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*****EDITORIAL*****

Due to the Christmas holidays, January's Martlesham Monthly is scheduled to be put together earlier than normal. Therefore I will need to bring forward the deadline date for that edition, so please note that the deadline for copy for January's Martlesham Monthly is **Friday 14th December**. Thank you.

Furthermore, I'd like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Neal Goldsmith

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

After a six month request for a volunteer to take control of the operation of the recording equipment, we are very pleased to welcome Graham Downing to the team. This ensures that the Talking Monthly tapes will continue and we thank Graham for taking over the reins.

Martlesham Monthly Editors

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

Over forty residents attended The Village Help Desk in The Pavilion on Saturday 17th December. Many favourable comments were received including one person who had had a problem for over a year and had made various phone calls but after visiting The Village Help Desk he is now confident that it will soon be solved. Another comment was that it was nice to put names to faces.

I am very grateful to all the Village Representatives and Suffolk Constabulary who attended and all agreed that it was a worthwhile morning and many concerns and problems are hopefully on their way to being solved.

With the many changes that are being planned for the area in and around Martlesham I am sure The Village Help Desk can become a very useful contact point for any residents concerned for the future. The next Village Help Desk has been arranged for **Saturday**

15th March 2008, 10 am – 12 pm.

Paul Firman

POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency

situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office—01473 334980

E-mail—richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 4 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.

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

VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

We are still trying to establish a telephone number that we can call for all enquiries about the Virgin Media Cable service here at Martlesham Heath.

For the time being can you call Paul Keane on 01206 507473. Paul is a manager with Virgin Media and is trying his best to help us. He is based at Colchester and is as frustrated as we are. So please call him for all your problems and hopefully he will sort them out.

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MUSIC ON THE GREEN 2008

The weather may be getting colder, but the preparations for next summer's Martlesham Music on the Green are already warming up. This year's event will be held on Saturday 12th July 2008 and building on the success of 2007,

most colourful Music on the Green to date. Committee members, headed by Paul Firman, are already hard at work and have received kind sponsorship promises from Howard Plant, The Douglas Bader, Pedal Power, PJ Print, Blue Star Skips and The Martlesham Monthly. Our friends at BBC Radio Suffolk have also pledged their support in making sure Music on the Green 2008 is a great family day out.

Of course, the event would be nothing without the support of the local community. Working together, we raised £5000 for local charities this year and we need your help in 2008 to raise even more. Our chosen charities for this year are The East Anglian Children's Hospices and The Martlesham Responders. If you can spare any time to help out on the day, or have any skills/equipment which may assist us then please get in touch; paulfirman@talktalk.net or 01473 622874.

More information on Music on the Green 2008 and all recent press releases are available on our fantastic new website www.musiconthegreen.com. The countdown to Summer 2008 has begun.

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2008 - MUSIC OFF THE GREEN MUSIC QUIZ

Presented by Stephen "The Foz" Foster from BBC Radio Suffolk in aid of Music on the Green 2008, at The Douglas Bader. 7 pm for a 7:30 pm start. £4 per person (including a light supper). Maximum 6 per team.

Please call 01473 625394 to book your table.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Suffolk County Council Locality Budget Funding

Our County Councillor Patricia O'Brien advises that she still has £3,500 of funding to allocate to projects within Martlesham and she would welcome applications. Any application must demonstrate how it

is of benefit to the people of Martlesham. Please contact her as follows:

Address: Hill House, Newbourne Road, Bucklesham, Ipswich, IP10 0BU

Telephone: 01394 448085
e-mail: patricia.obrien@suffolkcc.gov.uk

Notice Boards

The Council has agreed that its notice boards are **not** to be used for the following: commercial notices, notices advertising events outside a 3 mile radius of the parish or unlawful or offensive notices. Please do not use staples to attach notices. The Council would be very grateful if those groups or individuals who regularly advertise on the boards would remove any out of date notices before pinning up their own. This will help to keep the boards in a tidy and presentable state. Many thanks to all those who already assist in this way.

Please note that, other than at the Black Tiles Post Office, the Martlesham Community Hall and The Square, Council notices are now put up by volunteers and this may mean that the other 9 boards are not as up to date as in these areas.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 5th December, date of January meeting to be announced

***No Recreation & Amenities committee meeting in December**

*Development Plans committee – meeting in December to be agreed, please check notice boards or the website

***No Finance & General Purposes committee meeting in December**

All meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax: 01473 612632
e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

MAINTENANCE CHARGE FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008

The annual Maintenance Charge is due for 2007/2008. All householders who have not yet submitted payment are requested to forward this annual charge of £15. Payment can be made by post or delivered by hand to C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL.

Cheques should be made payable to Martlesham Consultants Ltd and the payment slip that you have received by post should be enclosed as well.

Are you interested in the open spaces we enjoy around the Heath? Do you want to have an input into maintaining the special character of the village? If so, have you thought about becoming a volunteer director for MCL? No special qualifications are needed, we only meet monthly (in the evening) and we are a friendly bunch. We only put in what time we can manage and it is all towards maintaining and improving the open spaces and environment for everyone who lives here. Please think about it and if you want to talk to an existing director you can get in touch with us via e-mail or telephone and we will be pleased to talk to you.

We have posted a polite notice on the lamp post on the green in Manor Road. Ball games are not allowed on this small green because of the proximity of the houses. There are plenty of open spaces in the area and the village green is the proper place for ball games. We urgently request the cooperation of residents and parents in particular to ensure that this request is respected.

The next monthly MCL Directors meeting will be held on Monday 17th December. This is an open meeting and all who subscribe to the maintenance charge are welcome to attend. 7:30 pm in the Committee room at St Michael's Church Centre.

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

E-mail – mcl@martlesham.org.uk

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

To contact Martlesham Community Hall or Richards Room for details of booking them, or any other reason, please use any of the following methods:

- phone and leave a message on the answer phone. The number is 01473 623203.

- e-mail martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com

- send post to Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

(Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

The Committee are looking to appoint a Booking Secretary for the Community Hall/Richards Room. It involves keeping the booking diaries up to date with the regular hirers and their monthly invoices, taking the one-off requests from hirers and processing these and attending Committee meetings to keep the Committee informed of the state of the bookings. The Committee expect the work will take about 5 to 6 hours per week but there is no set time to do the work. All expenses are paid (telephone calls, postage, paper, etc.) and there will be an annual honorarium. Apply in writing to The Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Forthcoming events:-

*Tuesday 29th January, 7:30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre - 'A New Year in Bloom' featuring 'Martlesham's Wildlife' by Duncan Sweeting, the event will also include our AGM.

*Jumble and Plant Sale - Saturday 2nd February, 10 am to noon in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath (jointly with Martlesham Community Council).

More details about the above two events will be in January's Martlesham Monthly.

Committee members have

trees grown from the seed from the parish.

Anglia in Bloom

Several committee members attended the recent annual Anglia in Bloom Seminar at Bury St Edmunds; speakers included Britain in Bloom judges and we were able to discuss our entry this year with our judges.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our demonstrator this month was Mrs Helen Bird with her 'Autumn Inspiration' – something we all needed. Using ivy taken from an old air-raid shelter in her garden she created two displays in a large basket with numerous coloured foliage and red, orange and white chrysanthemums, finishing with red apples picked from her garden. She used a tall, decorated, silver grey wrought iron stand for her second arrangement creating a triangle design which included dried bird of paradise and ornamental cabbage. A glazed brown pot which reminded her of a conker formed the basis of an asymmetric arrangement and a tall wicker basket was her base for the fourth design. Like many of our demonstrators, Mrs Bird used very unusual containers including a mottled pink-coloured bulbous pot with a tapered neck which she used to create a neat arrangement and a large bucket-shaped basket surrounded with different sized stones at the base. During the demonstration she kept us amused with stories of her family and garden.

The competition was won by Shirley Kendall with Norma Jessup in second place.

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

There is no meeting in December so we would like to wish

everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM ALLOTMENT & LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

There's a chance for you to meet the committee:

Tuesday 4th December, 7:30 pm at the Douglas Bader - £3 per person, £4 non-members

We'll have a celebrity chef guest speaker, buffet and will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for M.A.L. G.A.

We are holding a meeting so you can see who we are, what we've done and what we intend to do.

As for the progress on allotments, I will hold that back until the meeting so you can find out first hand what has happened and how hard the parish are working to provide allotments.

I would also like to hear from you what type of person you would be interested to see us book for any future guest speaker nights.

The meeting nights will be held for your entertainment, to meet other members, your interest and to raise much needed funds to take our quest forward for allotments in Martlesham. So it would help us to help you, to know what people/subjects you would like to see.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Day (Chairman)

MARTLESHAM W.I.

It was lovely to have fifteen visitors at our open meeting and we hope they enjoyed our speaker Mr Paul Sawyer and his wildlife photography as much as we did. Some of us had seen Paul before so we knew we were in for a special treat. His photography is simply stunning. Starting with spring he took us through the seasons with close-up pictures of numerous birds, hedgehogs, toads rabbits – even snails and feeding caterpillars. In fact there was very little that had escaped his camera. He told us about the migration and feeding habits of several of his subjects and when questioned, admitted that he

sometimes hid for many hours to get a picture. He concluded with a wonderful shot of deer in the sunrise. This had involved watching for ten days before he was able to capture the picture he wanted. A true enthusiast!

Congratulations were given to our team of Pat Brown, Margaret Buckingham, Sue Cunliffe and Pauline Fisher who finished third out of 49 teams in the East Suffolk Federation's Quiz held at Wickham Market. A splendid effort.

We ended the evening with a tasty buffet supper.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Martlesham at 7:30 pm on 14th December. This will be a social evening when we will have the Kered hand bell ringers to entertain us. Do come along and join us. We are a small but very friendly group and visitors and always welcome.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Well here we are with our last meeting before Christmas – yes, it's our Christmas Party time on Thursday 6th December at 7:30 pm at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre. It's always a fun evening with plenty of tasty refreshments.

2008 starts off with three Meetings in January:

*3rd January - 'The Inca Trail'; speaker Rory Burrow

*17th January - Photographs and Bring & Buy

*31st January - 'English Surnames'; speaker Mervyn Lemon (members will remember his excellent talk last February entitled 'Marines in Tights')

On behalf of the Martlesham Ladies Club may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Any ladies out there making New Year Resolutions – why not make one to join our Club? We always welcome new members, we're a friendly crowd. We meet alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre. Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473

624510.

Margaret

Green

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets for its Christmas party at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 4th December from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. This will take the form of a Bring and Share Lunch followed by a short session with a member of the Jo-Jingles team (a pre-school music activities group). All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us – just bring along a small quantity of food to share and join in the fun!

For more details please ring Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

We recently held a day which was attended by MU members from all over Suffolk during which we addressed many of the current issues in society and the Church. In different groups we discussed co-habitation, marriage, gay and lesbian relationships to name a few. So many people have these situations within their own families or amongst close friends and sometimes we do not know what we really think until we are confronted with it or talk about it.

We are now preparing for Christmas, for the birth of Jesus Christ, who brought hope and new life to the world. He was born of an unmarried mother, in a stable, and became a refugee as His parents had to flee to another country to escape death. 2000 years later we celebrate His birth, why not come and celebrate with us at one of our services at Christmas? All services are listed on the Church page of this magazine. Joy to the world - the Lord has come.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd January at St Michael's at 2:30 pm - you will be sure of a warm welcome. If you would like to know more ring Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

MARTLESHAM COUNTRY MARKET

Just a brief Christmas reminder

from the Country Market producers. Christmas orders can be taken up until Tuesday 11th December at Martlesham and Saturday 15th December at Kesgrave. The last market dates of the year will be Tuesday 18th December at Martlesham with the reopening date 15th January. Kesgrave's last market date is Saturday 22nd December with the reopening date 12th January 2008.

Remember to come along and pick up delicious home-baked food before we close for Christmas. Visit the craft section for that unique Christmas decoration or unusual gift.

We would like to wish all our customers a very happy Christmas and New Year. We shall look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year and meeting new customers.

Any enquiries about the market, please contact Margaret Gayfer (Chairman) on 01473 6 2 3 8 4 9 .

Robyn Pye

(Country Market producer)

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINDING GROUP

Christmas is here – which will mean lots of busy and excited children! There may be a few tears shed from some of us - as very proud parents and childminders – we attend plays, concerts, carol services and other events to celebrate Christmas – watching our children at Playgroup, Nursery and school! Some of our group members will be saying 'goodbye' to children as they start full-time school in the New Year and we wish them well!

A reminder to all our children and parents that this year our Christmas Party takes place on Friday 21st December – we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! Many thanks to our chairperson Zoe Booth, our secretary Karen Clapson and to Jean Bridle who have, between them, organised the whole event – the hall, the presents, the entertainment, the food and the raffle! We are sure our Christmas

Party will be a huge success – what a fantastic way to celebrate the start of our Christmas holidays!

Wishing all readers a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For further details about joining our group, or to find out more about our current childminding vacancies - including part-time, full-time, school/nursery/playgroup drops-offs and pick-ups - please phone Julie-Ann on 01473 611630 or Tricia on 01473 625837.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday 14th December, 1-3 pm in St Michael's Church. We are looking forward to music, games and a very special visitor! Please come and join in the fun, tickets available at our sessions.

Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group are here to provide an opportunity for parents and carers of young children to meet and socialise in a safe, clean environment. For anyone who would like to join us, our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great craft activity for the children. Refreshments are included and your first visit is ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Our sessions run from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning and 1:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion. Please note that our play sessions are unsupervised and the children do remain in the full care of the accompanying adult at all times.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to call Nicki on 01473 636695.

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Our Christmas Concert and Party will be held on Wednesday 19th December. So hold that afternoon free, all parents, grandparents, carers, etc. The children will come in their party best for Christmas Lunch, games, songs and perhaps a visit from a gentleman in a red coat with

Adult Power 01473 625837

a sack on his back. In the New Year we welcome back children on the 7th January and we will be looking at 'People Who Help Us' with a visit to a fire station with visits to the Pre-School from the Police, a nurse and shopkeepers. We will also be looking to arrange an opportunity to invite parents to come in and look at the wonderful play activities and experiences their children have been involved in.

If you are interested in sending your child to our Pre-School, would like a prospectus or would like to come and visit us, please contact Sarah Tait on 01473 614 174 or visit our website at **www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk** for more information.

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A FULL-TIME SCHOOL PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD?

If you have a child born between 1st September 2003 and 31st August 2004 you must apply for a school place by Friday 1st February 2008.

You can apply NOW on the Internet at **www.suffolk.gov.uk/onlineadmissions** or you can contact your local school or admissions team on 0845 600 0981 NOW for a Schools in Suffolk 2008/9 booklet and a CAF1 application form.

All applications must be received by Friday 1st February 2008.

GORSELAND SCHOOL PFA

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coconut shy and tombola at the Fireworks Display, and hope that not too many of you went home empty-handed!

Some new and exciting events are planned for 2008 and we are always glad to welcome new parents at our meetings. Please do come along and join us.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the children, their families and the school staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bell Lane, Kesgrave

The Nursery School children returned after half-term to find some brand new play equipment. The children were very pleased with their new climbing frame which incorporates a fireman's pole, slide, climbing ramp and climbing net. The Nursery Teacher, Mrs Simpson, said "The children are using their initiative to find ways to use the equipment." The project is part of an outside action plan that was drawn up by the Parents and Friends Association (PFA). The plan is to continue to improve the outside environment for the children to use both educationally and socially including play equipment for other parts of the school and the rejuvenation of the school pond. Thanks to a donation from Councillor Hudson and fund raising by the PFA this part of the project is now complete but there is still a long way to go. If anyone can offer any support or manual help (particularly with relining the pond and general garden maintenance) then please contact Lisa Poole at the school on 01473 622806. The next fundraising event organised by the PFA is the school Christmas Fayre which is being held on Friday 7th December at 3:30 pm. Nikki Snell, PFA - 01473 623872

BUCKLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term we welcomed our new Head Teacher, Mr Neil Jackson.

We also welcomed 13 children into our Reception class.

We have had a very busy term with visits to Foxburrow Farm, Colchester Castle and Trinity Park. We have also had a number of visitors to our school who have worked with the children on their fitness levels, taking care of their teeth and about their reading interests.

We had a very successful Harvest Festival which supported Children with Leukemia. We raised £1013 which included the collection at the church and a marathon event in which many of the children took part.

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday December 8th from 11 am until 2:30 pm. It will

have all the usual stalls and events including a cake stall, refreshments and Father Christmas. We do hope you can find some time in your busy schedules to pay us a visit and help us raise funds for our school.

We end this term with carols round the Christmas tree in our hall at 2:30 pm on Wednesday December 19th.

Nora Hydes

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our meeting on December 17th will consist of an illustrated talk by Mr John Goodhand and his subject will be a story of pub signs, 'From Paradise to the Grave', which sounds intriguing!!

The meeting will be held in The Pavilion at 8 pm. All are welcome and the price of admission is £1.50.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 2nd November and our monthly meeting was packed to enjoy an illustrated talk by National Trust official Paddy Heazell.

The National Trust acquired Orfordness, that bleak island off the Suffolk coast, in the '90s. Since then Paddy Heazell has researched its fascinating military history. During the Great War it was the home of two aerodromes and right from the start it was a research and development centre. Some of the leading boffins of the day were based here. Henry (later Sir Henry) Tizard, who was a physicist and scientific advisor to the government in WW2, was one of a number of distinguished scientists who helped in the development of aviation was based here.

Although primarily devoted to research it was also in the front line of defence during both world wars. The Zeppelin LZ 48 was shot down by an aeroplane from Orfordness.

It was one of four vital research establishments in this immediate area. Martlesham, the primary research and development station, and Felixtowe, with the complementary Marine Aircraft

Experimental Establishment, were two of them.

Paddy Heazell is an excellent speaker and illustrated his talk throughout with slides of Orfordness and what is left of the Great War buildings. He also spoke about the British development of atomic weapons on the island.

A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our grateful thanks to all who attended our annual Remembrance Service on the Barrack Square on Sunday 11th November. Thanks also to the representatives of the armed forces, including the Police Force. Thanks to the cubs and scouts of the 1st Martlesham Scout Group, to the 356th Felixtowe ATC, to the representatives from the British Legion, the Suffolk Aircrew Association and to all who supported us. Not forgetting, of course, the Salvation Army Band from Felixtowe.

Our next meeting is on Friday 7th December. Charlie Haylock, ('Slightly on the Huh'), takes an eccentric look on Suffolk. Should be a fun evening. The venue is the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road at 7:30 pm. All are welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door. Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Hopefully most of you spotted the mistake in last month's PWCG section which said that the workday was on Sunday 17th November. It should of course have said Saturday 17th November. If in doubt, take a look at the website where the (correct!) dates can be found.

We haven't had any questions recently on our website about things that are happening in the woods. If you have a question, please e-mail us (address below).

Our last work morning for 2007 is Sunday 16th December, as usual meeting at the back entrance of Police HQ at 10 am. We will be working for an hour and a half with the remainder of the time being spent on a festive activity. A memorial tree will also be planted

in the woodland for Peter. We would be delighted to see you.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

PWCG New Year starts with a work morning on Saturday 19th January at 10 am.

For more information about PWCG and its activities, please access through our website at www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup (7,506 hits) or through the Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632. If you would like to receive news about the Group electronically, please contact us by e-mailing pwcg@martlesham.org.uk.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

With the shorter days of December, the heath quietens down and our attentions may turn to the increasing birds in our gardens. Our gardens as we know, are an important habitat for many wild birds, providing a useful refuge for those affected by changes in the management of our countryside.

Watch out for Waxwings feeding on berries. Be sure to keep a lookout for these sub-arctic beauties. Other migrants that can be seen include Fieldfares, redwings and Siskins - keep an eye on your birdfeeders for these dapper black, green and yellow finches, which will probably be fenno-scandian migrants.

Please keep feeding the birds in your garden, especially during the cold snaps of weather during the winter, as this can really make a great difference to their survival.

Our AGM took place on 9th November. The committee remains unchanged - Ron Manning (Chairman), Phil Smith (Secretary), Carolyn Smith (Treasurer), Steve Goddard (Wildlife Recorder) and Mike Hall (Events). Please could any one wishing to join or rejoin pay their subscription, £2.50 for individuals or £3 per family.

We continue heathland conservation with a work party on Sunday 9th December. Please meet

outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or join us on the heath. We aim to follow up the work of previous times with more gorse and birch clearance. Everyone is welcome. No special skills are required. All tools and equipment will be provided.

Please contact us if you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observations on local wildlife. Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard - steve@goddard98.freereserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

On Thursday 20th December we have our Christmas Quiz with mince pies and mulled wine starting at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a fun evening featuring a range of activities. All are welcome, especially teams. Admission is £2 as usual.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

THE ORWELL SINGERS – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Orwell Singers will be holding their Christmas Concert on Saturday 15th December at 7:30 pm at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath, tickets £5 available at the door, accompanied children 50p. Light refreshments will be served in the interval.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Unfortunately we have not been able to continue in the Joe Rice Cup, having been beaten by Barking after a very close game. We will now have to put all our energies into maintaining, or even improving, our place in the league for this year. Our ladies have now finished the preliminary rounds of the club singles and Susan Golding and Jean Mullett, both very good consistent bowlers, will be battling it out on the finals day. The draw has taken place for the mixed doubles and the competitors will be playing off the early rounds during the next few weeks.

During the evening of Friday 21st December we will be holding a

'fun evening' with very devious competitions organised by Judith and Christmassy refreshments provided, so we hope all members will be able to take part – quite often it is the least experienced bowlers who perform better on these evenings than the more experienced.

If you wish to know more about any aspect of the club please contact Shirley Hull on 01473 721606.

Maureen Banthorp

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – JOIN THE MARTLESHAM AND WOODBRIDGE PAINTING GROUP!

This small group of amateur painters sprung from a class originally run by Suffolk College but is now taught by a talented practising local artist. The group meets in the the old village hall on Top Street, Martlesham (next to Home Meadows Nursery) on a Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am throughout term time. The group caters for different levels of ability and students are encouraged to be experimental with their techniques and use of materials. We have a couple of spaces for next term, starting Monday 14th January. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Fiona Baker on 01394 384028 as soon as possible.

LADIES DANCE KEEP FIT DANCE CLASS

Ladies fun and friendly funky hip-hop dance class is now being held on Tuesdays from 7 pm - 8 pm at Birchwood Primary School.

Ladies of all ages and abilities are invited to join us in our weekly class to have fun and keep fit at the same time.

Each class is just £3.50, with a trial session at £3. For any more information feel free to call Kristen on 07912065241 or 01473 622724.

'TRICK OR TREAT' THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful 'trick

or treat' visitors! You had made such an effort with your outfits and make-up and were all very polite. It was lovely to see so many family groups out and about enjoying themselves too and not one left without saying thank you. The comments on our pumpkins were much appreciated and we are looking forward to next year!

Claire & Paul Barrett

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

Telephone Line - Electric Light Orchestra - Jet Records - 1977

It's quite a well-known fact that we, the public, are one of the most closely scrutinised/watched/filmed/recorded communities in the free world.

However, criminals don't want to be filmed and take steps to avoid it...like avoiding the cameras!

My biggest problem is trying to trace someone for a crime committed in the great outdoors - and around here that means outdoors in Rushmere/Kesgrave/Martlesham.

I know for a fact that a number of you record your own CCTV direct onto computer equipment or dedicated hard drives. What I don't know is who you are or where you are. The criminals don't either, and therefore take no steps to avoid being filmed...because they have no idea that they are being filmed...and that's where I need your help.

If we are tracking the movements of someone we want to talk to about graffiti (as an example), we often have to track them by the trail of damage. Not good. I'd prefer to track/trace them from their images.

So I was wondering if you were willing to let me know who you are, where you are and how to contact you (by e-mail preferably) with regards to your CCTV. I could put out a request for anybody with images on date/time/location and wait for the information - and then if relevant, secure the evidence to help track down the offenders... what do you think? Willing to give it a try?

Well - you have my e-mail address so let's work together. We could possibly just put a stop to the trail of damage that can occur from one side of our three communities to the other.

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LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

Our 25th Charter Anniversary proved far more successful than we had dared to hope – a wonderful evening to renew old friendships, look back at the events of twenty-five years and think about what the next few years may hold. Thanks to all at Waldringfield Golf Club for their contribution to a great time.

The owner of Budgens in Woodbridge is seeking to reduce the use of plastic bags. To encourage this he will be donating 1p to charity each time a customer reuses or declines to use a plastic bag. We are delighted to be the nominated charity – raising income whilst encouraging care for the environment is a brilliant combination and we are very grateful to the owner and staff for the idea and for thinking of us in this way.

The Christmas season now seems truly upon us and we begin our support of Macmillan Cancer Care, supplying a few dubious whiskered characters to appear at the Christmas Grotto, then on to the street collections and our parcels appeal and the Woodbridge service clubs sleigh ride. In the middle of it all will be our Christmas Dinner, when we pause from all the activity, exchange anecdotes and underline just why we do all this – it's because it's fun!

If you wish to get in touch with the Woodbridge Lions, you can now use our Lo-Call number 0845 8332820.

WOODBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB

The Club's November meeting at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club heard Captain Mick Lungley talk about "Centaur", a restored Thames sailing barge. His memories stretched from boyhood and service as mate to his first captaincy of a barge working between Ipswich and London. He also described present work on these boats and the need for interest and help from all, but especially young people.

Members will meet with their ladies for a Christmas lunch on 3rd December to hear member John Midwinter talk on Environmental Issues. Retired or semi-retired men interested in membership should telephone Dick Bason (01473 720995) or Ron Fisher (01473 631347).

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

We will soon all be receiving lots of Christmas cards from friends and family, which is lovely. Please consider doing something lovely in return - tear off the stamps from these envelopes and save them for the St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich. They are able to turn them into much needed cash. Just remember please to leave a 1 cm border around the stamps to avoid damage (that's about 1/2 inch in old money!). Any of the Hospice shops will accept bundles of stamps, or drop them through my door and I will gladly pass them on.

Thanks everyone, and a Happy Christmas to you all.
Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens,
Martlesham Heath, 01473 622721

POPPY APPEAL 2007

This year the store manager of Tesco's, Martlesham, generously granted us 10 days instead of, as in the past, only 3 days, in which to sell poppies in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal and we were very grateful to the staff for their kindness shown to us during our sessions on duty.

We were delighted to welcome back one of our regular collectors, who last year was absent due to an accident, plus we were also very lucky to be joined by four new helpers this year.

Sadly, this year, two of our most loyal collectors, husband and wife, were missing - one was on duty and the other was ill. They were much missed and we hope to see them both back next year. Also two more of our collectors, both retired midwives, will leave us this year when they move out of the area. We do wish them well in their new home and hope that they will carry on as collectors where they go.

Thanks to all the loyal collectors, who yet again gave up their time generously to brave the extreme cold to collect, and to the public whose very real generosity made it all worthwhile.

Patricia Harns, Martlesham

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

Thanks go to all who helped or supported the Craft and Coffee morning on 17th November when £274 was raised.

Jessica Niblock is looking forward to decorating the Hall for the Christmas Season and especially for the Nativity Play scheduled for SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER at 3 pm. As usual a warm welcome will be extended to all.

The Carol Service will be held at the **Church on Sunday 23rd December at 6:30 pm** - arrive early to be sure of a seat.

Meanwhile work has begun on the toilet and path in the churchyard and we are looking forward to opening our second such facility in the Parish (could this be the beginning of a chain?).

As we come to the end of another year we offer thanks to our Ministry Team for their care and support throughout the year, week by week at our Services.

It has been a pleasure to share the enthusiasm generated by our small social committee who have put so much into making our social and community events so successful again this year. Thank you to Jessica and Jamie Niblock, Jane and John Bailey and Charles and Sue Minchin (we have already tabled our plans for 2008 so continue to watch this space!)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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HOLY FAMILY & ST MICHAEL

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave. It is part of the parish of Saint Mary in Ipswich.

Advent begins on 2nd December and with it the start of the Church year. As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas in our cycle of prayer we are asked to pray for: openness to the word of God, migrants and refugees (especially on 3rd December), expectant mothers (especially on Christmas Eve) and human life.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities visit the website at www.st-mary.org.uk or ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115.

Regular 'Sunday' Masses at the Holy Family are celebrated at 6 pm on Saturdays and 9:15 am on Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane
www.m-c-f.org

Luke's Good News

There is a simplicity and homeliness in Luke's account of the birth of Christ. There are Angel messengers and Angel choirs but laced in the narrative with these 'special' features are so many human touches - the timid questioning, yet calm resolve of a pregnant teenager; a mother, wrapping up her child against the cold of the night; sheep and nervous shepherds; the proud presentation of a first child at the temple; the old priest taking the young child in his arms, giving thanks to God; frail, elderly Anna, who lived a life of prayer, getting really excited at the sight of this special child; a boy, growing up with grace and wisdom, in the village of Nazareth in the hills

above Galilee, obedient to his parents. And so the Son of God slips quietly into our world, to taste our humanity, a child of destiny, to become in due time the Man of Calvary.

ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

Sunday Services

Family Service at 10 am with 'Sunspot' for children
Communion - 11:45 am

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER - CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 6 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10 AM

Weekday activities

Housegroups - for Bible study, prayer and fellowship

Thursdays

Toddler Group - at 10 am
'The Hub' - Youth activity at 7 pm

Friends On Friday - Join us for coffee and fellowship, 10 am to 12 noon

Tuesday Circle - 11th December -
Christmas Lunch

For further information, see the website, or contact John Mellen on 01473 624401, or Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482.

BRIGHT STARS

We have one service this month on **Monday 10th December** when we will be celebrating the Christmas story. **Starting the New Year off, services in January will be on Monday 14th and Monday 28th.**

We welcome all pre-school children and babies along with their carers to our fun, child-friendly services which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. There is a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat after the service which lasts about half an hour.

For more details about Bright Stars please call Pauline on 01473

625061 or Jo on 01473 622160.

BENEFICE OF MARTLESHAM AND BRIGHTWELL CHURCH SERVICES IN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

* **Dec 2nd** at 6:30 pm - Advent Carol Service in St Michaels

* **Dec 8th** at 10 am to 5 pm - Christmas Tree Festival at St. Marys including Carol Concert at 3:30 pm. Plus refreshments.

* **Dec 9th** at 11 am - All Age Service at St Marys

* **Dec 16th** at 9:45 am - Nativity Play service at St Michaels
* 3pm - Nativity Play at Brightwell Church Hall

* **Dec 17th** at 7 pm - Carols in the Square with refreshments in St Michaels. Music with Martlesham Brass

* **Dec 20th** at 7 pm - Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Marys plus refreshments

* **Dec 23rd** at 3:30 pm - Christingle at St Michaels with refreshments

* **Dec 24th** at 11:30 pm - Midnight Communion at St Marys
* 11:30 pm - Midnight Communion at St Michaels

* **Dec 25th** at 8 am - Holy Communion at St Johns, Brightwell
* 9:45 am - All Age Service at St Michaels
* 11 am - Holy Communion at St Marys

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS AT ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE SERVICES.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 2nd December 1st in Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Advent Carol Service
Saturday 8th December		3:30pm Carol Concert	
Sunday 9th December 2nd in Advent	3pm Nativity Play in Church Hall 6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship Christmas Tree Festival Service	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 16th December 3rd in Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Nativity Play Service 6:30pm Informal Worship
Thursday 20th December		7pm Carol Service	
Sunday 23rd December 4th in Advent	6:30pm Carol Service	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	3:30pm Christingle
Monday 24th December Christmas Eve		11:30pm Holy Communion	11:30pm Holy Communion followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 30th December 5th Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	10:30am Benefice Service Visit from Mission Aviation Fellowship
Sunday 6th January Epiphany 1	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars will meet at 10:30am on Monday 7th January and Monday 21st November in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services. May the blessing of Christmas be with you and a Happy New Year.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Please use the following thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers:

5 for the Community Responders; 6 for residents of Hunters Ride; 7 for Martlesham Parish Council; 8 for local Scouts, Guides and Brownies; 9 for Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's; 10 for Bright Stars; 11 for Martlesham Brass; 12 for Christmas Lunch Club; 13 for residents of Jackson Court; 14 for peace in troubled areas; 15 for our local shops and traders; 16 for Brightwell Nativity Play; 17 for Carols in The Square; 18 for holiday plans; 19 for school pupils and teachers; 20 for residents of Lancaster Drive; 21 for all our essential services; 22 for Service people away from home; 23 for Christingle Service; 24 for Midnight services; 25 Immanuel - God with us Hallelujah; 26 for the homeless and hungry; 27 for residents of Lark Rise; 28 for people we know in hospital; 29 for our local Health services; 30 for Mission Aviation Fellowship's visit to St Michaels; 31 thankfulness to God for another year; **JAN** 1 for spiritual growth and maturity; 2 for our neighbours; 3 for residents of Lugano Avenue; 4 for our families