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Martlesham Monthly Editors

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY MAMMALS

February:- Fallow Deer (Dama dama). Introduced into the UK by the Normans, and have been an animal that has been hunted ever since. In the wild fallow deer can live to 12-14 years, the male is called a buck, female a doe and the young a fawn. A group of fallow deer is called a herd and are sociable animals - the does stay together as a herd with the young. Males come together in October and November to rut, then the winners of the ruts go and mate with the herd of does. During January and February, fights occur among the remaining males and these small scuffles give the younger bucks experience for the rut. A doe usually has a single fawn which stays with the herd for at least 18 months, at which point the males will leave the herd. In Martlesham fallow deer travel from the Foxhall woodlands across the western corridor to the Kesgrave Hall woodland area. This doesn't happen often but can be seen very early morning or during the night.

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

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2011/2012 Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)

The Parish Council has agreed a precept of £99,900, against a budget of £91,646 for the financial year 2011/2012. This holds the precept at the same level as 2010/11 in line with government recommendations and represents a small reduction in our council tax element. It also helps to rebuild the general reserves, which the Council has reduced in recent years in order to keep the precept lower.

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

Martlesham PC considered this document at length and has prepared a robust response. Whilst the Council acknowledges that the LDF is generally sound it rejects totally the key element of a single allocation of 2,000 new homes adjacent to Adastral Park. The rationale for developing this site is challenged under the following headings: Job Growth at Martlesham, Spatial Issues, Felixstowe and Ipswich Job Growth, Infrastructure, and Soundness. Our full response can be seen on our website (see below) or via the Clerk.

SCDC has set the following

timetable for approval of the Core Strategy:

- *Community Customers & Partners Committee - Monday 17th January
- *Cabinet - Thursday 17th February
- *Council - Wednesday 9th March

All the above will be held at Trinity Park Conference and Events Centre, at 9:30 am. These meetings are open to the public but they may not speak. For further information please refer to the SCDC website: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Even if SCDC approves the Strategy, the fight is not yet over as it will still be subject to scrutiny by an independent Public Inspector.

Jubilee Plays pace, off Carol Avenue, Martlesham

This land was bought many years ago by the Council to use as an amenity for the village. In the coming months we will be putting up a fence to mark the southern boundary and to help with the problems we are having with rabbits. On Tuesday 15th February a working party will be tidying up some of the site and volunteers will be warmly welcomed, tools provided! Please meet at 10 am at the playspace.

Parish Council Elections in 2011

"Why doesn't the council do something about it?" Do you ever say this? If so, have you ever thought of standing for election to your local parish council? It's a great opportunity to get involved in making real decisions affecting your local community.

Start thinking about it now as nomination papers will be issued from March. See our Chairman's article 'Your Parish Council Needs You' and do give some serious thought to joining our team.

Forthcoming meetings

- *Parish Council – Wednesday 2nd February
- *Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 9th February
- *Parish Council – 2nd March
- *Recreation & Amenities Committee – 9th March

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.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Over the past few months articles explaining the role of the Parish Council have been published and hopefully you have found them informative. These have heralded Parish Council elections in May, an event which takes place every four years. Registration for election is in March. The Parish Clerk on 01473 612632 will provide information or nomination forms. Our website, www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk, will provide further information.

The Parish Council has been extremely busy over the past year with input to the ongoing saga of the Suffolk Coastal District Council Local Development Framework, financial management of the £99,900 income from the Council Tax precept (parish council element of the Council Tax), input to many planning applications (we can only advise here, the decisions are taken by the SCDC), and recreation and amenity issues such as the development of our play spaces and maintenance of our grassed areas.

Current parish councillors represent many walks of life whose work experience and knowledge of the Parish is invaluable in advising others and ensuring that the interests of the Parish are taken into account. I can say that our Council is some distance away from the Council which was represented in that wonderful programme the Vicar of Dibley! In fact there is keen, non-political debate of a good quality; subjects discussed and decided upon are both diverse and

interesting. We need input from both young and old, irrespective of gender, employment status or race.

In our view, under the new banner of 'localism', the role of the Parish Council will become all the more important. A key project next year will be the compilation of a new Parish Plan which will set the scene for future decision making. Similarly the LDF will be finalised and the Parish Council will need to influence any action plan that is put in place.

So, can you give one or two evenings a month to support your fellow parishioners? The full Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month. You are most welcome to attend and get some idea of how the meeting runs. More particularly we encourage you to stand for election to Martlesham Parish Council.

Colin Moore, Chairman of Martlesham Parish Council

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

LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING THE LDF (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK)

The following meetings have been arranged to consider the reviewed Core Strategy.

*Community Customers and Partners Scrutiny Committee - 17th January at 9:30 am

*Cabinet - Thursday 17th February
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***Full Council – Wednesday 9th March at 9:30 am**

All of the above meetings are to be held at the Trinity Park Conference Centre at the Suffolk Show Ground.

I was a little surprised to discover that the date set for the meeting to scrutinise this document was the 17th January that is six days before the closing date of the consultation exercise. I have since discovered that the remit for discussion at this scrutiny committee is very limited. Both of the above points I consider to be very disappointing to say the least.

Please note all of the above meetings are open for members of the public to attend. Please do so if you are able to.

BLOOR HOMES PLANNING APPLICATION - PIPES FIELD AND MILL FARM

I still have nothing further to report on this application and at the time of writing this report no date has yet been set for it to be considered by Suffolk Coastal Development Control Committee.

PROPOSED MOILE PHONE BASE - EAGLE WAY /DEMESNE GARDENS

Since my last report I have checked the planning requirements for this development. It would seem that as the pole will be under 15 metres high it will be classed as permitted development so official planning permission is not required unless the area is considered to be protected, e.g., an area of outstanding natural beauty (ANOB) or site of special scientific interest (SSSI). I have however written to the agent involved objecting to their proposed location and requesting them to consider a more appropriate location such as the nearby industrial estate or to consider sharing the Police H.Q. radio mast which I believe is already used by Orange. I have recently received an e-mail from the agent saying that they are in the very early stages of discussions with the landowner to consider another location. This location is still to be surveyed to consider its suitability.

If any residents wish to discuss any of the above matters, please e-mail me at john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by

telephone after 6 pm on 01473 626308.

John Kelso, District Councillor, Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Local Bus Services: In 2010 SCDC were obliged to hand over the administration of the free bus pass scheme to Suffolk County Council. We are now faced with what I understand is a fixed charge of £1.50 per return journey whenever the pass is used. This will start on April 1st and the bus pass will not be useable before 9:30 am. Clearly a sign of the times!

I am also hopeful that there may be some easing of the decision to stop the 172/173 service from traveling around Eagle Way. However the service will be reduced as I said in my previous article due to uneconomic use. The petitions to sign are located in Duncan's in the Square and at the Black Tiles Post office.

Elections: 2011 is an election year for Parish and District Councillors and this time there is an extra poll on the 'Alternative Vote' system (AV). It is however the responsibility of every resident to ensure that they are registered to vote with the district council. The election is scheduled for the 5th May. If you wish to use a postal vote then please be aware that the closing time and date for sending in a postal vote is 5 pm on Thursday 14th April. All candidates must hand their nominations in to the Returning Officer and be accepted by 12 noon on Monday 4th April. The election is most likely to be called on Friday 25th March.

On a personal note: I have been happy to serve as one of your district councillors for the last four years and have made many new acquaintances. I believe that with help I have been able to resolve some problems. The LDF has and still is a demanding feature but I will continue to work in the interest of Martlesham which has been my family's home for over 40 years. As usual if you would like to discuss any local issue with me I can

reached at any time on 01473 613360 or alternatively come and join me in a friendly 'cuppa' at St Michael's Church Hall from 10 am to 12 noon on Monday 7th March.

NO NEW TOWN AT BT MARTLESHAM

Residents turn out in force

Local residents turned out in force to hear how the campaign was progressing in the battle to prevent the development of a huge housing estate on the BT site at Martlesham Heath. Much of the site is currently Greenfield agricultural land and the boundary lies within metres of the AONB which includes the internationally protected Deben Estuary.

A total of around 250 people attended the meetings organised by No Adastral New Town (NANT) in Waldringfield and Martlesham Heath earlier this month. Supporters were given an update of the group's activities including the hand over of the petition containing 3898 signatures against the development.

Within its revised planning framework, Suffolk Coastal District Council is proposing an allocation of 2000 houses at this site. This represents a little under a third of all new housing for the entire Suffolk Coastal district. This allocation dovetails precisely with BT's current planning application to build 2000 houses and tower blocks. Of the councils in this region, Suffolk Coastal is the only one to allocate housing development to a specific site within the Local Development Framework. The allocation of housing numbers identified on this site was increased by Suffolk Coastal from 1050 to 2000. This change appears to coincided with the timing of the BT application for 2000 houses.

NANT is now being advised by a firm of Planning Consultants as well as a firm of Environment and Public Law solicitors who specialise in acting on behalf of community groups. These specialists have helped with the response to the LDF as well as preparing the case, should it be necessary, to go to judicial review. The consultation period ended on 23rd January and the

council is going through the process of considering the response from the public and consultees. NANT feel that many issues still remain within the revised LDF and are preparing for the next stage in the battle.

There will be a SCDC Cabinet meeting to discuss the LDF on Thursday 17th February at the Trinity Park in the Suffolk Showground and a Full Council meeting on Wednesday 9th March at 9:30 am at Trinity Park. Both meetings are open to the public and although members of the public are not allowed to speak the meetings still offer a good opportunity for the public to show its opinion of what is being proposed.

In the meantime NANT recommends that people who do not wish a new town to be built at BT Martlesham should continue to contact councillors from across the district to ensure that councillors are made aware of the level of public disquiet on the matter.

Names and contact details of councillors are available on the Suffolk Coastal website or you can visit the NANT website at www.noadastralnewtown.com for more information.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity 273769

Our next Fundraising event is a "JUMBLE, PLANT AND BOOK SALE" on Saturday 19th February from 10 am – 12 noon in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. Admission 30p. If anyone has any bric-a-brac, jumble, etc., but not electrical items, newspapers or magazines. Please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 who will arrange collection.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - see separate entry.

We are also hoping to organise a fashion show at Wyevale plus other events such as "A Book Fair", jumbles sales, table top sale, dog show, etc.

If anyone has any queries please contact Jackie Bear on the above number.

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MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

M.C.C. is a registered Charity under the Charities Act 1960

**In aid of a new
Martlesham Village Hall and
East Anglian Air Ambulance**

**Friday 6th May at
Waldringfield Golf Club**

Teams of four (full club handicaps).
Best of 3 of 4 Stableford scoring on
each hole.

Nearest the pin.

Longest drive.

£120 per team (includes coffee and
bacon roll and light lunch).

For more information and entry
forms contact:

**Aly Andrews 01473 610755
or Jackie Bear 01473 623007**

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next events:-

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 19th February
10 am to noon

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath
(jointly with Martlesham Community
Council)

Your Recycled Waste, where does it go?

Tuesday 15th March, 7:30 pm
in St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

The guest speaker will be Daniel
Wareing, Waste Management
Officer at Suffolk Coastal Services.

All welcome to come and hear what
happens to your recycled waste
and a chance to ask questions.

Light refreshments and raffle.

Admission free.

There will be more information
about the above event in the March
issue and on parish notice boards.

Looking forward to later in
the spring, on Tuesday 10th May
we will be holding a talk of local
interest; this evening event will also

include our AGM and will be held in
St Michael's Church Centre, Mart-
lesham Heath at 7:30 pm. There will
be more details nearer the time.

Anglia in Bloom

We will be entering Mart-
lesham in the Anglia in Bloom 2011
competition.

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 HEATH W.I.

After a very successful Christmas
meeting, incorporating a meal at
the Cherry Tree in Woodbridge,
almost a full membership turned out
on a wet and windy January eve-
ning to hear a talk by David Brown
entitled 'Travels with a Camcorder'.
We were transported on a river
cruise from St Petersburg to Moscow
in the summer of 2010. David's ex-
cellent filming was accompanied by
his voice-over and appropriate inci-
dental music. A lovely sunny journey
to lift our spirits and much appreci-
ated by everyone.

Members were reminded of
the Federation Annual Meeting at
Trinity Park in March when the main
speaker will be Alan Dedicoat, the
BBC radio and television announcer.

Next month our speaker will
be Barbara Rose talking about her
work as manager of the Citizens
Advice Bureau in Felixstowe.

Any lady is welcome to join
us on the second Monday of the
month, at 7:30 pm, in the Pavilion.
Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

'Life on the wicked stage' was the
subject of Mrs Kimber's recent talk
which was both funny and entertain-
ing. Starting her stage career at the
age of 6 she went on to gain quali-
fications enabling her to teach mu-
sic. She auditioned for Vic Oliver,
became a solo artist and sang in a
group called Crackpots. Mrs Kimber
continued singing with an operatic
society and in 1964 made her first
solo broadcast by appearing on TV
in Opportunity Knocks. Over the
years she gained a great deal of
experience and has appeared in

Hello Dolly, The Good Old Days and Me and My Girl. She was great fun and armed with a tiara and wand entertained us with a rendition of 'Nobody Loves a Fairy When They're 40'. These days she is conductor of a Norfolk ladies choir and writes musicals with her son but she still has many happy stories to tell.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room on 18th February. 'Macedonia or Bust' is the title of a talk by Mr Jonathan Cook. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.

Pauline Fisher

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Martlesham Ladies Club have resumed their fortnightly meetings at the Richards Room Felixstowe Road Martlesham at 7:30 pm on alternate Thursday evenings. On the 10th February there will be their very popular bring and buy and on the 24th Peter Bonham will talk on 'Old Sayings and Origins'. New members are always welcome. For further information phone Doreen Boor on 01473 622768

CALLING ALL MUMS...

Martlesham Mums Club held a successful Open Meeting in January when around 30 members and visitors heard a talk on 'Meningitis – The Facts' by Steve Dayman, Chief Executive of Meningitis UK.

Steve told us how his life changed 28 years ago on the death of his 14 month-old son. He has since devoted his life to learning as much as he can about the disease and has been involved in helping to raise enormous amounts of money to enable research to find vaccines to eradicate it. He also gave much information about symptoms of the disease and answered questions from those attending.

The next Mums' Club meeting will revert back to its normal format. It will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 1st February from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served at 1 pm followed by a talk

on 'Pre-School Education' by Sarah Tait of St Michael's Pre-School.

Looking ahead – in March we will mark the 11th anniversary of the formation of the Mums' Club with a Birthday Party on Tuesday 1st March. Same time and place.

All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us for both these meetings.

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

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

On Wednesday 2nd February the Mothers' Union will be holding their annual "Overseas" lunch at St Michael's Church Centre. The event starts at 12:30 pm and consists of soup, sandwiches and dessert for £4.50. All the money raised that day is used for projects overseas. Teaching women in the third world to read and write is one such project, also parenting classes, marriage preparation classes and creating cottage industries to help those in need become self-sufficient. Money is also used in times of emergencies, flood, famine and crop failure.

Why not come and support our efforts? You would be made very welcome.

The lunch will be followed by a presentation of slides of Japan taken by Miss Ann Berg.

For more information about Mothers' Union telephone the new branch leader:- Mrs Florence Fisher, 01473 631347.

**WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY
MOTHERS' UNION
Overseas Lunch £4.50
12:30 pm at
St Michael's church Centre.
All proceeds to go to MU
projects overseas.**

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

From everybody at Martlesham toddler group, we would like to wish you all a happy new year. If you fancy a change in 2011, then why not get involved with the

toddler group committee? We're always on the lookout for parents who can devote a little spare time to ensure that the toddler group remains a successful part of the local community, as it has done for the last quarter of a century! Please speak to one of the session leaders if you're interested.

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

We had a wonderful Christmas party on the last day of term in December. The children took part in our little concert, which parents and carers thoroughly enjoyed. Father Christmas also made a visit and the children took home a present. Then followed lots of party games and party food. Thanks to all our parents for taking part in the hamper raffle and various other fundraising events.

We are now part way through the spring term and hope that our 10 new children and their families are settling down and enjoying the fun and activities we have to offer.

Having been in our new home since the beginning of November, we have all settled in to our new

surroundings. Our garden area should, by now, be finished and the children will have more space to run around in, although we also make good use of our surrounding area. Just before Christmas our new storage unit arrived and lots more of our lovely toys have a place to live in! The final two or three outstanding jobs are to be finalised and should also be done by now!

Our website is currently being updated but you can still click on to:- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk and you can find out all about us and download our prospectus and registration form. Alternatively, you can contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We do have a waiting list, and are full this term (and will be full next term) so we advise that you complete a registration form at the earliest opportunity. We currently take children from 2 ¼ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area.

Caroline Swale, Business Manager

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL **Martlesham Heath**

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk
Watch this space for more info on our new Holiday Club starting this year. Also in March we have a pub quiz for the parents, and news of our Easter Craft Fayre.

Book babysitters now: 20th March for the Pub Quiz at the Douglas Bader, Martlesham Heath to help raise funds for the pre-school.

Do you shop online? Visit our website 'Notice board' to see how you can help raise funds by shopping at your favourite websites including Amazon, Play.com, Expedia, George, JJB and many more at no extra cost to you but still helping the pre-school.

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 Sarah Tait on 01473 614174 or e-mail

admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk, or visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk.

Louise Peck

KESGRAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

It's February 2011 already and we would like to welcome all families and families-to-be in the area to our Children's Centre.

We have a brand new timetable with something we hope to interest everyone with a young family.

Wednesdays: Our very popular Baby Rhyme Time (0 - 18 months) and Monkey Music (18 months - 5 years) are back during term time at Martlesham Heath Pavilion. These are designed to give you and your babies/children the chance to experience songs and actions, music and movement.

We also have a Young Parents Group (for parents up to 19 years) on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Kesgrave Children's Centre.

Thursdays: Our staff attends the Child Health Clinic for Treasure Basket play at St Michaels Church, Martlesham Heath the first Thursday of the month and Kesgrave Library on the third Thursday of the month.

Bosom Buddies, our support group for breastfeeding mums, is now on every Thursday afternoon at Kesgrave Children's Centre.

We have an exciting new group called Movement Matters for children aged 12 - 36 months starting every fortnight from 20th January at The Scout Hall, Kesgrave.

Fridays: Tea, Toast and Toys

is back so come and have a chat while your children have a healthy breakfast and play with the toys. We are again at a new venue, The Kesgrave Community Centre.

We have two Infant Massage courses, one in Kesgrave and one in Martlesham and we will be restarting our Post Natal courses soon, please drop-in or call us to book. We are open everyday Monday to Friday so come and visit us, pick up a timetable, chat to our staff - we are always happy to listen and help.

Kesgrave Children's Centre contact number is 01473 636726. Also in the area, Woodbridge (Caterpillar) 01394 388276 and Rendlesham 01394 462191.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

The scouts, cubs and beavers are all back after the Christmas break and looking forward to another year of activities.

The group would like to thank all the businesses who contributed prizes for the Christmas raffle, this includes:

Fraser Hann, S&I Beauty and Tanning, Admiral's Fish Bar, Chris Ling, Black Tiles, Douglas Bader, Duncan's Butchers and Bakery, Beacon Rally Karts, Regent Theatre, Wolsey Theatre, Spa Pavilion, Colchester Zoo, Kingpin, Tesco, Martlesham Leisure, Black Tiles Lane Post Office Stores and Easton Farm Park.

Also, many thanks to Martlesham Monthly for sponsoring the printing of the tickets. We raised £146 for the Scout group.

For all enquiries regarding joining the group, becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ, please contact Sarah Cooke on 01394 387858.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our first monthly meeting of 2011 featured an illustrated talk by one of our own members. Jim Empson owned Anglia Cameras in Ipswich for many years and has had a lifelong interest in flying.

Jim joined the RAF after leaving school and was fortunate to be posted to a Photographic Reconnaissance Unit where they had Spit-

fires and Mosquitos fitted with aerial cameras.

He was County co-ordinator for the National Popular Flying Association and was well known at Ipswich Flying club at the old Nacton airfield. Jim has owned five aircraft at different times, but one of his favourites was a vintage Piper Cub which he chose to paint in USAAF livery.

A good crowd was present and with his photographic background, it was no wonder that he had many slides and an interesting tale to tell.

A vote of thanks was given in typical humorous style by our President, Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be as usual, on the first Friday of the month at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road. Mr Ron Brewer will give a talk about his experiences as a National Service airman in the 1950's. I am sure it will be another fascinating evening.

Meetings commence at 7:30 pm with a coffee break half way through. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

Once again we had a most successful Christmas carolling season. We raised over £2000 and we are donating the sum of £752.76 to each of the three local charities we supported this year! Thank you to all the players who shivered outside the supermarkets, to all the collectors who braved the cold, and to all the generous people who smiled as they dropped coins (and notes!) into our buckets.

You are invited to the Martlesham Brass Quiz Night on Saturday 5th February, 7pm at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. 'Nibbles' will be provided, bring your own drinks (alcohol permitted). Teams of no more than 6 people - £2 per ticket (under 11's free), tickets from 07802 868924. All proceeds from the evening go towards the band's tour to Watchet, Somerset in April.

Make sure you put Saturday

26th February in your diaries - our main band is presenting 'Our President' - a concert of music chosen by Bill Bell who is our inspirational band president. Bill is 97 and has chosen a varied and exciting mixture of pieces to illustrate his lifelong love of music. Tickets are £2.50 (children 11 and under free) from either 07802 868924 or online from www.martleshambrass.co.uk. The concert is at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath and starts at 7 pm.

We shall be holding our AGM on Friday 4th March at 7:30 pm also at St Michael's - everyone is invited to come along and find out what the bandleaders have planned for 2011!

Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

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PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Thank you to all those who helped with our Christmas workday; we did some clearing and then ate the refreshments supplied for the merriment! A special mention to David and Andrew for making the Christmas cake, thanks guys, very yummy.

I would also like to mention the AGM on the 7th March, this will take place at the Martlesham Parish Council Office, Martlesham (road behind Tesco), starting at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to make a nomination for the committee, or indeed you would like to nominate yourself, then please contact us via the details below.

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 4 successful meetings in 2010. Booking and enquiries for these can be made by sending an e-mail to naturewatch.pwgc@martlesham.org.uk.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Sunday 20th February, 10 am - 12 noon

Nature Watch Meeting 2011 dates are now on the website.

Nature Explorers Club Saturday 19th March, 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 pwgc@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

FEBRUARY AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

How are your new year's resolutions going? If keeping your mind fit featured on your list and you haven't visited Speak Easy at Martlesham yet then why not come along as a guest to a meeting this month? The club aims to provide an opportunity for members to improve their ability and confidence to speak in public. So, whether, for example, you would like to increase your confidence talking in small groups, decrease your nerves giving presentations at work or enjoy public speaking and would like to improve your skills, Speak Easy aims to support and encourage you as you progress, within a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club meets on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham. Guests are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings. There is no pressure to speak and you will be made very welcome.

Future Speakeasy at Martlesham 2011 meetings:

(February 3rd Annual Dinner at The Admiral's Head, Little Bealings)

February 17th

March 3rd, 17th and 31st

Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm start at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco).

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

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our final game of 2010 was against Tith Barn where we had an 8-2 win. At the present time we still remain top of the league and are hoping this situation will continue, especially since we have several away matches early in the year.

Our Club competitions are now in full flow: the men's singles having been won by Bob with Ken as runner-up, and the lady's final is still to be played between Judith and Lynn. Arrangements have now been made to play the early rounds to the finals stage on Sunday afternoons for the pairs, triples and fours. These are pairs on 23rd January, triples on 27th February and fours on 27th March. Good luck to all competitors and we hope you will all be in 'good form'.

Maureen Banthorp

TABLE TENNIS

Martlesham residents are invited to try their hand at table tennis. The club runs term time every Friday from 7 pm to 9 pm, excluding 25th February. In operation since September 2007, the club was started to give people the chance to play table tennis on the east side of Ipswich. Beginners to league players are welcome and 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 at the Kesgrave Sports Hall. Pay and play at £3 per two hour session. A limited number of junior coaching places may be available. For further information please ring 01473 610177.

LOST IN THE SNOW

During the first period of snow in November I lost an ice gripper from my boot somewhere in the woods or on the green at Martlesham Heath. It has two small metal plates joined with a rubber surround. If you found it please contact me on 01473 625202. Thank you.

Sheila O'Brien

OBITUARY - LT COL. ELMER ALEX KOVACS, USAF RETD

Alex, a World War 11 P-47 fighter pilot of the greatest generation, passed away on Thursday, January 28th 2010 in Baron Rouge. He was a native of Fontana, California. He is survived by his wife, Lora Lormand-Kovacs, and a large family.

The parents of Alex were originally from Hungary. Alex Kovacs was a friend of Martlesham Heath Aviation Society and was known to many members. He came over to see us a couple of times in the 90's. It was known that a Book of Remembrance existed that recorded all the names of the Americans who had died whilst serving at Martlesham Heath. The Book had been assembled by Captain Hervey, who, with his wife, ran a small field hospital in Little Bealings for injured airmen. It was sent back to the US at the end of the war and one of our ex-members, Paul Firman MBE, who lives here at Martlesham Heath, was determined to attempt to trace the book. Paul, with the help of the American Embassy, found the Book of Remembrance in a small museum in Alabama. Following a talk by Paul about his quest to find the book, Alex Kovacs drove from his home to the museum. He told the curator about the importance of Martlesham Heath to the 356th Fighter Group and they agreed that it should be returned and placed in its rightful place here in the Church of St Michael's and All Angels, where it was always intended that it should be. Paul Firman had prepared a copy of the book but thankfully, due to the efforts of

Paul and Alex Kovacs, we now have the original book. It resides for all time underneath the stained glass windows in the Church here on the Heath and is available to be inspected by all.

Alan Powell, MHAS

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

The Ipswich & District Support Group of the NOS has arranged an event at the University Campus Suffolk, The Water Front, Neptune Quay, Ipswich on **Friday 18th February at 1:30 pm**. 'Walking our way to Better Bones, Osteocytes and Exercise' is the title of the event and focuses on looking at different aspects of exercise. Three speakers have been invited so we would ask that members and anyone else interested in keeping their bones healthy should please try to attend the afternoon. Parking is available in the car park at the bottom of Back Hamlet in the visitors section. For further information please contact Diana Thomas on 01394 277337 or Jean Nunn on 01473 625246.

There will also be a Quiz Evening & Supper at the Woodbridge Football Club, Fynn Road, Woodbridge at 7:30 pm on **Friday 25th February**. Tickets can be purchased from Barbara Branch on 01473 631673. Do come along, have some fun and support us.

Woman's World Day of Prayer Service

Prepared by the

Christian Women of Chile at St. Michael's and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath on March 4th at 10:30 am
Speaker: Rev Janice Leaver.

Theme: "How many loaves have you?"

All welcome - men women and young people.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"The 'Fish' in the Floor!"

If you have ever been to our Centre in Black Tiles Lane, you will have

noticed that part of our floor carpet is in the shape of a fish!

Some children have thought that it is a place of punishment for naughty children! The real reason for this feature, is that underneath the cover is our 'Baptistry'. We practise baptism by immersion, as taught and followed in New Testament times.

The 'fish' was an early Christian symbol (often seen on cars owned by Christians), so when we built the Centre in 1972, we decided to incorporate this shape. The book of Acts gives several examples of groups and individuals who became Christians, and signalled their intention to follow Jesus Christ, by being baptised. It is, of course, a symbol of what has happened in a believer's heart. The book of Romans Chapter 6, clarifies the symbolism. "We are buried with Christ, through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from death, by the Glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life!" Baptism, in this way, therefore, is a statement about our belief in the death and resurrection of Christ, and demonstrates that a Christian becomes 'dead' to his old principles of living, in order to walk in 'newness of life', under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

This is a privilege any Christian can participate in, and find encouragement and joy.

ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAYS - Worship and Communion, 10 am

TUESDAY CIRCLE - 8th February, 2 pm, 'A Traveller's Tale'

WEDNESDAYS - House Groups, 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS - Mums and Toddlers, 10 am

FRIDAYS - Friends on Friday, 10 am

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

BRIGHT STARS AT MARTLESHAM

Bright Stars began the spring term following the star, to find out about the three Wise Men who journeyed to find Jesus over 2,000 years ago. If you are a pre-schooler, toddler

or baby we would like to invite you and your parents or carers to come and enjoy singing, stories and crafts at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session held on the second and fourth 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 and play. Why not come and visit us this February?

The dates for our Spring 2011 sessions are:

February 14th, 28th, March 14th, 28th

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 FEBRUARY

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

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

***Thursdays Men's Group 10th and 24th**

How quickly we seem to be getting into 2011 and as ever with a thought for the main opportunity we had offered the Church and the Church Hall, (complete with Marjorie's catering team) as a wedding package to the Royal couple but sadly our offer has been declined on account of space (they thought it was too big). The Men's group however are completely satisfied with the Hall as a venue for their Men in Sheds antics and have rebooked for February on the dates shown above. Some of the help or activities that are on offer are - starting on computers and the Internet, using your computer to get more from your digital camera, help with woodworking, and anything else that you would like. Why not join us? This could be your club!

We are not afraid of change at Brightwell and for our pancake do this year we have had to move from Shrove Tuesday. Therefore our annual Poetry, People and Pre-Pancakes will be held on Friday 4th

March at the Church Hall, 7:15 for 7:30 pm. Please bring your favourite poems and people to enjoy a convivial evening with us. This year we hope to have the world premier of a new poem written especially for Brightwell.

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

ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

Following the twice postponed Leaf Sweep at St Mary's due to the extreme winter weather, the churchyard is now tidied up and the spring flowers are showing, with snowdrops already appearing in early January. In no time the mauve carpet of crocuses will present a breathtaking picture and it is well worth making time to visit this beautiful part of the village to appreciate some of God's wonderful creation.

The Monday evening Youth Groups are up and running as usual at St Michael's following the Christmas break. It is hoped that a Seasonal Youth Worker will have been appointed by the time this magazine is distributed, following the move to a new job of our previous Youth Worker. The two groups now meet at the following times:- 6 to 7:15 pm and 7:30 to 9 pm.

Meanwhile, the whole congregation is preparing for "The Interregnum" which is the official name for a period when a church is without a Priest-in-Charge. This will begin when Ian and Judith's time in Martlesham comes to an end in March and could be for many months. Church members are being asked to consider what part each could play to ensure the continued smooth running of the church during this period.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 6th February 5th Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th February 4th Sunday before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Service	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 20th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9:45am Worship and Junior Church
Sunday 27th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 6th March 1st Sunday before Lent	6:30pm Evening Service	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's.
Bright Stars meet on Mondays 14th and 28th February at 10:30am in St Michael's.
A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.

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

- 5 pray for the people in Brisbane and others around the world affected by natural disasters
- 6 Lord, fill us with your presence and love**
- 7 thank you for the challenges that this New Year offers. Help us to meet them as you would have us do.
- 8 Lord, help us to work together for the good of the community
- 9 pray for the residents of Blacktiles Lane
- 10 pray for all those people who work to protect the children who are at risk in the world
- 11 Lord, help us to know and understand you better.
- 12 thank you, Lord, for our families, keep them safe.
- 13 Lord, help us to stay faithful to you in all we do**
- 14 St Valentine's Day: Help us to love those we find it hard to love
- 15 thank you, Lord, for Martlesham Responders
- 16 pray for the residents of Borrett Place
- 17 Lord, help us to celebrate the diversity of race and culture in the world
- 18 remember those people who find it hard to hope, may they find help and friendship
- 19 pray for the safety of all drivers
- 20 Lord, may we know that you are with us every moment, every place**
- 21 thank you for all health workers.
- 22 thank you for our friends who both encourage and challenge us
- 23 pray for the residents of Bradford Court
- 24 Lord, be with those who are suffering today
- 25 pray for Martlesham Christian Fellowship
- 26 Lord, help us to work together for the good of the community
- 27 thank you, Lord, for all the gifts so generously given to us**
- 28 pray for families who cannot find a safe and settled home
- MAR 1 thank you for the signs of Spring beginning to appear around us
- 2 pray for the residents of Broomfield and Broomfield Mews
- 3 pray for the Ministry Team and the future of the Church in Martlesham
- 4 Women's World Day of Prayer: Pray for all women in the world and especially the needs of Chile