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MARTLESHAM BIRDS

October:- Tawny Owl (*Strix aluco*)

The young tawny owl pictured was
one from the Portal Woodlands, they
can live up to 10 years. They feed on
small mammals, amphibians, and
insects hunting in the hours of
darkness. Tawny owls are often heard
rather than seen on a late evening
with a loud "twit.. toowoo".

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
or the new number 101.

You can also contact PC Wright for non-
urgent matters:

Office: 01473 334980

E-mail:

richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Or the Safer Neighbourhood Team
kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

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are a group of 5 volunteers (funded
entirely by donations) who are trained
to provide first aid and resuscitation
skills. We provide a first response to
most 999 calls 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.

We now have our own website, which is
updated regularly. Why not have a look
at the site **www.martleshamcfr.co.uk**

For further details contact, Paul and
Claire Stockdale 01473 621225.

(e.mail:

paulstockdale@btinternet.com) or see
our web pages on

www.martlesham.org.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

In Conjunction with
Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd.

YOUR PROBLEM IS OUR PROBLEM

IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS A
PROBLEM OR ANY OTHER TOPIC,
PLEASE COME TO THE PAVILION,
THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY THERE
WHO CAN HELP YOU

IT IS ALL FREE

10.00am – 12.00pm.

SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 2012

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

No matter what your problem is
The Village Help Desk can help you.

There will be a representative from

The Parish Council,

Martlesham Heath Householders,

The Suffolk Constabulary,

District Councillors

County Councillor

FREE ADVICE FROM A SOLICITOR

Barker Gotelee

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

The mobile library is expected to visit
on the following days/times.

Tuesday every 4 weeks on a Tuesday:
October 9; November 6; December 4 .
Falcon Mobile Home Pk :2:15-2:45pm
Douglas Bader: 2:55-4:30pm

Wednesday every 4 weeks on a
Wednesday October 17; November 14;
December 12, January 9 2013
Angela Close: 1:40-1:50pm
Redwold Close: 1:55-2:05pm

Thursday every 4 weeks on a
Thursday: October 18; November 15;
December 13 January 10 2013
Douglas Bader: 10:20-11:45am

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - Your Village Needs You!

The Council proposes to fill the vacancy by co-option at its meeting on 3 October 2012. If you wish to express an interest or find out more, please contact the Clerk.

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. We need input from both young and old, irrespective of gender, employment status or race. The Council's current activities include:

Maintenance of footpaths and the Common

Provision and maintenance of bus shelters, litter and dog-dirt bins and seats

Maintaining four play areas and bike trails

Grass cutting and maintenance of the Green and Recreation Ground

Provision of financial aid to other Martlesham organisations

Involvement in the development of Martlesham by consultation with District and County Councils – a major challenge at this time due to the BT & Bloor Homes planning applications, over which no decision has yet been made by the District Council.

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.

Projects and Grants

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact the Clerk (details below) for an application form, to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by Monday 15 October 2012. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2013/14 and the funds will be issued in May 2013. Any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should also submit their project details and business plan by 15 October 2012 at the latest.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting –

Wednesday 03 October 2012

Development Plans Committee

Wednesday 10 October 2012

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Wednesday 24 October 2012

Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 07 November 2012

All meetings start at 7.30pm 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

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council,
Parish Room, Felixstowe Road,
Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB
01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times:

9am 12noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance.

Diamond Jubilee Bike Trails:

Official opening

The Martlesham Diamond Jubilee Bike Trails were formally opened on Sunday 9 September 2012 on a gloriously sunny day. Around 40 bikers ranging in age from 5 to 25 visited the trails to try them out and in some cases impress with their riding skills. The BBQ, ice cream van, paramedic (happily not required) and bike security marking service provided by the police all supported a fun afternoon. Parents and other observers could not help but be impressed at cycling aerobatics, which included full somersaults and 'no hands' tricks leaving the spectators with their hearts in their mouths.

Colin Moore, the Martlesham Parish Council Chairman, in opening the event paid tribute to the bikers themselves who had designed and played a large part in the construction of the jumps. He also thanked the contractor, Simon Cox (SCL Ltd), the Kesgrave Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, both Kesgrave and Martlesham Parish Councils and local residents and helpers who had made delivery of the trails and the opening event possible. He noted that the funding had been a joint effort between the two parish councils, the police and county council (through the locality funding of Councillor O'Brien and Woodbridge and Kesgrave Cluster budgets).

Particular thanks for the opening event went to the Black Tiles PH which provided the BBQ and sponsored the paramedic, and special mention for the efforts of Gareth Jones, one of the bikers, who spent many hours shaping the jumps and preparing them for the opening event.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our "Funday" on Sunday, 9th September was a great success and we wish to thank all who came to support us.

The Spitfire that saluted us with a flypast was from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and piloted by the CO, Squadron Leader Ian Smith.

The Control Tower museum is open every Sunday

from 2pm to 5pm until the end of October.

.Come and see the extraordinary aviation history of Martlesham Heath.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT OCTOBER 2012

Bloor Homes. I was quite surprised to learn that the Bloor application to build 180 new homes off Main Road was to be determined prior to the completion of the hearings for soundness of the Core Strategy of the LDF. This was due to take place on Friday 14th September 2012 with the recommendation for approval. The Planning Committee was to make a site visit prior to their determination. However there are many conditions attached to this development but not all of them, particularly those relating to habitats, had been satisfactorily covered. So the determination of the application has had to be deferred to a new date. I am expecting this to be in a few weeks time. Because of new government directives the council can no longer delay the determination of new planning applications especially those relating to new housing where the developer is ready to proceed.

BT Homes. Because the proposal to build 2000 new homes south of Adastral Park is contained within the Core Strategy of the LDF it is not likely that this application will be heard until after the inspector has pronounced on the soundness or otherwise of core Strategy.

Consultation on Housing Benefit Changes. The closing deadline for giving your views on the proposed changes is 25th October 2012. The website for completing the questionnaire is www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/benefits/counciltaxsupport/.

If you would like to discuss these or any other matter with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

We must sincerely apologise for the cancellation of the open meeting scheduled for Monday September 17th at the Church Centre Extension regarding Tree Maintenance and Policy. If you were planning on attending please register your interest via our voicemail and email. We do hope to reschedule the meeting in the near future and it would be useful to know how many people to expect.

Maintenance charge – A reminder to all householders that the annual maintenance charge became due on 1st October, our collection days at the pavilion are the 6th and 13th of this month. You may also pay via your online banking facility.

Last month saw the completion of several areas of work around the village. Work has been carried out near the Control Tower to tackle the problem of flooding on the path and thus ensuring that the children especially manage the walk to school with dry feet!! Work has begun on clearing and maintaining the 65 car park spaces owned by MHHL in various roads. A communal fence has been repaired at Whinfield, various trees, paths and beds have or are going to be maintained by our tree surgeon and contractor. It is not always a quick process but we do look at every query we receive and if it's our land try to resolve the issue within our stated policy.

We have had a number of incidences brought to light by sending out the maintenance charge letters where properties have been sold over the last year, without the required legal process taking place. This results in the deed of covenant not being signed by the new owner and subsequently they do not become a member of MHHL. It would appear that some solicitors are not thoroughly checking the land registry details. We would like to remind all members that they have agreed, via the covenant, to ensure their buyers become members.

To contact MHHL please leave a voicemail on 01473 612207, send an email to mhh@martlesham.org.uk or write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 9PB. Volunteers always welcome to help MHH maintain and improve the village

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REGISTERED CHARITY 273769

CRAFT FAIR 27TH OCTOBER 2012

Martlesham Community Council are holding the annual Craft Fair on Saturday 27th October 2012 in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL,

10.00am to 3.00pm

Admission free,

There will be Hats, Fascinators, Xmas Decorations, Jewellery, Murano Glass Pendants, Bracelets, Pashminas Scarves, Wood Turning, Xmas Cards/ wrapping Paper, Stampen Art to make and take away, Aprons, Towels, Tablecloths, bibs, Peg bag etc., Knitted Items, Crochet Items, Toys, Brand New Books (at greatly reduced prizes, Pictures, Dream Catchers, you name it, it will be there,

There will also be refreshments available and a Grand draw is being held with a £50.00 voucher from NEXT as 1st prize.

Please come as we are sure you will be able to find some Christmas presents amongst them

Any queries please contact Jackie Bear on 01473-623007

A JUMBLE, PLANT AND BOOK SALE

Is being held on

Saturday 17th November 2012 in
The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath,
IP5 3PL

from 10.00am -12noon

Admission 30p

Refreshments will be available
If anyone has any Bric a Brac, Jumble
please contact Jackie Bear on
01473-623007

JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Bloor Homes and Mr Pipes field I received an email from the Suffolk Coastal Planning department on Friday 7th September advising me that a site visit and Committee meeting were due to be held to discuss and reach a decision on this very important application on Friday 14th September. After having read the report to Committee which was recommending acceptance of this application on Saturday 8th September I did my best to contact anyone who had previously emailed me about the Bloor Homes application. I also knocked the doors of those residents most affected to advise them of this important update. Due to the very short notice and work commitments I would have been unable to attend the meeting in order to express the concerns that residents had raised. I also prepared a written report to be sent to the appropriate Committee members. However on Monday 17th September I received notification that the meetings were to be postponed.

Both meetings were deferred at the request of the Head of Planning as Natural England have asked that a Habitat Assessment Report be produced before any decision on this application is reached. I am advised by Head of Planning that this process could take up to six weeks and that the Committee meeting could be reconvened in October or November. I will of course do my best to keep you all advised of progress. If you wish to be updated and have not emailed me in the past please feel free to do so at john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or you can contact me on 01473 631682 after 6 p.m.

Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy The LDF Core Strategy has now been placed before the Government Planning Inspector Mike Moore BA (Hons) MRTPI CMILT MCIHT. The examination in public to consider whether or not the document is sound is to be held as follows:-

Venue: The Riverside Centre Stratford St Andrew

Tues 23rd October	10am All day	Spatial Strategy and Distribution of Development
Wed 24th October	10am All day	Housing
Thurs 25th October	10am All day	Infrastructure (roads, schools etc)
Tues 6th November	10am All day	Biodiversity and the Environment
Wed 7th November	10am to 1pm 2pm to 5pm	The Local Economy Eastern Ipswich Area

Venue: Suffolk Coastal Offices Melton Hill Woodbridge

Weds 14th November	10am to 1pm 2pm to 5pm	Felixstowe, Walton and the Trimleys Hierarchy Market Towns, Villages & Countryside
Thurs 15th November	10 to 11.30am 11.30am to 1pm 2 to 3.30pm 3.30 to 5pm	Retail provision Affordable Housing Climate change, Energy, Sustainable Construction & Design Travellers

Suffolk LINK

get involved

Suffolk LINK is the voice of the public on health and social care services.

It is a network of local people and organisations that work together to help improve health and social care in Suffolk. To do this we need to know what people think about their services so that we can work with them to make them better.

Our main duty is to find out what people think and feel about local health and social care services. Where necessary we then work with the responsible people to improve the service provided. We like to hear both positive and negative comments.

Suffolk LINK has powers by law; one of which is to Carry out "Enter and View" visits to see the standard and quality of the services being provided in care/ nursing homes and hospitals. We send reports and comments to the appropriate bodies for their consideration and action.

Have you worked in Health and Social care before?

Do you have an interest in the area?

We are looking for volunteers who are enthusiastic and want to make a difference in this area. As a volunteer we are looking for you to commit to at least two visits per year.

Our next training session is on 4th October in Stowmarket. If you are interested and would like to help the Suffolk LINK with this aspect of our work please contact the office on 01449 771246 or e-mail tammy.ward@shaw-trust.org.uk for more information.

MARTLESHAM 10KM ROAD RACE

The Lions Club of Woodbridge and District look forward to staging the 20th annual Martlesham 10KM Road Race and 2.5KM Fun Run on Sunday 14 October. The race is centred around the green at Martlesham Heath and starts at 11.00am. The 10KM Road Race is an established event on the UK Athletics RunBritain race programme and attracts runners of all abilities. This year the Woodbridge & District Lions Club are proud to stage the event in association Macmillan Cancer Support. The team from Macmillan will be there on the day, happy to talk to anyone about their role in the community.

Race Director Chris Woods said "After all the sporting activity we have seen nationally this is a great opportunity to get involved in a first class event at a local level whilst at the same time helping Macmillan Cancer Support and Lions Charities.

There is still time to enter by following the links at www.woodbridgelions.org.uk and the proceeds of the event will be divided between Lions Charities and Macmillan.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The weather over this year has taken a toll on much of our wildlife. Our survey of the Silver Studded Blue butterflies and other butterflies has indicated a significant decline in numbers in comparison with last year. Whilst there is little we can do about the weather, at least we can try to improve the habitat for our wildlife.

The most recent work party of Martlesham conservation group concentrated on cutting bracken from an area of the heath SSSI. Currently the SSSI is losing heather areas to bracken, and so efforts need to be made to reverse the decline. Bracken is an insidious plant that can rapidly expand across an area to the exclusion of other plant species, and so lead to a loss of significant species and lack of biodiversity. It can rapidly smother heather or acid grassland if left unchecked. As can be seen in the aftermath of recent fires it spreads more rapidly if there is no competition.

The next working party for Martlesham Conservation group will take place on Sunday 14th October at 10 am when we will aim to clear the cut bracken on the southern area of Martlesham Heath. This action will allow the heather to establish without shading from the bracken and prevent the bracken from laying down its own protective blanket of rotting bracken fronds, to the benefit of a wide range of heathland wildlife

Through the rest of the autumn and winter period we will continue with tasks aimed at supporting or improving heathland wildlife.

Please contact me for further details.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

It was great to meet so many people at the recent MHAS aviation open day. There was a lot of interest in viewing the creatures trapped in the woods which were all returned safely when the visitors went home.

You may have noticed that parts of the wood have been edged with dead looking material. These are in fact "Dead Hedges" which have been constructed using some of the material cut from fallen and thinned out trees, and have the benefit of using material that might otherwise be burnt or left on the woodland floor. They require no expenditure except time, and using only materials from the wood, avoid the need to transport in materials to the site. Once properly constructed, they will last long enough to protect the new growth, and then will rot down in situ, with no clearing up costs. From our surveys we have found that the dead hedges provide valuable habitat for nesting birds, small mammals and other creatures.

We have recently been assisting a PhD student by providing hair samples of wood mice trapped in different parts of the wood. She is studying the effects of inbreeding by comparing the DNA of the mice from the neighbouring areas.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Club Saturday 13th October 10:00am-Noon
Subject Trees & Fungi
Meet at the Control Tower

Woodlands Work Morning Sunday 21st October 10:00am-Noon
Meet at the Education Area
(at the Control Tower end of the woods)

It is essential to book a place on Nature Watch or Nature Explorers events by sending an email to pwcg.naturewatch@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for 2012 Work Mornings, Nature Watch and Nature Explorers are now available at <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/>

For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

YOUR LOCAL WEEKLY COUNTRY MARKET.

We are now officially into autumn, a time for reflection, but those who cook, and craft for the two weekly local markets at Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath are busy planning for that all important time of year – Christmas.

We will be asking you, our customers, what you will be looking for at the market, whether you would like to order your Christmas requirements, and also if you would like us to arrange a delivery service within a set distance.

To meet these requirements we would be delighted to welcome new Producers, people who have a skill for cooking, or for a particular craft. Details of this can be obtained by calling Margaret on 01473 623849, or going to our website www.kesgravemarket.co.uk (alternative address www.martleshammarket.co.uk

Refreshments available at both venues 9.30 – 11.30am Saturdays Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, and at The Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath on a Tuesday between 9.00 and 10.15am. .

KESGRAVE MARKET CELEBRATES ITS FIRST BIRTHDAY

The October Market will be held on Saturday, 20th October from 9.00 until 12.30 as usual. This will be the market's first birthday and we hope to have some special offers and additional attractions to celebrate

As well as the regular stall holders, Katie's Garden will be with us, selling Winter Pansies, Wallflowers and shrubs. We have also heard from our first "charity", 1st Martlesham Brownies, who will be holding a stall promoting themselves and fund-raising for their Brownie Pack holiday next year. They will be at the Market on Saturday, 17th November. If your local organisation thinks they could benefit from this opportunity, please contact Mandy via email at marketmanager@kesgravetowncouncil.org.uk.

For more information visit the website www.kesgravemarket.org.uk Facebook www.facebook.com/KesgraveMarket.

Kesgrave Council

BRIGHT STARS

During September everyone at Bright Stars had fun with pom poms and prayers praising God together for who he is and what he has done as well as making badges and singing about people standing up for God. If you are a baby, toddler or pre-schooler who enjoys singing, crafts, listening to stories and having fun why not come along, with your parents or carers, to Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

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

The dates for our Autumn 2012 sessions are:

October 8th
October 22nd
November 12th
November 26th
December 10th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon Tel.01473-622160 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath

The Saplings offers a full range of flexible child care from 7.30am until 6pm for children from age 2 up to age 11. Located in spacious, well equipped premises in the heart of Martlesham Heath, we pride ourselves on our excellent standards of child care and our highly qualified, welcoming staff. As well as our very popular pre-school, we also run a Breakfast and After School club, both of which include a 'walking bus' to Birchwood Primary School.

Our Holiday Club proved very successful this summer, with lots of activities, crafts and games keeping the children happy and entertained through-out the long break. As the October half term holiday rapidly approaches, please call us as soon as possible to book your child a place with us. Our Holiday Club is open every school holiday and half term, 8am to 6pm, and is available for all children aged 2 to 11, with flexible booking hours and extremely competitive prices.

For further information on any of our child care services, please call us on 01473 614753, email us at news@thesaplings.org.uk or visit our website www.thesaplings.org.uk.

KESGRAVE YOUTH CLUB is open again after the summer break! Term starts on Thursday 13th September, we are open every Thursday evening between 7.30 – 9.30pm during term time. Entry is 50p but free if it's your first visit. We offer a fun, friendly and safe environment for young people year 9 upwards.

There are various facilities available including: pool, badminton, table tennis, football, basketball, Wii games, music, computers, a tuck shop and more. The trained Youth Workers also provide activities based on the young peoples ideas and needs. For example: cooking skills, group work, planning trips out and everyday life skills. It's also a chance to meet friends and chat. Appropriate information and guidance is also available to the young people.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to come along and meet the Youth Workers or contact the Youth Club on 01473 617452.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Now October is upon us, it's time to enjoy the evenings closing in and prepare for our excellent Halloween parties which are coming up on Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th of October. Dig out your best macabre fancy dress, and come and enjoy our ghoulish cup cakes, chilling lucky dip and gruesome song time! Horrid crafts and grisly snacks await those who dare turn up!

Although we have no sessions over half term, we do have our excellent photo session from Strawberry Mountain Photographic pencilled in for Friday 2nd November. Due to popular demand, and the desire to have school age siblings plus hardworking parents all in attendance, we have moved this session into half term. Places are limited, so please let us know asap if you want your family photographed. Sessions are really informal and an ideal way to photograph teenies in a familiar setting.

We continue to serve up coffee, biscuits and lots of lovely toys to entertain your babies and toddlers every Wednesday and Friday morning at Martlesham Pavilion, 9.30-11.30am. Sessions cost £2.50 for the first child and £1 for every additional child over 6 months. Find us on Facebook, or email us on mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk if you have any queries!

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2013 if so we are holding an open afternoon and evening. This is an opportunity for you to visit the school and meet Mr Cloke the Headteacher, Mrs Vest our current Reception teacher and have a tour of the school and the facilities. The date is Tuesday 16th October -3.00pm and 6.30pm-7.00pm. Please call the school on 01473 610701 for any further information.

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM DISTRICT

For more details about Guiding in Martlesham, please contact the following:-

Jo Dixon Martlesham District Commissioner 01473 622160

Chris Cooper Martlesham District Wait List Co-ordinator 01473 626024

MARTLESHAM BRASS

'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

The Ipswich Hospital Band is running a Concert Week at the beginning of October in St Peter's Church by the Waterfront in Ipswich, involving many local bands from in and around the Ipswich area. Martlesham Brass is finishing off the week with a concert on Saturday 6th of October at 7:30pm - phone 01473 225269 for tickets or see local press.

Our Preliminary Band will showcase their talents at 'Tea and Tunes' on Saturday 10th November - this is held at St Michael's Church Centre and starts at 10am. Refreshments are available all morning - please come along and support the Preliminary players. Two other advance notices to put in your diaries - Coffee and Carols on Saturday 8th December and our Christmas concert on Saturday 22nd December!

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. Liz Benyon. (Publicity Officer)
liz.benyon@btinternet.com
01473 623276.

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 15th October 2012.

For the Rest of your Natural Life ~ Pip Wright

For the rest of your natural life tells the stories of Suffolk convicts sentenced to transportation to Australia during the period 1787-1867. Find out not only what happened to them but also to the families they left behind.

Meetings are held at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 and start at 8.00pm. Admission is £2.50 and newcomers are always welcome.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

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 monthly meeting was held one week earlier than usual because of difficulties hiring our usual venue, the Community Hall. It certainly made no difference to the numbers. A packed house was present to enjoy an illustrated talk by someone who certainly knows his subject.

Major Mike Peters was accompanied by his wife, Karen, The subject was "Glider Pilots at Arnhem"; the same as the title of his book.

Mike, who has been in the army since the eighties is now a major with the Army Air Corps and stationed at RAF Marham, where they have Tornados. He is the senior liaison officer with the RAF at Marham. Mike and Karen live with their family in mid Suffolk.

The name given to the audacious airborne landing in the Arnhem area of Holland in September 1944 was "Operation Market Garden". As Mike related, with the aid of projected images, the whole assault was, in the name of the film, "a bridge too far". For once our usually efficient intelligence services failed to notice that Panzer divisions were in the area. Not only that, but the parachutists were dropped in the immediate area of a training camp where German army personnel were actually being trained to fight airborne troops!

Of course the object of the massive airborne landing was to force an entry into Germany over the Rhine by capturing several bridges. This was marginally successful at first but eventually the force was overcome and any chance of ending WW2 before Christmas 1944 had disappeared. It is tempting to recall the Great War saying, "lions led by donkeys" - not by the brave commanders on the ground, but catastrophic miscalculations by High Command.

Karen was at the bookstall and they sold several copies of Mike's books and also DVD's.

A vote of thanks was given by our President, Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be held, not in the Community Hall, but in the Thomas Theatre at Kesgrave High School.

The date is Friday October 5th and will be a double bill. Ken Ellis is a former editor of Flypast magazine and he will give a talk entitled "Spitfire Heroes". This will concentrate on the story of RJ Mitchell, who designed the Spitfire and Alex Henshaw, former chief test pilot for Vickers and foremost Spitfire expert. This will be followed by Clive Stevens and his talk is entitled, "Operation Bolero" The establishment of the US Eighth Air Force in Suffolk during WW2.

Tickets are £5 for members and £7 for non-members and will commence at 7.30pm on Friday, 5th October.

Alan Powell 622458

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next events:-

Saturday 27th October

Visit our stall at the Craft Fair (organised by Martlesham Community Council). 10.00 am to 3.00 pm in St Michael's Church Centre.

Saturday 17th November 2012

Jumble & Plant Sale 10.00 am to 12.00 noon In The Pavilion Martlesham Heath

If you have any jumble/ bric-a-brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007

The above sale is being held jointly with Martlesham Community Council.

Summer competitions

The results of our Summer Gardens Competitions will be published in the November edition of Martlesham Monthly.

Further details on the above or if you are interested in helping or being involved with Martlesham in Bloom please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our Autumn programme continues with the next fortnightly meeting (and regular Bring and Buy table) at the Richards Rooms on September 20th. Our Guest Speaker will be Bill Baston talking about Northern India, birds, tigers and the Taj Mahal. Our Harvest Supper follows that on October 4th. Apart from our regular speakers, other events for the rest of this year include our Quiz Night, and the Christmas Party

New members will be given a very warm welcome. Telephone our Chairman on 01473 622768 for more information.

MONSTER BASH' HALLOWEEN MUSIC NIGHT

IN AID OF LOCAL RSPCA

Enjoy an evening of fun and dance and support your local RSPCA on Saturday 27 October from 7pm at Ransomes Sports & Social Club, Sidegate Avenue, Ipswich. Local band 'The Invited' will play a mix of well-known covers – pop, rock and Motown from the 60s up to present day plus Halloween favourites! A buffet is included and raffle tickets will be on sale on the night. Halloween fancy dress optional with prizes for the best! This event is in aid of the RSPCA Suffolk East & Ipswich branch whose work helps local animals.

Please contact Kate Grimwood
01449 614057;
katebranchadmin@talktalk.net,
the RSPCA charity shops (Ipswich/
Felixstowe) or
the Animal centre, Mill Lane,
Martlesham, IP12 4PD for tickets (£10
for adults; £5 for children). Visit the
website for further information:
www.ipswich-rspca.org.uk

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our annual indoor 'garden party' this year was held to raise funds for the Woolverstone Wish Fund and Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. We were pleased to meet Sheila Hill along with her friendly dog named Quartzie who was a huge success with everyone. Needless to say we had great support from our members and friends. There was a lot of preparation both beforehand and on the day and it is thanks to our Committee and numerous helpers who worked so hard to make the day such a success. We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did. The money raised will be divided equally between the two charities and I know that our efforts will be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to everyone involved. Without you it would never happen.

The Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting. The next meeting will be on 17th October when Mrs Peggy Albertini will take a "Hands On" Workshop. All most welcome.

Margaret Doveson 01473 624422

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

The Ipswich and District Support Group of the NOS will be holding their AGM at 2 p.m. (please note change of time) in St. Augustine's Church Hall, Bixley Road, Ipswich on 5th October. Sonya Stephenson is an Osteoporosis Specialist Nurse and has worked with Dr. Gavin Clunie the Rheumatology Consultant at Ipswich Hospital for many years. She will be giving an update on Fracture Liaison Service and there will also be a Question & Answer session. The meeting will give you a chance to show your support and to meet the Committee and other members of the Group. We hope to see as many members as possible and anyone else who feels they would benefit from coming along to the meeting. Everyone is very welcome. Contact can be made to Anne Barnes on 01394-382534 or just turn up.

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM SPEAKERS' CLUB

Would you like to improve your confidence when speaking in public, at meetings and at social events? Speak Easy meetings include short impromptu talks, hints, tips and longer speeches in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. Guests are warmly welcomed to our meetings and can sit back and watch or take part if they wish. Why not come to a meeting to find out more.

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club is a Toastmasters' International affiliated club providing educational programmes in communication and leadership. Meetings are held fortnightly in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham IP12 4PB (behind Tesco) Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings 2012:
October 11th, 25th November 8th, 22nd
December 6th

Further details can be found at
www.speak-easy.org.uk

Dave Nightingale Tel. 07969 598633 or
Sonya Burrows Tel.01473 625196

MARTLESHAM WI

Our scheduled speaker had to cancel at the last minute so we were very grateful that Cynthia Walsh agreed to come along to talk to us about her extremely interesting life as the wife of a Bishop (who is now retired). She told us of her visits to many of the places to over the years including Korea, Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana and of course the many friends she has made. A special day attending a service at St. Paul's Cathedral followed by an event at Lambeth Palace and then tea with the Queen was indeed an occasion to remember. Cynthia has also received gifts from the people she has met and she brought some of these along for us to see. Most of them had been lovingly made and given to her by people who had very few possessions. She obviously has many fond memories and we were delighted that she was able to share them with us.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road at 7.30 p.m. on 19th October We will welcome Vicki Westren who will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Exploring England'. Feel free to come along either as a visitor or with a view to joining our small friendly group. Call Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.

THE GOLDEN GIRLS

We are a group of ladies who, for various reasons, are now living alone. We meet at 11am on the second Thursday of every month in St Michael's Church Centre for coffee and company. Our aim is to enjoy companionship, friendly support and to make new friends. We frequently organise outings after the meetings for lunch, garden centre visits etc. We also go to local theatres and cinemas together, indulge in fish and chips and have been ten pin bowling. All single ladies are very welcome to join us at our meetings.

For further details contact: Secretary
Mary Stalley 01473 623752

GRATITUDE

A silly rhyme begins with the lines,

A bald headed man
With a cake on his head
Sat by the wayside
Begging for bread
He sat there long
And he sighed out loud
"Why does my life
Hang under this cloud?"

The scene unfolds with the rising sun threatening to melt all the cream on the man's head to alert him to the fact that he is grumbling with a misguided sense of want whilst actually having been crowned with luxury. The sun wisely advised the man to share out his burden of riches - thereby blessing those in genuine need - whilst multiplying happiness in his own life. Silly rhyme it may be but it illustrates a serious point.

When the children of Israel escaped from slavery in Egypt they were miraculously provided with food during their wilderness journey yet they grumbled, hankering after the leeks and garlic of Egypt. God took them to task over their ingratitude because they failed to recognise God's care and provision for them.

It is all too easy to forget to be grateful for all that we have to enjoy, the crops in the fields and produce from our gardens yielding a wide choice of quality food not to mention the finances to take part in a global trade giving even more variety. We are spoiled for choice. Meanwhile other areas of the world are struggling with drought, famine and lack of equipment.

This month we celebrate Harvest, giving thanks for the produce we enjoy and which meets our needs. The churches will be decorated and we will sing the well known harvest hymns but are we truly grateful or do we sometimes, like the children of Israel, grumble about what we don't have? It's a challenge for all of us.

On another subject, the PCC are considering beginning the formal process to obtain permission to remove three pews behind the font in St Mary's. These seats are the last to be used by those attending services and the extra space created will make it possible to serve refreshments in church after services as well as making more space around the font for baptisms. Good quality chairs will be available for the infrequent occasions such as large weddings or funerals when every seat is needed. Anyone with a view on this proposal is invited to submit it, preferably in writing, to the undersigned.

Tricia Shuler Vicar

Mothers Union

Each year the Mothers' Union has a theme and this year it has been "Your Gifts- Discover and Celebrate" What a challenge! Of course, we don't always see our own gifts, and often it is other people who notice what we have and sometimes point them out to us. I think the list is never ending, it is not only the obvious ones, like our senses, which are certainly gifts, but the more hidden, like wisdom, supporting, nurturing, generosity and many more. Then there are the active ones, like cooking, sewing, gardening and so on. During September, Ann Berg demonstrated one of her gifts when she showed members of the Mothers Union how to make an Advent/Harvest ring with lots of greenery from her garden plus a few visual aids.

Next month on Wednesday 3rd October at 2.30pm, members will be enjoying a "Beetle Drive" to raise funds for MU projects. Why don't you come along and enjoy this afternoon of fun, fellowship and faith?

If you would like to know more about MU activities, please talk to Florence on 631347

Do discover and celebrate your gifts, you will realise that God is indeed gracious and generous!

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Austria's Delights!"

My wife and I have recently returned from a holiday in Austria. We were enchanted with the beauty of the Tyrol area in which we stayed. The soaring mountains, the running streams, the meadows full of wild flowers and the smell of new mown hay. The air is so fresh, clear and unpolluted, and flowers bedeck almost every house veranda.

It was so good to walk in these surroundings and to admire this part of God's creation. -As a bonus, the buses and trains are all exactly on time!!

Several of the Psalms praise God for His wisdom and Power, shown by the Glory of what He has made.

Psalms 65 e.g. - "You formed the mountains by your power. - Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy!"

Which part of God's creation inspires you? - Sunrises?, Sunsets? Flowers? Birds? -All unite to praise the loving creator of all beautiful things!

ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion --10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE - October 9th

(All about apples - Andrew Mellen)

WEDNESDAYS

House Group - 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

(For further Information contact John or Ruth Mellen - 01473 624401)

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
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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 7th October 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.45am All Age Worship for harvest	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 14th October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Harvest Worship	6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise
Sunday 21st October 20th Sunday after Trinity	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion (CW)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th October Bibile Sunday	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 4th November All Saints Sunday	9.45am All Age Worship	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's.

Bright Stars meet on Monday, October 8th

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

Prayer Diary for October

Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers and pray for

Oct 5th For the troubled countries of the World.
Oct 6th Home Start.
Oct 7th For Harvest services.
Oct 8th For those living with chronic pain.
Oct 9th Thank God for everyday acts of kindness.
Oct 10th Valient Road.
Oct 11th For the bereaved and grieving.
Oct 12th For the homeless.
Oct 13th For those fearing the future.
Oct 14th For freedom to preach the Gospel.
Oct 15th For people with drug addiction.
Oct.16th For Alzheimers patients.
Oct 17th Valley View.
Oct 18th For children living in difficult situations.
Oct 19th For Girl Guides everywhere.
Oct 20th For Bright Stars.

Oct 21st For the Unity of Christian people.
Oct. 22nd Arthritis UK.
Oct 23rd. For those facing financial hardship.
Oct 24th Viking Heights and Viking Close.
Oct 25th For those persecuted for their faith.
Oct 26th For those who feel unloved and unwanted.
Oct 27th The Umbrella Trust.
Oct 28th Give thanks for God's unconditional love.
Oct 29th Children on Half Term holidays.
Oct 30th Prisoners and prison workers.
Oct 31st Waldringfield Road.
November.
Nov 1st All Saints Day.
Nov 2nd East Anglian Air Ambulance.
Nov 3rd For spiritual guidance.
Nov 4th For those questioning their Christian Faith.