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MARTLESHAM BUTTERFLIES

January Comma (*Polygonia c-album*)

This butterfly is found most of the
year around Martlesham. It lays its
eggs on Hop, Nettles and Elm on
sunny woodland edges or in hedge
rows.

Its caterpillar is camouflaged to look
like bird droppings brown with white
patches. The chrysalis is shaped like
an upside down sea horse

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:
paulstockdale@btinternet.com) or see
our web pages on
www.martlesham.org.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2013

The mobile library is expected to visit
on the following days/times in the next
three months, on a 4-weekly schedule.
Please note the slightly revised times,
and change of day for some
Martlesham stops. (Martlesham Heath
is apparently unique in having two visits
a month, owing to high usage)

Tuesday 29th January, 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 17th January, 14th February, 14th March:

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS POST 2012

I would like to say a huge Thank you to
everyone who posted cards for the
scout post this year. At time of writing, I
don't have the final figure, but judging
by how full the boxes have been I think
we have done well again.

Thanks to Duncans Butchers and Black
Tiles Post office for once again allowing
us to use their premises. Special
thanks to Stuart Cooke and all at BT for
their help.

Thanks also to the scout/cub leaders
and all the young people involved in
stamping, sorting and delivering the
cards around the area. I will advise the
final total in February

I'm looking forward to a few months off
before preparing for 2013!!

Simon Smith

1St Martlesham

Scout post co-ordinator

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a Happy New Year.

Bloor Homes Planning Application

On 21 November 2012 the District Council approved the building of 180 homes on land south of Main Road, Martlesham, despite the development being against the saved policies of the District Council's current Local Plan & its emerging Local Development Framework, and local opposition, including objections presented by our Planning Chairman. The District Council considered that the application met the requirements of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework. Work on the development is likely to start some time in 2013.

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 Adastral Park. The Inspector has now concluded his hearings and it is anticipated, at the time of going to press, that his preliminary comments will be issued before Christmas. There may be a further period of consultation on modifications to the Core Strategy. For full details, please check the SCDC website: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

Suffolk Coastal Textile Recycling Arrangements

In recent months Suffolk Coastal Services (SCS) has been actively publicising the expansion of its kerbside recycling collection service to include textiles. They would like to remind all residents that they can use this service for their unwanted textiles, with the key messages that:

textiles must be clean and dry, textiles should be placed inside the clear textile recycling bag provided (no bags other than those supplied can be used), but be careful not to overfill,

the bag should be tied to prevent the contents from falling out,

the bag should then be placed inside the blue-lidded recycling bin on top of the other recyclables (so that the collection operatives can see that the bin contains a bag of textiles and know that they need to leave a replacement bag),

the lid of the bin should be closed.

These bags should be replaced by the collection crews each time one is presented by a resident. Any resident who does not receive a replacement bag after theirs is collected can contact the SCS Customer Services Team on 01394 444000 or email

scs ltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk and a replacement will be arranged. Alternatively, these can be collected from Customer Services at the Suffolk Coastal Services Office on

Yarmouth Road, Ufford, IP13 6ET. A full list of outlets throughout Suffolk where replacement bags are available from can be accessed on www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk. The Customer Services Team will also be happy to help with any other queries on refuse and recycling arrangements.

Forthcoming meetings:

Please note that, due to the holidays, January meetings are a week later than usual Parish Council –

Wednesday 09 January 2013

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 16 January 2013

Parish Council –

Wednesday 06 February 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.

MALGA AGM REMINDER

A reminder that the Annual general Meeting of MALGA (Martlesham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners) takes place on Tuesday 8th January at 7.30 in the extension at St Michael and All Angels.

This is your chance to hear about where we are with regard to allotments in the village as well as, if you wish, join the committee. We are always open to new members.

Hope to see you there

Simon Smith

Treasurer

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD

The work to be carried out on the Western Corridor has been put out to tender and will be carried out during January and February. The work covers the areas described recently, and which can be seen on the SSSI website - <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/sss/> - under the October news item.

As well as the contractor work, there will be a "Megabash" day on Saturday 23 February. This will be a chance for people to volunteer to spend some time helping with the management of the SSSI. It will focus on clearing gorse and scrub from the area behind the North end of Westland to encourage regrowth of heather.

All assistance will be welcome!

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013

Welcome to 2013. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the celebrations at the end of 2012 and I trust that the New Year will bring some good fortune to our community here at Martlesham. The issues on the table at the moment are these:

Bloor Homes. The outline planning application was given consent by the planning committee in November 2012. Bloor has informed me that they hope to start work on the site sometime during the middle of the year. The earlier preliminary work that was carried out on the site in October 2012 was for archeological purposes. Nothing of significance was found so that there is now no reason why the construction can not go ahead. I have been led to believe that there are no plans to improve local infrastructure which is a big disappointment although some improvements may be forced upon the developers as the development proceeds. I live in hope.

Democratic Representation. There are within Suffolk Coastal District Council a number of wards that have a significant difference in the number of electors when compared to other wards. This difference is now sufficient for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, which is an independent body, to engage in a review of all wards in the district. The Lead Commissioner Professor Paul Wiles CB has briefed the councillors that as far as possible he intends to base his review on the parishes where ever possible. There are three stages to the review: 1) Deciding the size of the council, 2) Deciding the warding pattern, 3) Order by parliament implementing the review. (Parliament can accept or reject but not change the Order). The council leader together with the council officers is desirous of reducing the number of councillors from the current level of 55 to about 40. No precise figure has yet been set. This will of course increase the number of electors per district councillor. The recommendations that the Lead Commissioner makes will be initially put out for consultation for all parish councils and indeed all electors to have an input to the process. If you would like to discuss this or any other matter with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Bloor Homes Planning Application

Sadly and disappointingly the Development Control Committee held on the 21st November to decide on the planning application to build 180 new houses at Mr Pipes Field, Main Road and Mill Farm, Felixstowe Road passed the application. This was despite the misgivings raised by your Councillors and the Parish Council by a vote of 8 to 5. Work is likely to start in 2013.

Local Development Framework (LDF) Core strategy The Government Inspectors examination in public has now been concluded ,and, mostly due to issues raised by the Inspector and consultees, the Suffolk Coastal Planning team have made certain proposed modifications to the Core Strategy document. The document entitled Issue 4 – Main Modifications is available to view at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk under the LDF section. There is to be a further consultation period of six weeks for members of the public and other organisations to make comments to the Inspector on these modifications. This consultation is due to commence late December or very early in the New Year.

Review of Suffolk Coastal electoral arrangements During 2013 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England will be carrying out a review to decide how many Councillors are needed at Suffolk Coastal , how many wards are needed , what their boundaries should be and what they should be called. The results of this exercise will be in place for the 2015 District Council elections. If you wish to discuss any of the above issues or any other District Council matters please contact me via email john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephone on 01473 631682 after 6 p.m.

Happy New Year

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

Maintenance charge – A reminder to all householders that the annual maintenance charge became due on 1st October, can we ask anyone who hasn't yet paid to send payment to our PO Box address or pay online as soon as they can. A reminder to all members that in line with the resolution passed at the AGM in February 2012 the charge has risen from the initial £20 to £22.50 from December 1st.

As previously mentioned we have several properties being sold/ transferred without the necessary legal process taking place. Could we please remind all members to ensure that their potential buyers are aware that they will need to become members of MHHL and pay the annual maintenance charge? Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

During the last month a considerable amount of land maintenance work has been carried out around the village by MHHL. The pathway between Heathfield and The Oaks has been tidied and vegetation cut back. The gorse encroaching onto the pathway on Sorrell walk has been cut back which makes the pathway more user friendly. A large cedar tree and a rotten birch have been removed in Forest Lane. Many thanks to the resident who sent a note of thanks regarding one of the above items.

The open meeting held at the Church Centre on 19th November regarding MHHL's policy on Tree Maintenance was well attended. We thank all those members who did attend. An excellent and informative presentation was delivered by Eamonn O'Byrne, one of our volunteer directors.

The next public meeting will be by our AGM on Thursday 28th February in St Michaels Main Church Centre at 8pm. This is an important meeting when decisions affecting members are made, so do please try to attend.

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.

THE DRINKS AND DRIBBLES

BABY CAFE

will be open at St. Michael's Church
Centre, Martlesham Heath

between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

on Thursdays, 3rd and 17th January.

All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to drop in for refreshments, toys and friendship.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Welcome back to all our children – we hope you had a great Christmas holiday! We welcome 4 new children to playschool and hope you have a fantastic time with us.

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

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair in November. We made a profit of £283, half of which will be donated to "Magic Moments" – a charity which sends families with terminally ill children, or families having lost a child, to Disneyland Paris.

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 full for the rest of this school year but welcome applications for future terms. We are very popular and have a long waiting list. We are registered to take children from 2 years, situated next to Gorseland School and serve families in Kesgrave, Martlesham Heath, old Martlesham as well as surrounding areas.

THE SAPLINGS Happy New Year to all our children and their families! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break. With the start of the new year, we have lots of fun activities, crafts and games waiting for the children on their return to the pre-school, the breakfast club and the after school club.

Looking further ahead, it's not too early to book your child into our fun-packed Half Term Holiday Club! We welcome all children from age 2 up to age 11 and we'll have lots of activities to keep them happily entertained through out the school break. 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, call us 01473 614753, email news@thesaplings.org.uk or visit our website www.thesaplings.org.uk.

CALLING ALL MUMS The Mums' Club is a group of mums who, with their very small children, meet together once a month at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath to share friendship, lunch and a social time together. Meetings from 12.45 to 2.30 p.m. start with a sandwich, cake and fruit lunch which is provided for you and your child/ren for a donation of £2.00. This is then followed by a speaker or an activity for mums and children together. All mums with babies and toddlers welcome. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th January. This will be a general 'Chomp and Chat' meeting. Lunch will be served around 1.00 p.m. and then Mums can chat while their children play. Why not meet up with your friends and catch up with the news?! All mums with babies and toddlers welcome.

Looking ahead, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 5th February when Sarah Franklin from DanceEast will tell us about and give us a sample of 'Tots & Co' - DanceEast's classes for very young children. Please join us.

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

NEW YEAR AT BRIGHT STARS!

Calling all preschoolers, toddlers and babies! Would you like to bring your parents or carers to Bright Stars for a fun start to the year? If you enjoy singing, stories and crafts why not come along and enjoy our fun children's worship and activity sessions which 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 dates for our Spring 2013 sessions are:

January 14th, January 28th

February 11th, February 25th

March 11th, March 25th

If you would like any further information please contact:

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Happy New Year from everyone at Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group! After all the busyness of December, we are taking it easy in January and easing ourselves gently into 2013. If you are looking for somewhere to have a coffee and a sit down while your little ones play, then why not give us a try? We meet Wednesday and Fridays during term time in Martlesham Health Pavilion from 9.30-11.30am, turn up at any time! Sessions cost just £2.50 per child and then a mere £1 for each additional child, and this includes hot drinks for the parents, juice for the children, and biscuits for all! We have a singing time at 10.30am and lots of lovely toys out to play with the rest of the time.

Sessions start again on Wednesday 9th January 2013 and we'd love to see you if you've never been before – and especially if you have! Any queries, find us on Facebook or email us mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk

DISABILITY ADVICE SERVICE EAST SUFFOLK (DAS)

Non-Executive Charitable Trustees Required

Based: Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1EP

DAS is a leading provider of advice and help to people with disabilities and their family carers in the Suffolk Coastal area. Last year we helped over 900 people to cope with wide range of practical problems from welfare rights to finding accessible holidays.

We are seeking to recruit 3 new charitable trustees to join our Management Committee. The Committee meets every two months and occasionally oversees specific time-limited projects within the organisation.

Successful candidates will be strategic thinkers who are able to work as part of the team, which oversees the overall direction of DAS as an organisation. We are looking for people who are able to demonstrate an ability to support the organisation in achieving its ambitions, whilst providing an effective level of constructive challenge.

You will probably have experience (paid or voluntary) in at least one of the following business disciplines: finance and fundraising, organisational development, care and support, advice or advocacy. You could also be someone with personal experience of a disability or of caring, and we welcome applicants from all sections of the local community.

For an informal chat about the role please contact Jen Morcom, DAS Manager, Telephone 01394 387070, or Jo Cowley, Management Committee Chair, Telephone 07794442265.

HOME-START SUFFOLK COASTAL IS COMING TO EAST IPSWICH!

We will be working in Ipswich as part of an initial 1year pilot. Home-Start is a charity providing support to families for whom life can be difficult. Families we support must reside in the East Ipswich area or the Suffolk Coastal District, and have at least 1 child under 5 living at home.

Over the Past year we have provided support to over 100 families who live in the coastal area, helping out families with twins, triplets, Mental Health problems, medical difficulties, Bereavement and families who are Isolated to name a few. Support is provided by volunteers who are parents themselves or have some experience of parenting. Volunteers visit as a professional friend, bringing whatever is needed, a confidential listening ear, help with entertaining and playing with children, an extra pair of hands and eyes, and support to help a family through a difficult time.

We are looking to recruit and train up to 30 new volunteers from the Ipswich area. Volunteers can gain accredited level 1 and 2 training, and ongoing support, training and supervision.

Our next training course starts in January 18th 2013 and will run once a week over 9 weeks between 9.30-2.30, and the following course will run from the 25th Feb-1st of March 9.30-3.00pm.

If you would like to know more about supporting a local family please call 01394 389402, or visit www.home-startsuffolkcoastal.btik.com

All posts are subject to enhanced level CRB and Reference check. Travel Expenses paid. Charity No. 1105001

SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

If your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009, you **MUST** apply for a full-time school place by **Tuesday 15th January 2013**.

You must make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or childrens centre.

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit;

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissiontoschools

Information is also available from: The Admissions Team on 0845 600 0981 or your local School

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS WITH PAPWORTH TRUST In Ipswich Could YOU do it?

Administration: we need someone to help greet visitors and customers and carry out general admin duties in our lively Ipswich centre

Gardening: support clients in our exciting new Garden project or support disabled people in accessing the People's Community Gardens and assisting in learning activities.

IT: help and support learners develop IT skills and confidence.

Raise funds: collect funds for Papworth Trust in stores across Ipswich.

Promote literacy & numeracy: work with a tutor to support a small group of about 8-14 learners to gain skills in literacy and/or numeracy.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Christian Cornforth at Papworth Trust

01480 357200 or 0800 9525000
volunteering@papworth.org.uk

BRITISH RED CROSS-ACROSS SUFFOLK-

This summer Red Cross week raised a tremendous £10,000 from collections across the county and a further £10,000 was raised by the Suffolk Open Gardens. This £20,000 will be spent on providing services for vulnerable people across Suffolk. One such service is the medical equipment loan service which has outlets across the county. Medical equipment loans are provided for up to three months and are free of charge, delivery is available in some areas for a small fee. You can borrow items such as wheelchairs, commodes, and walking aids. (The American paralympic team borrowed 20 shower stools for their wheelchair athletes during their recent stay at Lakenheath Air Base!) To find your nearest medical equipment loan outlet call 01284 727252, or for the Lowestoft area call 0845 054 7181.

We are currently planning our Open Garden programme for 2013 and are looking for more gorgeous gardens to open and delight the visiting public. If you know of a secret garden (or street, or whole village) that you think would be suitable, or like the idea of helping at an Open Garden near you (putting up signs, baking cakes, stewarding the gate etc) please let me know.

Jane Dow ,Senior Community Fundraiser
Direct Dial: 01284 727247
Email: janedow@redcross.org.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 17th January we have a talk at 7-30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall about "The Hidden Treasures of our Secret Sea" by Rob Spray of the Marine Conservation Society. Please come along and join us for an insight into our amazing sea life. Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Mrs Sandra Price gave a delightful demonstration at our November meeting entitled "Christmas Greetings". Her stunning arrangements which were a riot of colour depicted seasonal scenes including a Christmas card, an arrangement for the hearth, Santa's sleigh and a large gold church window. Sandra also showed us how to put together a square design including foliage, candles and baubles and an unusual long design to hang on the wall. Throughout her demonstration she also kept us amused reading out some of her favourite Christmas cracker jokes. Finishing off a very pleasant afternoon, members and visitors enjoyed a cuppa and home made mince pies.

The competition was won by Jean Smith (Senior) Shelagh Goddard (intermediate) and Elaine Moses (Novice).

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 £15 with visitors welcome at £4 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

The next meeting will be on 20th February when Mrs Linda Harman will give a demonstration entitled "The Crafty Flower". The competition is "Arrangement incorporating a craft" All most welcome.

Margaret Doveson 01473 624422

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 CONSERVATION GROUP

As we move into the new year with a period of cold weather before the warmer days of spring arrive please help the bird population by putting out additional food in your garden. This simple action can help birds survive through the cold snaps.

The scrub clearance work on clearing of our heathland will continue through the January and February period and then break until the autumn to avoid disturbance to nesting birds. Martlesham Conservation Group will be undertaking some more scrub clearance work at or regular work parties which will be supplemented by work by contractors and the annual Megabash scheduled for Saturday 23rd February. This work is aimed at increasing the proportion of heather and acid grassland components of the heathland and reducing the invading trees. These components are key to supporting a range of rare wildlife particularly invertebrates and reptiles, which should become more evident once we return to warmer weather.

Our next work party will take place on Sunday 13th January when we will aim to clear scrub on Martlesham Heath SSSI (western corridor). This action should allow more heather or acid grassland to establish, to the benefit of a wide range of heathland wildlife. Please contact me for further details or come along and join us for the morning out on the heath and help to work off those excess calories you may have consumed over the Christmas period.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Happy New Year to all of you who walk through the Portal Woodlands, our volunteers and those who support us from a distance. If you would like a morning out working with fellow conservationists please come and join us. We meet once a month alternately on Saturday and Sunday. Youngsters aged 5-11 can join our educational Nature Watch Club (classes start in April) or those 11+ can join the more practical Nature Explorers group where they have their own conservation projects to work on. There are lots of projects to help with including planting a hazel area for dormouse habitat, renovating wartime features and ancient tumuli, and marking out signed paths, as well as general maintenance of paths to keep them open and safe for users.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Explorers Saturday 19th January 9.00-11.00am

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 19th January 10:00am-Noon
Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Be sure to book your place for Nature Explorers by sending an email to pwcg.naturewatch@martlesham.org.uk

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

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

At the time of going to print, we were still anticipating our December Christmas Party, (and Christmas itself), but by the time you read this the New Year will have been well and truly rung in, and here at the Ladies Club we will be beavering away with plans for the year ahead. Our full itinerary for 2013 will include regular Guest Speakers, quizzes, outings, and informal fortnightly get together of Ladies exchanging views and ideas, with refreshments mid evening. Join us at the Richards Rooms on January 10th for our first Meeting of the year, when Dr Simon Smith, a Consultant Radiologist from Ipswich Hospital, will be explaining about the miracle that is helping to transform some cancer treatments, the Micro Ablation unit.

Want to know more? Telephone our Chairman, Doreen Boar on 01473 622768

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on Friday, 7th December had nothing at all to do with aviation! In keeping with previous December meetings the theme of our talk was a light-hearted topic which proved to be very popular with our mature audience.

Mr Tom Tyler presented a talk entitled, "When Motoring Was Fun". Tom was able to reminisce with the audience about years gone by when we actually drove entirely British built cars with names like Austin, Morris, MG, Triumph and Riley – to name but a few.

Rightly or wrongly it is always possible to look back on "the good old days" with affection, but our audience certainly seemed to agree with Tom that motoring 50 years ago really was more fun.

A vote of thanks was given by Robert Dunnett, who is himself an enthusiast for classic cars.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 4th January, when the subject will be "The Mobile Squad", or "Britain's Secret Army"; a little known and hastily mobilised group of volunteers whose unenviable job was to have been to disrupt and sabotage enemy troops in the event of invasion from the Nazis in WW2.

Mr Ivan Potter will give his account of the time when he was in such a "dirty tricks" unit based in the Belstead area in 1940. This promises to be a fascinating story about a subject that very few people know about, or who remember.

All meetings are at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7.30pm, with a tea and coffee break half way through, with a payment for non members of just £2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell 622458

SPEAK EASY - A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Why not make a New Year's resolution to improve your skills and confidence speaking in public? You can then enjoy fortnightly help and support achieving it by coming along to Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club. We are affiliated to Toastmasters International and each meeting provides opportunities for members to take on roles and give short speeches in a friendly and light hearted atmosphere which can help you gain confidence speaking formally, for example at work in meetings or to customers, and informally, such as at groups or social events.

The meetings are held 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:

January 17th

January 31st

February 14th

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 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

**Martlesham
Community Council
& Martlesham In Bloom**

**JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK
SALE**

ON
SAT 16th FEBRUARY 2013

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

10.00-12.00 NOON

Admission 30p

Enquiries to Jackie Bear on
01473-623007

**If anyone has any 'bric a brac' or
jumble, etc. please contact Jackie
on the above number.
We do not want any magazines,
papers or Electrical goods**

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET.

The market is closed for a short time between December 22nd and the 12th January 2013, but the Producers use this time to prepare for the months ahead. The recipe books come out, the knitting patterns are studied, and we all try to gain the knowledge that we know exactly what you our customers need, but more importantly what we can tempt you with. We don't always get it right, but be assured we will listen to what you say and provide the items you request at our weekly markets. .

We constantly look for new Producers offering bits and pieces that we don't already have – so if you feel you would like to join us and you have that talent to offer something different please contact us on 01473 623849.

We have not changed our opening time – Saturday Kesgrave Scout H/Q 9.30 – 11.30am

and Tuesday Martlesham Pavilion, The Green 9.00 – 10.15am, Refreshments available.

We wish all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

MOTHERS UNION

On December 5th approximately 65 members and guests gathered at St Michael's Church Centre to enjoy Festive singing and food. Florence arranged a topical quiz and the catering was left in the very capable hands of Ann Berg. Snow had fallen in the early hours which brought back memories of the previous year when the Christmas Party was cancelled due to bad weather. However most people braved the cold to enjoy the usual Mothers Union time of fun, faith, food and fellowship.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way, to make this another successful occasion.

The Mothers union meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm at St Michael's Church. Our new year starts on Wednesday the 2nd of January with a communion service led by Rev. Tricia Shuler.

For further information please telephone Florence on 01473 631347

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Here we are in another New Year, so we wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope you enjoyed the festivities.

Two afternoon friendly matches have been played during the past month, against Harkstead and URC both resulting in draws. These events are always very popular as there is such a friendly atmosphere throughout the afternoon whatever the results.

League matches have been played against Bramford (an 8/2 win) at home and Brantham where there was a 2/2 draw on games but we lost on shots.

The Club singles are progressing well with the men's in the quarter finals and the ladies into the finals.

Our friendly afternoon on 14th Devenber was, as usual, a great success with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. Our thanks to Judith for her efforts in arranging the competitions, and to Christine for the extremely enjoyable refreshments. We all ate far too much!

With Christmas and New Year falling on our normal practice days these, obviously will be cancelled.

Maureen Banthorp

Village Views

Something was missing from The Square this Christmas. I wonder how many other residents noticed the absence of the Christmas tree this year.

I understand the barriers can seem unsightly but where were the Christmas lights in the shop windows?

Maybe a fund could be sent up so that the square could look more festive, when the time comes in 2013?. We would certainly be keen to contribute. Anybody else interested?

There could be even perhaps be a grand 'switch on' event such as the residents of Deben Avenue enjoy each year.

Please feel free to contact me

Rachel Pennick

Rachel.pennick@btinternet.com

KESGRAVE MARKET

By Saturday, 19th January all the Christmas food will have been eaten, you may be feeling a bit jaded and probably a bit short of money, but we all still have to eat. At the Kesgrave Market, the usual stall holders will be present offering all of the essentials - fruit and vegetables, meat and fish, bread and rolls - all fresh and locally sourced.

Why not pop along to the Scout Headquarters in Rupert Fison Square, between 9.00am and 12.30pm; if you walk, you can blow a few cobwebs away at the same time and the children can have some exercise.

If you haven't been to the Market yet, then why not make a New Year's resolution to visit this month and sample the pleasant atmosphere and see the quality produce you can buy 'right on your doorstep'.

www.kesgravemarket.org.uk or www.facebook.com/kesgravemarket.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

The combination of "AGM" and a dank November evening might be enough to encourage most of us to snuggle up in front of the television, so we were pleased to see a good attendance at our November meeting. Actually it was an important meeting, as we were electing a new President, Audrey Burnell having served her three year term. The W.I. is an extremely democratic movement, so we were glad to welcome Linda Leigh, a W.I. advisor from Woodbridge, to help us conduct a secret ballot, as a result of which Pat Brown was elected as our President for the next year. We wish her all the best. After the formalities we enjoyed an illustrated presentation by another advisor, Liz Quarmby, on the history and activities of the W.I. both nationally and locally. Because of course in joining the W.I. you become a member not just of your local branch, but a huge and influential national organisation, which importantly is non party political and non sectarian making it open to all women. We have an interesting programme arranged for this year, starting with a talk about "the Ghosts of Landguard Fort" by Richard Bradshaw. So why not come along on Friday January 18th to the Richards Room at 7.30 and visit our friendly group. Want to know more. Contact our new secretary, Pat Jackson, on 01473 611811.

Susan Cunliffe.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

"What of the future??"

Most people need to plan for the days and weeks ahead, and have a good idea of what 2013 will bring.

Others are content to live out their lives from day to day, following a regular routine. (Some have no alternative to this!)

What does 2013 hold for us? - Ease and comfort? - Or problems and trials? - Some new experience bringing joy? - Or continuing distress through illness, pain or loneliness?

A modern hymn says:

"I do not know what lies ahead,
the way I cannot see.

But one stands near to be my guide,
He'll show the way to me.

I know who holds the future,
and He'll guide me with His hand.

With God things don't just happen,
everything by Him is planned.

So as I face tomorrow,
with it's problems large or small
I'll trust the God of miracles,
Give to Him my all.

The untrodden path of 2013 can be walked with greater confidence, if we place ourselves in God's hands.

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion 10/00a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE - January 8th

(Visit by Tear Fund Rep)

WEDNESDAYS

Home group - 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

John or Ruth Mellen can give further information -

01473 624401

WHEN CHRISTMAS IS OVER WHAT ARE WE LEFT WITH?

12 names to remove from next year's Christmas card list,

11 least favourite chocolates at the bottom of the box,

10 metres of tinsel to take down and put away,

9 blown fairy light bulbs

8 leftover mince pies,

7 pairs of novelty Christmas socks

6 hours of recorded seasonal specials

5 days supply of turkey sandwiches,

4 black bin bags of empty packaging,

3 plastic novelty singing fish from friends with the same idea,

2 inches of extra waistline, and,

one brown and decaying Norwegian spruce.

But could there be something better? How about.....

Making this the year that you resolve to find out what the Christian message is all about for yourself. A number of services and events will be taking place over the coming months, full details will be on church noticeboards and in this newsletter.

Revd Tricia Shuler

COULD YOU BE A FRIEND TO SUFFOLK'S CHURCHES?

Are you someone who values the church building which has been part of your community for generations? Many such buildings are under threat from crumbling plaster, rising damp, failing pipes, tottering towers or the dreaded Death Watch Beetle. Your church might currently be in the fortunate situation where all is well - but in the future it could be your community that needs help from the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

In 2013 we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary and since 1973 we have given out grants, totalling more than £3 million, to help restore and preserve churches of all denominations. These grants have been a lifeline to struggling fund-raisers. The money comes from the annual sponsored church bike ride in September, from legacies and donations, but also from the subscriptions of the Friends of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

In return for a minimum annual donation of £15 per person Friends are invited to an annual dinner, study days and other events. They also receive twice yearly newsletters about the work of the Trust in Suffolk.

Please become a Friend of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust - your church could be the one that needs help in the future.

Martin Favell

Chairman, Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

www.shct.org.uk

office telephone: 01787 883884

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM DISTRICT

We are a thriving District with 1 Rainbow Unit, 4 Brownie Packs, 1 Guide Company & 1 Ranger Unit.

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

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THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Lynn Wilder Kenton Nr Debenham. 01728 860627

| Services for the Month | Martlesham Heath St Michael's | Martlesham St Mary's | Brightwell St John's |
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| Sunday 6th January Epiphany | 9.45am All Age Worship | 11am Holy Communion (BCP) | 8am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 13th January The Baptism of Christ | 9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church | 11am Morning Worship | 6.30pm Evensong |
| Sunday 20th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany | 9am Breakfast@9 | 11am Holy Communion (CW) | 8am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany | 9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church | 11am Morning Prayer | 6.30pm Evensong |
| Sunday 3rd February Presentation of Christ | 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, 14th and 28th January

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

Prayer Diary

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

January

- 5 Pray for all who keep our roads passable in winter
- 6 We remember the Magi visiting the infant Jesus**
- 7 Pray for children/students returning to study
- 8 Pray for Martlesham Parish Council
- 9 Pray for the residents of Bader Court
- 10 Pray for those suffering financial hardship
- 11 Pray for the Woodbridge Pathway Group
- 12 Pray for godchildren and godparents
- 13 Rejoice in the knowledge that God loves us**
- 14 Pray for local conservation groups
- 15 Pray for the weekly country market
- 16 Pray for the residents of Bealings Road
- 17 Pray for the safety of ships at sea
- 18 Give thanks for loving families
- 19 Pray for those in failing relationships

- 20 Give thanks for Christian friendships**
- 21 Pray for people who live alone
- 22 Pray for all who advertise in the 'Monthly'
- 23 Pray for the residents of Birch Grove
- 24 Pray for the welfare of all animals
- 25 Give thanks for literature and poetry
- 26 Pray for peace in Israel/Palestine
- 27 Pray for Christian Solidarity Worldwide**
- 28 Help us to remember to be good neighbours
- 29 Pray for all church leaders
- 30 Pray for the residents of Blacktiles Lane
- 31 Give thanks for all kinds of music

February

- 1 Pray for the cessation of violence in Syria
- 2 Celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World
- 3 Give thanks for warmth in the winter months**