following dates this year:

*Sheila McIntyre Rose Bowl - 3 bowl Pairs – Saturday 18th June

*Cyril Marsh Memorial Shield - 3 bowl Pairs – Sunday 7th August

If you would like to take part in the above tournaments please contact Linda Brown on the above telephone number.

If you are interested in taking up the game of bowls please contact one of the above members who would be only too pleased to help introduce you to the club and to the game of bowls.

Linda Brown, Secretary

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Assessing the Priorities"

Most people are needing to 'tighten their belts' nowadays and have to be more careful about buying food or using their cars.

Shorter holidays are considered, putting off major purchases, or making clothes last longer. All this in the cause of reducing expenditure, in order to live within one's means. My wife is constantly looking for bargains, and we try to use our bicycles more often. Jesus (during His temptation in the wilderness), lifted this subject of priorities to a higher plane. He took a more 'whole life' view. He put it very simply, saying, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God!" I am sure you can paraphrase this yourself, and apply it to your own situation. For me it means that, over and above the basic physical needs of everyday life, I need to enjoy a spiritual element, which comes from a relationship with God.

Many of us ignore this completely, and shut our minds to the concept. It should, in fact, be a 'top priority' with us, in order that we might become the balanced, rounded people we were designed

to be, i.e. images of what God is in Himself. Why not begin to make space for this dimension in the days ahead? Easter is a good time to start, with that stark Cross, and that powerful Resurrection!

ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

SUNDAYS - Worship teaching and Communion, 10 am

TUESDAY CIRCLE - 12th April, A Musical Matinee

WEDNESDAYS - House Groups, 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS - Mums and Toddlers, 10 am

FRIDAYS - Friends on Friday, 10 am
GOOD FRIDAY 22nd April - a service to think about the first 'Good Friday' at 11 am. Please feel free to join us.

For further information ring John Mellen (01473 624401).

SUMMER 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. Last term we learnt about Creation, making a rocket to discover about the stars and planets, grew cress to represent the new world and made animal finger puppets. At our final session in March, we made an Easter Garden. Although we have no sessions in April, please come along to St Mary's and join in with the Junior Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt, see the Parish notes for further details. The half hour Bright Stars sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Why not come and visit us in 2011?

The dates for our Summer 2011 sessions are:

May 9th, May 23rd, June 13th, June 27th, July 11th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon on 01473 622160 or Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

SERVICES FOR APRIL

***Sundays 3rd and 17th (Palm Sunday) - Holy Communion, 8 am**

***Sunday 10th - NO SERVICE,**

***Good Friday 7 pm**

***Easter Day - Holy Communion, 8 am, Evensong 6:30 pm**

***Sunday 1st May - Holy Communion, 8 am**

Still smarting from having to cancel our Christmas Coffee Morning due to bad weather, we are planning to pick up the threads again and hold **The Late Coffee Morning at the Church Hall on Saturday 9th April starting early at 10 am running through till noon.** All the usual fayre with cakes, cards, craft, coffee and company. Please do try to join us - I still can't believe it when people tell me they have not been to Brightwell Church Hall!! This is an excellent opportunity to put that right.

Meanwhile, the men continue to be regular, meeting at the Hall twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday (April 14th and 28th). We are developing our own style of fellowship with items for activity being introduced by various members. We would welcome more members and you will be assured of a time of relaxation with no pressure, no targets but just enjoying being together. We are considering looking outside of the shed for the next meeting!

How good it was that Diana Haycock felt well and was able to play for our Ash Wednesday Service, she had lost none of her old panache.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
brightwellchurch@btinternet.com
www.achurchnearyou.com

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU....

St. Mary's Parish Church, Woodbridge, will be 'AT HOME' on **Easter Monday, 25th April**, between 10:30 and 4:30. Come and see the fabulous flowers of Easter, glorious stained glass windows, wonderful wood, amazing architecture, the newly acquired Rupert Corbould painting, the Woodbridge Millenium frieze and much, much more.

Entry is free and refreshments will be served all day - morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon tea. Aspects of church work and life will be on display and it would be lovely to see you.

Forget traffic jams and bank holiday crowds and stay local. Well worth a visit.

ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

Holy week and Easter

Hot cross buns and Easter eggs - they have all been on sale in the shops for ages, but it's only this month that their meaning becomes clear.

Hot cross buns remind us of Good Friday and Jesus' death - on a cross.

Eggs bring *new life*, and Easter eggs remind us of the New Life that began on the first Easter Day, when Jesus rose from the dead.

Our Church services later this month focus on these great events. On Palm Sunday, we recall Jesus riding into Jerusalem, and the people welcoming Him with palm branches - symbols of a King.

Jesus was not deceived - He knew the crowd would be fickle, so He prepared to face death. He met with His disciples for a final meal, which we remember on Maundy Thursday. That night He was arrested, and when the crowd gathered again, their shouts demanded His death. Pontius Pilate, administrator of justice, gave in and sentenced Him to crucifixion.

He and the religious leaders of the day thought that would be the end of Jesus. On Easter Day we see just how wrong they were.

Come and celebrate on Easter Day, but better still - come to all the services of Holy Week, and share the build-up to that greatest day of all.

Please see the list of services in local magazines, on the Church noticeboards and in the Weekly Newsheet.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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 ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Martlesham 01473 623868
 Marion Davies, 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 3rd April Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm United Lent Evensong at St Mary's Newbourne	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 10th April Passion Sunday	6:30pm Evensong 6:30pm United Lent Evensong at All Saint's Hemley	11am Family Worship	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 17th April Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm United Lent Evensong at St Michael's	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9:45am All Age Worship
Thursday 21st April (Maundy Thursday)		7pm Holy Communion	
Friday 22nd April Good Friday	6:30pm Good Friday Service	10:30am Good Friday Service	2pm 'An Hour at the Cross'
Saturday 23rd April			8pm Service of Light
Sunday 24th April Easter Day	8am Holy Communion Evensong	11am Holy Communion	9:45am Worship and Holy Communion
Sunday 1st May 2nd Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's.
 Bright Stars are not meeting in April.
A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.

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

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| 5 pray for the children in all our local schools | 24 Give thanks to God for his gift of a saviour |
| 6 the residents of Carol Avenue | 25 Pray for good weather on this holiday Monday |
| 7 pray for all teachers and teaching assistants | 26 Pray for all grandparents |
| 8 pray for Christians across the world | 27 Residents of Church Lane |
| 9 pray for all persecuted Christians | 28 Pray for all volunteer workers |
| 10 pray for wisdom and grace | 29 Pray for all staff in our hospitals |
| 11 pray for our continued faith journey during Easter | 30 Pray for everyone enjoying the weekend away from work |
| 12 pray for Diocesan Bishops Nigel and Clive | MAY 1 Pray for all who work on bank holidays |
| 13 residents of Chandos Court | 2 Thank God for his mercy |
| 14 pray for all couples preparing for Christian marriage | 3 Thank God for plentiful food |
| 15 pray for all working in the catering and hotel trade | 4 Residents of Clayton Court |
| 16 give thanks for God's gift of flowers, plants and trees | |
| 17 pray for Christian unity | |
| 18 give thanks for friends and family | |
| 19 pray for all the sick and suffering | |
| 20 residents of Chandos drive | |
| 21 pray for ourselves on this Maundy Thursday | |
| 22 pray for all those grieving at this time | |
| 23 pray for all living in England on this St George's day | |