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MARTLESHAM BUTTERFLIES

February: Peacock (Inachis io)

The Peacock butterfly is beautifully
coloured and can be seen most
months of the year. Eggs are laid in
batches of up to 500 on stinging
nettles in late June or July.
Caterpillars can be seen basking on
dense webs of silk spun over the
nettles. They are velvety black
studded with tiny white warts. The
chrysalis is yellow green with pink
and gold points

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

Martlesham Community Responders
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: paulpstockdale@btinternet.com)
or see our web pages on
www.martlesham.org.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK YOUR PROBLEM IS OUR PROBLEM

**Want to know more about the
Bloor Homes Development?**

**Got a problem with – Parking
– Trees – Highways – Paths –
Open Spaces etc. ?**

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 16th MARCH
2013**

**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
Ltd**

**The Suffolk Constabulary
District Councillors
County Councillor**

**FREE ADVICE FROM A SOLICITOR
Barker Gotelee**

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

WHAT SORT OF PLACE WILL MARTLESHAM BE IN 15 YEARS' TIME?

Now is your chance to shape the future by getting involved in the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan. Find out more at a Launch Event on Tuesday 19 March 2013, at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath (next to The Square). At this event you will hear more about the neighbourhood plan and how you can get involved. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions and to register your interest in getting involved in influencing the future of Martlesham. Please refer to our separate article in this newsletter for more information and look out for publicity in the coming months.

BOOK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARIES!

Home Security

Due to recent cases of burglary in Martlesham we are issuing advice received from our local Crime Reduction Officer: close and lock all doors and windows; fit and use five lever mortise deadlocks to all external doors; remove tools/objects from the garden that could

be used to force entry; lock rear gates and aim for 6ft fences around the garden; use lights/radio on timers at night; use dusk to dawn lighting around your home and finally to call police if you see or hear anything suspicious.

The Police have made promoting the importance of home security and increasing high visibility patrols in the Martlesham Heath area one of its current priorities. They advise us that too many people continue to leave their belongings and properties insecure. Consequently roughly half of burglaries in the Kesgrave & District area have been as a result of an insecure building so your vigilance is vital!

Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy – Public Examination by Independent Inspector

This is of relevance to the parish because of the 2,000 homes proposed to the south of Aadastral Park. We are still waiting for a further period of consultation on modifications to the Core Strategy. For full details, please check the SCDC website:
www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 06 February 2013

Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 13 February 2013

Finance & General Purposes – Wednesday 27 February 2013

Parish Council – Wednesday 06 March 2013

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.

We will be launching

The Roger David Burrows Music Fund

at

St Michaels Church Centre,

on

**The evening of Tuesday
26th February 2013**

If you would like to attend please
contact:-

The Burrows Family,
01473 625196
17 Squires Lane,
Martlesham Heath,
Ipswich IP5 3UG

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

AGM – Our AGM is on Thursday 28th February in St Michaels Main Church Centre at 8pm. This is an important meeting when decisions affecting members are made and discussed. The AGM document will have been delivered to every householder in the village by the time you read this and we encourage as many of you to attend as possible. The future of MHHL will be discussed at the AGM to obtain a consensus from those who attend as to the way forward for our organisation. The Maintenance Charge for 2013/14 will be voted upon at the AGM and this should act as a reminder for anyone who hasn't yet paid to send payment to our PO Box address or pay online as soon as they can.

Parking in MHHL spaces – We have recently written to all residents in Lark Rise about the use of the MHHL car parking spaces. There are around 70 of these in the village and in 2004 the organisation changed its policy to allow residents to use the spaces as well as visitors. This was not intended to be continued and regular use by individual households or an alternative to the use of a household's owned parking spaces. We would very much appreciate your co-operation in the sensible use of these village amenities.

We are always seeking more volunteers to help with maintaining our village's appearance and any offers of assistance would be gratefully received.

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.

WHAT SORT OF PLACE WILL MARTLESHAM BE IN 15 YEARS' TIME?

Many of you, as residents of Martlesham and Martlesham Heath, will have heard of localism, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Local Plan and the Bloor and BT Planning applications. But are you sufficiently aware of current planning initiatives, the impact on your local area and more significantly the ability you have to influence the outcomes of planning applications and through them the sort of place Martlesham will be in 15 years' time?

Suffolk Coastal District Council has spent a great deal of time, over a number of years, shaping a local plan which sets the scale; type; and location of housing across the District. This plan is now close to final determination and the next stage will be the potential approval of a major planning application made by BT for 2000+ homes at Adastral Park. As a parish we have had very little impact on either the local plan development or will have in relation to the planning application.

However one of the by-products of localism is the ability for the parish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which will be subject to a parish referendum prior to acceptance. If agreed the Plan will then represent the parish position in relation to housing and other matters which will have the force of law behind it. Whilst the neighbourhood plan will not reduce the SCDC area plan housing allocations and high level policies it will impact on housing types, design and in some cases locations and will enable special areas to continue to be protected (such as the Western Corridor, the Village Green and Common). This is not the Parish Council's plan; it is the community's plan. Without the involvement of residents, business, community groups, landowners, etc., we will have no Neighbourhood Plan.

The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan is not a mandatory activity (we could just let Suffolk Coastal District Council continue in line with their stated area plan objectives). However if the task is undertaken we need your help.

Your parish council considers it vital that the residents have the opportunity to decide whether to undertake the preparation and delivery of a Neighbourhood Plan and will be carrying out a number of engagement events. The first of these will be a launch event on Tuesday 19 March, at 7.30pm, in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. If you would like to find out more please talk to one of your Parish Councillors, visit our web site and look at the Neighbourhood Plans section or let the Clerk know if you would like to get involved - please see Martlesham Parish Council article for contact details.

MH SSSI LTD.

We are approaching the time when most of the significant work for the year will be carried out on the SSSI.

There are three main tasks left. In early February, (exact date dependent on weather), volunteers from the Portal Woods Conservation Group will take out a number of trees and saplings from a heather patch that lies behind the clump of trees behind Westland. We are grateful to the PWCG for doing this.

Then, on 23 February, there will be a "Megabash" organised by Greenways to take out gorse and saplings from behind the Northern end of Westland. Again, this will allow the heather to grow back in that area. This is a volunteer event and we would be pleased to see anyone who would like to join in.

The final task is continuation of the tree thinning opposite Sorrel Walk. This will be carried out by Greenways but there is no date for this yet.

If you would like more information on any of this, please check the website; <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/sssi/> or send an email to sssi@martlesham.org.uk

There is also an Interest Group mailing list which you can join by sending a request to the same email address.

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

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who saved their used stamps over Christmas and posted them through my letter box. I've now got 4 carrier bags full of stamps ready to take to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, which is a great response to my appeal. The stamps get sorted by volunteers and sold to dealers in order to raise money.

Please continue to support your local Hospice by collecting stamps during the coming year. Even if you only manage to collect a few they soon make a difference when added together. The Hospice can also raise funds from old British and foreign coins, so if you're going on a foreign holiday and have any coins left over please think of donating them to this local charity.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Bev Read
15 Demesne Gardens
01473 622721

THE BIG QUIZ NITE

ON SATURDAY 9th MARCH AT 7PM

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE
MARTLESHAM

Entrance £5.00 per person
including buffet supper

Tickets from Ann Berg
01394 387049

Or Martin Cottrell

THE SAPLINGS

Martlesham Heath

Pre-School, Breakfast Club, After-School Club & Holiday Club

With the new year now well underway, The Saplings has been a hive of activity under the guidance of the new management team of Rachel, Karen and Jo, supported by our new Administrator, Alison, and of course the trustees and committee. We were delighted with the tremendous success of our Christmas Fair, which raised over £1000!! A massive thanks goes to Emma and all the team involved in organising the Fair, to Duncans Bakery who kindly donated the delicious mince pies and to everyone who turned up on the night to support us.

Don't forget to book your child in to our fun-packed Half Term Holiday Club! We offer extremely competitive rates with very flexible booking hours - please just give us a call for more details or to make a booking.

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 and Holiday Club, we also run Breakfast and After School Clubs, both of which include a 'walking bus' to Birchwood Primary School.

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.

CALLING ALL MUMS... Martlesham Mums' Club will meet between 12.45 and 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th February at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. Lunch will be served at about 1.00 p.m. followed by a presentation by Sarah Franklin from DanceEast about 'Tots and Co.' - imaginative movement and dance classes for very young children.

Looking ahead, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th March when the after lunch speaker will be Philip Byrne on 'Baby and Toddler' First Aid.

The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe will be open for refreshments, friendship and toys on Thursdays, 7th and 21st February at St. Michael's Church Centre, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us at these events. For more information please phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

As the year progresses we are keeping it low key at MHBTG and have some innocuous plans for a Valentine's Raffle and are tentatively looking ahead to Easter events in March (bunnies and chicks might have to be involved...). In the meantime we are making the most of the cold weather by offering hot chocolate as well as the usual tea and coffee to those parents who make it to us on Wednesday and Friday mornings!

MHBTG is a small and relaxed toddler group meeting twice a week at Martlesham Heath Pavilion. If you are looking for somewhere to take your little ones to play and possibly have a little sing, then why not give us a try?

Any queries, find us on Facebook or email us mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

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

At the end of this term our fundraisers will be organising our sponsored event. This is always a fantastic event for our children to participate in (regardless of the weather !!!) and will be followed by our end of term party - so a great time should be had by all !

If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please visit our website for more details :- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We urge you to do this as soon as possible as we are now full for the rest of this school year but welcome applications for future terms. We are a popular and well thought of playschool and have a long waiting list. We are registered to take children from 2 years and the younger you register your child the better. We are next to Gorseland School and serve families in Kesgrave, Martlesham Heath, old Martlesham as well as all surrounding areas.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

BRIGHT STARS FOLLOWED THE STAR

During January we followed the star, wearing crowns and with gifts as the Wise Men did, to find the baby Jesus. Then after prayers at the crib we sang Lollypop Camel to finish! If you are a preschooler, toddler or baby why not bring your parents or carers to our next Bright Stars session where you can enjoy singing, stories and crafts? Our fun children's worship and activity sessions are 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 and play.

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

The remaining dates for our Spring 2013 sessions are:

February 11th & 25th, March 11th & 25th

If you would like any further information please contact:

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

The group continues to meet at the surgery. At our regular meetings we review the findings of the survey completed by patients earlier in 2012. Many patients commented on the lack of privacy when discussing issues at the reception desk. So the group discussed possible changes to the reception window area. The telephone system has recently been upgraded, making it easier to implement suggestions such as texting appointment reminders. More recently some patients commented about the pathways around the surgery entrance. In response to the concerns a light has been fitted above the entrance to provide better visibility during the dark winter days. A blood pressure monitor has now been provided in the reception area. It gives a paper printout of results. Please feel free to use it whenever visiting the surgery.

Thomas O'Brien - Chairman

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY IPSWICH & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP

The Ipswich & District Support Group of the NOS will be holding another Quiz evening at the Woodbridge Football Club, Fynn Road, Woodbridge on Friday 15th February commencing at 7.30 p.m. Whether you are good at answering Quiz questions or not don't worry. Just come along and support us. Teams will have a maximum of 6 people and tickets are £5 per person. The bar will be available and you can bring along your own snacks. Our last Quiz night was great fun and very successful so make a note in your diaries now and bring all your friends. Tickets are available from Barbara Branch on 01473 631673 or alternatively just turn up and pay at the door.

We look forward to seeing you.

MOTHERS UNION

On February 6th the Martlesham Mothers Union will be holding their Annual General Meeting at St Michael's Church Centre at 2.30pm this would be an excellent occasion to learn more about the activities and projects of MU. The meeting will be followed by a talk by the Rt Rev Jeremy Walsh on "Looking forward to Easter"

Also during February there will be a Pancake Event on Shrove Tuesday 12th at 12.30 and Hunger Lunches on Tuesdays 19th and 26th at 12.30 You would be very welcome to join us.

Do get in touch with the Branch Leader Mrs Florence Fisher 01473 631347 if you would like more details about any of these events

MARTLESHAM W.I.

There's nothing like a really enthusiastic speaker to make a subject interesting, and Lewis Tyler certainly fills the bill. So we are looking forward to his talk at our February meeting when he will be telling us about the history and restoration of the River Gipping. Lewis has hands on experience of the work done by volunteers to keep this stretch of river, which links Stowmarket and Ipswich, open and navigable. All are welcome to come along and hear his talk on Friday February 15th at 7.30.

Like most organisations we have to do a bit of fund raising to keep up with the ever increasing costs of speakers, hall hire, postage etc., and to that end we are taking a "Table" at a table top sale organised by the Suffolk East Federation of W.I.s on Saturday February 9th at Wickham Market Village Hall (behind the new Co-op, plenty of parking). There will be lots of "tables" run by W.I.s from around the county, as well as individuals, so plenty of chance to bag a bargain and enjoy some refreshments. So why not come along between 10 and 12 and see what treasures you can find.

For more information about things W.I. please contact our secretary, Pat Jackson, on 01473 611811.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 273769

JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK SALE

ON

SAT 16TH FEBRUARY 2013

IN THE

PAVILION, MARTLESHAM HEATH
(Behind St Michael's Church Centre)

10.00-12.00noon

ADMISSION 30P

Enquiries to Jackie Bear on
01473-623007

If anyone has any 'bric a brac' or jumble, etc., please contact Jackie Bear on the above number.

We do not want any magazines, papers or ELECTRICAL GOODS.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

are looking for anyone to become a member of the MCC. The aim of the council is to try and provide recreational amenities, etc., for the residents of Martlesham and The Heath. We are always looking for members who can help in some small way by either helping at fundraising events, or in any other way. We meet once a month in the Parish Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. Any queries please contact the Secretary Jackie Bear on

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be held at St Michaels and All Angels Church

at 10.30am on Friday March 1st 2013

The service prepared by the Christian Women of France

Theme: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

Speaker: Miss Susan Doe

Everyone welcome

Services will be held in Woodbridge and St Andrews Melton.

Details in March Martlesham Monthly

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

First of all thanks to everyone who brought food to share at the last work day of the year. It was nice to have time for a chat and exchange Christmas greetings. You may have noticed that trees have started to be felled in the woods. The reason for this is that the trees were planted too close together in lines as a plantation. However they have not been thinned out over the years as they should have been so are now too close and rather than growing healthy and strong they are short of space and so becoming spindly and prone to blowing over in the wind. The group has been granted permission to carry out these works under the Tree Preservation Order which is on the woods. Where possible the trees to be removed are the "stonkers" - that is a lovely name for trees with defects. In addition, the group has been granted permission to gradually remove all the trees from the two Bronze Age tumuli over the next few years. This is needed so that the roots do not damage these ancient monuments, and the result will be the creation of two additional lovely open grassy glades.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Sunday
17th February 10:00am-Noon

Meet at the Education Area

(at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Information and dates for 2013 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

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

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET

Opening weekly gives the Producers the opportunity of offering local people freshly cooked cakes, savouries etc. These may be ordered for collection any Saturday between 9.30 and 11.15am at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach Kesgrave, or a Tuesday at the Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath between 9 and 10am. However, a wide selection will be on display for your purchase on the day along with jams, marmalades, chutneys, made and preserved in the traditional way.

For healthy eating all our cooked items contain no preservatives or additives, and our cooks will be on hand to explain the best way of keeping these items fresh.

Hot refreshments available at both markets. Any enquiries please either call Margaret 01472 623849 or via our website www.kesgravemarket.co.uk

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS.

We have now completed the ladies and gent's singles competitions, the winners for the gents being Bob and runner up George, and the ladies were won by Sue and the runner up was Ena. Congratulations to them all.

The pairs competitions will be held during the afternoon of Sunday, 17th February.

We have played two League competitions since our last report, winning at home 6-4 against Stutton and losing 8-2 away to Hadleigh - Colin's team saving the day by scoring our only two points.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 18th February 2013.

Parson Woodeforde's Niece

Following on from the very interesting evening hearing all about the life of Parson Woodeforde through his diaries, Sheila is returning to talk to us about Parson Woodeforde's niece, who seems to have been equally as interesting as her uncle.

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

IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP AT SPEAKERS CLUB

Martlesham-based public speaking club Speak Easy at Martlesham recently staged a successful improvisation workshop. The session was run by long-standing club member Dave Nightingale, who reached the final of the UK and Ireland improvised "Table topics" contest in 2008. Dave revealed his techniques for keeping talking on any given subject. The advice centred on asking yourself the Who? What? Why? When? Where? and How? about a given topic. Dave warned against the pitfalls of building towards a single punchline, instead he advocated a more organic mind-map style approach to expanding on a theme. Club members were then given topics to speak on to try out the techniques. Many were surprised by how much longer they could speak for and all participants managed at least two minutes on a topic given to them there and then!

The club meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham IP12 4PB (behind the Tesco superstore). Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm. We look forward to seeing you, as guests are always welcome to attend.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings in 2013:

February 14th

(February 28th Club Annual Dinner at alternative venue)

March 14th

March 28th

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

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

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event:-

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 16th February 2013

10.00 am to Noon

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath

(jointly with Martlesham Community Council)

Planted containers in The Square and by Martlesham Community Hall

The containers that had been full of colour last summer and autumn have now been refilled and planted with winter plants and spring bulbs. These have been provided by Martlesham in Bloom and should provide plenty of colour in the coming months.

Summer garden competitions

This summer, as well as our residential garden competitions, we will be including a competition for non-residential premises, these could include schools, playschools, industrial units, businesses and offices/headquarters buildings.

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 AVIATION SOCIETY

We had a full house for our meeting on Friday, 4th January. Mr Ivan Potter gave a talk about his time as a teenager in a hastily formed "Secret Army" in 1940.

The threat of invasion was real and imminent when small teams of young men were formed into fighting units of typically about half a dozen volunteers. Ivan's particular cell was in the Belstead area. They were told not to divulge to anyone, not even their families, the existence of the units. Underground bunkers were built to secrete the small teams. When the Germans invaded they were to attempt to sabotage the German advance. Gun cotton was issued and primitive explosive devices were made to derail trains and blow up whatever they could.

Thankfully Churchill's "Secret Army" was never put to the test because the invasion never came. As Ivan said, in reality they were little more than suicide squads.

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

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 1st February. Martin Atkinson will present a talk entitled, "Edith Maude Cook - An Almost Forgotten Aviatrice". Born in Ipswich in 1878 she died in a parachute accident in 1910 - but not before becoming the first British woman to fly an aeroplane and making 300 parachute jumps. A blue plaque commemorating her achievements on the house in Ipswich where she was born.

At the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road, Martlesham. All meetings start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break at the interval. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell 622458

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2013

The mobile library is expected to visit on the following days/times on a 4-weekly schedule. Please note the slightly revised times, and change of day for some Martlesham stops.

Tuesday 26th February, 26th March: Angela Close: 1:35-1:50pm, Redwold Close: 1:55-2:10pm, Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2:20-2:50pm, Douglas Bader: 3:00-4:30pm

Thursday, 14th February, 14th March:, Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

MARTLESHAM BRASS

'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

We had a very successful Christmas carolling season - thank you to everyone who generously dropped pennies and pounds into our buckets! The grand total was £1136.57, which will be divided between our chosen charities - National Childbirth Trust (NCT) Ipswich Branch, St Elizabeth Hospice and 4YP (Suffolk Young people's Health Project).

Please remember to get your tickets NOW for our concert with Owen Farr (solo horn player with the world famous Cory Band) on Saturday 2nd March, starting at 7pm at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. Tickets are available by visiting our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk or by visiting the 2nd Stop Charity Shop next to Tesco in Kesgrave or by phoning 07802 868924.

Owen is recognised as the United Kingdom's leading tenor horn clinician and he is dedicated to improving teaching methods for the instrument he loves. Owen teaches at the Royal Welsh College of Music, Birmingham Conservatoire and the Royal Northern College of Music. Lyrical tone quality and stunning technical precision have become his trade mark so we are really looking forward to learning as much as we can at the workshop he is running for all our bands during the day.

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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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.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

DEBEN thank the residents of Martlesham Heath for their donations when the Santa Sleigh called in the run up to Christmas. We raised the sum of £1,082.37 which was excellent and again thank you very much. The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben donated over £5,000 last year to charity. The donations range from supporting the Young Chef of the year, taking disabled children on a day out, the East Anglian Children's Hospices, to helping overseas when there has been earthquakes to Water Aid for clean water. One of the largest actions over the past 15 years has been the almost to date complete eradication of Polio through the world. If you have any query or would be interested in joining or finding out more about the Rotary movement and the Deben Club in particular please get in touch with me. Rotarian Ian O'B. Baker, Home Meadows, Top Street, Martlesham IP12 4RD or 07747 610894

THE LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

would like to thank all those who helped with our annual Christmas parcel campaign. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially! Your donations coupled with some generous support from suppliers Budgens and the Co-op in Woodbridge, enabled the Lions Club to deliver over 200 parcels in Woodbridge and the surrounding district. Thanks also to the 6th form pupils of Kesgrave High School who helped us with assembling the parcels and to those of you in the community who took the trouble to let us know who would benefit from some extra Christmas fare. We know from the letters of thanks received how much the parcels meant to their recipients.

In January we enjoyed a night out at the Seckford Theatre and a well attended quiz evening. So if you want to help in your community and have some fun give us a ring on 0845 8332820 or contact us through www.woodbridgelions.org.uk

KESGRAVE MARKET

Christmas is now a distant memory and maybe those New Year's resolutions have been forgotten, but you might want to start thinking about Mothering Sunday 10 March. You're bound to find that special card or gift, something just a little bit different.

For more up to date news and offers before you visit the February Market, please visit the website www.kesgravemarket.org.uk or add us on Facebook www.facebook.com/KesgraveMarket, and then the news and offers will come to you! We look forward to see you there.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Further Local Developments. I am sure that many of our residents will recall the strong views that your local District Councillors put forward against the proposal to site so many new homes in and around Martlesham. Now in addition to the Bloor Homes development off Main Road and the BT Homes south of Adastral Park, I have just been advised that Persimmon Homes now propose to put in an application for a development of approximately 300 new homes at Longstrops, that is land between Bell Lane, Dobbs Lane and Foxhall Road. Although not within the Martlesham Parish boundary it will clearly have an impact. Persimmons have indicated that they intend to submit their planning application in the spring. With the appearance of more shops such as Boots and Marks & Spencer at Beardmore Park Martlesham is now regarded by the planners as a key shopping area. On the positive side many of our local traders are looking forward to an increase in the local population as that will bring in more business for them and probably more jobs for the local community.

Electoral Review of the Suffolk Coastal District Council Wards. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is continuing with its work and investigations with a view to both creating an equality of ward size and at the same time responding to the desire of the current Council to reduce the number of Councillors. When the LGBCE has determined an appropriate new structure for the district then they will hold a public consultation. At the present time this is proposed to take place over a six week period from 23rd April 2013 to 3rd June 2013. As the process will take over a year to complete then there may well be a further consultation at a later stage. If you would like to discuss these or any other matter with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

REPORT FOR KESGRAVE W.I.

The President wishes everyone a happy new years at our January meeting. We welcomed five visitors and details of the Federation Council meeting on 5 March at Trinity Park were given.

Various social events are being planned for 2013 including a trip to the Viridor recycling centre at Great Blakenham, a craft workshop in October where members can learn about two different crafts and a day out with a fish and chip lunch to the Hut on the front in Felixstowe in the summer. We are also organising our 'At Home' (an afternoon tea and entertainment) for housebound residents in Kesgrave on the 8 April. Our next meeting is at 7.15pm on Thursday 7 February 2013 in the Kesgrave Community Centre. The speaker is Jane Parker on the work of a registrar. Visitors are welcome to join us. For information please call the Secretary Barbara Rose on 01473 622017

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Love is.....

As we turn our calendars over to February, no doubt the thought of Valentines Day is not far from many people's minds. It's only a few days away now.....And this got me thinking of the question: What is love? If I asked you to complete the sentence "love is....." no doubt there would be as many answers as weeks in the year. We can view love in sentimental terms, defining it as a feeling, and that's perhaps what's linked very much to Valentines Day. But love can also be an action, and that's how God sees love.

Whether we look back to Christmas, and the birth of Jesus, or forwards to Easter and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, for our sins, these events speak of love-in-action.

One of the most famous verses in the bible tells us "God so loved the world that He GAVE His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not die, but inherit eternal life" (John 3:16). In other words, God loved us too much to leave us where we were...so He took the initiative in rescuing us from our sins. So as you look forward to Valentines Day this year, can I extend to you a very warm welcome to join with us at New Life Community Church, to connect with Gods love, as expressed through Jesus. We meet every Sunday morning in Heath School, Bell Lane, Kesgrave. Our meetings start at 10.30am and usually end with refreshments at @12 noon. There is provision for children in our interactive Sunday school, and ALL are welcome. Roger Seville, Pastor.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Black Tiles Lane

"The Good Shepherd!"

Most people are familiar with Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want...."

One of Jesus' many titles is the "good shepherd". Eastern Shepherds walk in front of their flocks to lead them to pasture, and they know their sheep by name. Jesus applied this imagery to himself. He also is willing to lead us away from evil and into paths of righteousness. He also knows us by name. This picture is presented in the Gospel of John, chapter 10, where Jesus says - "I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd will give his life for the sheep" What is generally true of a good shepherd, became a reality for Jesus when he gave his life for us on the cross. He died, taking the punishment for our sins, that we might know God's forgiveness. Anyone, by faith, can join His flock!

ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE

February 12th - Glyn Jones

(Missionary Aviation Fellowship)

WEDNESDAYS

Home Group - 7.45 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 624401

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

The Pavilion is a great location for a children's party at weekends.

If you want to book the Martlesham Heath Pavilion or need more information please call Becky on 07732 199 712

Alternatively, you can book via our website: <http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/index.htm> which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions

LIFELINES

As I write I can see a spider travelling, seemingly effortlessly, down a silken line from a great height to a new level. The line indicates where the spider has been and where he landed. It is his lifeline as he trusts himself to the elements and takes his chance with gravity. All through his flight of adventure the thread flows out and saves him from the perils of freefall.

At this time of year many begin to think about new projects, plans or ventures – sometimes relatively small and close to home but at other times leading to new discoveries and inventions. In the past this sense of adventure took our forefathers to the ends of the earth. It would have been unwise however to have set out without some kind of lifeline. When the Pilgrim Fathers launched out into the unknown ocean they took with them the skills they had acquired in life, a strong sense of community and most importantly a strong and sustaining faith. Lines of continuity that gave structure and meaning to otherwise vague hopes and dreams.

For many the ultimate journey into the unknown is the journey after death into the afterlife and there is a longing for assurance and peace of mind. We subscribe to insurance policies, to medical practices and to motoring helplines for times of need. How remiss then it is to face the greatest adventure of all, into eternity, without the security and comfort of a lifeline.

Queen Victoria experienced such misgivings when she found that the chaplain of St Paul's Cathedral could give her no reassurances. Upon hearing of her plight John Townsend wrote these words to her, "With trembling hands, but a heart filled with love, and because I know that we can be absolutely sure even now of our eternal life, may I ask your Most Gracious Majesty to read the following passages of scripture: John 3 v.16 and Romans 10 v. 9 and 10. There is salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." John Townsend thus offered his Queen a lifeline that would provide confidence and divine assurance.

King George VI quoted M L Haskens in his Christmas broadcast of 1939. "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied, go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Whether spider, Pilgrim Father or monarch a lifeline is necessary before venturing forth.

Tricia Shuler

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

2013 has opened with our usual pattern of Services being maintained with Holy Communion at 8.00am on first and third Sundays and Evensong at 6.30pm on second and fourth Sundays. All are welcome to any of these Services.

We have just received the Surveyors Report following our 5 yearly inspection which was conducted in late 2012. As always these thorough surveys record and report on the maintenance work required to keep churches in good repair for now and the future. The PCC will be required to act on the recommendations made by the surveyor and will require application and finance to complete the necessary work.

Meanwhile the Brightwell Men in Sheds continue to meet on second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 9.30am to noon and we invite new members to join us at any of our meetings. A sense of humour and a relaxed attitude works best!

G Lambert

Secretary to Brightwell PCC

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 3rd Februry 1st Sunday before Lent	9.45am All Age Worship	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 10th February Sunday before Lent	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 12th February Ash Wednesday	10am Holy Communion		7pm Hly Communion
Sunday 17th February 1st Sunday of Lent	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion (CW)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th February 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	9am Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's.
Bright Stars meet on Monday, 11th and 25th February

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

February Prayer Diary

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

5th the volunteers and guests at the Ipswich church's night shelter	19th public transport workers
6th the residents of Borret Place	20th the residents of Broomfield and Broomfield Mews
7th the emergency services	21st delivery drivers keeping shops supplied with merchandise
8th Sailors away from home for many weeks	22nd our local newspapers
9th those who give sailors spiritual help and advice	23rd bereavement counsellors
10th St. Scholastica's Day, give thanks for all educational establishments	24th the people we meet today
11th those who keep our streets clean and tidy	25th Brightstars
12th Shrove Tuesday may we cleanse our lives as well as our kitchens	26th the patients and staff at Ipswich Hospital
13th First Day of Lent, may we begin to prepare for "new life"	27th the residents of Buckingham Close
14th Valentines Day, give thanks for God's love for us and our love for each other	28th our armed forces
15th the residents of Bradford Court	March
16th those in prison and the people looking after them	1st St. David's Day, pray for Welsh families, friends and acquaintances as they celebrate their country's patron saint
17th give thanks for the music in our churches	2nd our local authorities
18th those enjoying the half term holiday	3rd those struggling with their Christian faith
	4th victims of domestic abuse