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The "Talking Martlesham Monthly" is produced for the benefit of residents with impaired vision. It is an audio tape of the complete text of the printed "Monthly" and is available free of charge. It is a very important service to a particular section of the community and I know that it is much appreciated by them.

In order for this programme to continue it is necessary, by the end of this year, to find replacements for John and Bronwen Tyler who, for almost nine years, have hosted and recorded the reading sessions. If replacements cannot be found, it is regretted that the "Talking Monthly" will be a thing of the past.

The process of recording the audio tapes is fairly straightforward and takes approximately 3 - 4 hours on the evening of the first Thursday of each month and adequate time will be made for training the new incumbent.

If you would like to participate in this very worthwhile activity please give me a call. Paul Firman - tel. 01473 622874 email: paulfirman@talktalk.net

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

the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sia.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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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

New play area at the Recreation Ground, The Street

Work is to begin on this new play area for 2-12 year olds week commencing 10th September. The funding for this largely comes from Suffolk Coastal District Council's Outdoor Playing Space Funding Scheme.

Allotments

The Parish Council is facilitating an informal meeting on **Tuesday 11th September, 7:30 pm in the Parish Room** (address below), to confirm how many people are interested in having an allotment, and also find out who would assist in forming an Allotments Association in order to take forward and manage the project. Karen Kenny of The Allotments Regeneration Initiative for the East of England will give a talk entitled "Let's Grow Our Own in Martlesham". All welcome.

Speeding on Deben Avenue, Eagle Way, Main Road and Felixstowe Road

We continue to receive complaints about speeding in these particular areas. Drivers are once again urged to adhere to the speed limits which are in place for the safety of us all. The Council is addressing this

this issue with the police and the County Council Highways Department.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesdays 5th September and 3rd October

*Recreation & Amenities committee – Wednesday 12th September

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 19th September

*Finance & General Purposes committee – Wednesday 26th September

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

The next monthly MCL Directors meeting will be held on Monday 17th September. 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
By letter – C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

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)

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Next event:-

Jumble, Plant & Book Sale 10 am to 12 noon Saturday 6th October in The Pavilion Martlesham Heath

Jumble and bric-a-brac is required, please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 24th November in St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham Heath

If you would like to have a stall or any enquiries please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

“Ruby and her horses” A story of Traditions of Suffolk on 13th March 2008 in St Michael's Church Centre Details later

Any enquiries please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS FUND

We have grants available NOW!

If you have an idea for a project, event, club or some training that will benefit your community, apply to us for up to £2000!

Here are just a few examples of the many projects set up by volunteers who have received Community Champions Fund grants in the East of England:

Community gardens, recycling schemes, parent and toddler groups, conservation projects, village internet facilities, health-related support groups, social clubs for young people with learning disabilities, sports activities, new

sports teams, multicultural events, musical events, drama & arts workshops, village newsletters, photography archive projects.

What's your idea? Contact us to discuss:

Emma Heley - 01366 3478079

emma.heley@cover-east.org

Pam Hinds - 01799 532883

pam.hinds@cover-east.org

Priority is given to individuals setting up projects to help people facing disadvantage.

Full guidelines and application forms can be found on our website www.cover-east.org and click on Community Champions.

The Community Champions Fund will be coming to an end in March 2008, so all grants given out now must be spent and reported on by 1st March 2008, which is why we need applications NOW!

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Mrs Anne Bridge was welcomed back again for her new demonstration entitled 'Colour Matters' and everyone enjoyed a colourful afternoon. For her first arrangement Mrs Bridge used yellow and mauve flowers – opposites in the colour wheel. The second, a triangular design in an urn, was in various orange shades with carnations, roses and gerberas. Her next was a huge cone shaped vase with aspidistra leaves curled in various ways as a setting for a "swirl of paint". She then placed 20 pink roses in a huge curve to create a most striking design adding a curve of bright cerise carnations. A large square aluminium box was then used with grey foliage, blue larkspur and white roses. Pastel pink was the theme for the next arrangement including calla and large pink lilies. The last arrangement was on a tall square vase filled with lime green material and included palm leaves, lime green chrysanthemum and anthurium with yellow lilies and carnations.

The competition 'Tones of One Colour' was won by Sheila Swanwick with Joan Messenger winning the Novice class.

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. The next meeting will be on 19th September when Mrs Pat South will demonstrate her 'Holiday Memories'. The competition will be 'Illustrate a Country'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

**Please note that the Autumn
Show due to be held on
September 1st has been
cancelled.**

The new winter programme for 2007/2008 is now available and all existing members should have a copy.

If you are new to Martlesham or the surrounding area and wish to join the Association, make some new friends or just enjoy a few friendly informal evenings discussing a variety of topics over the winter months, please do get in contact with me and I will pass on the details of the new programme of events.

First on the list is the annual member's cheese and pickle evening on the **28th September**. Betty Darke, our president, will give a welcome talk on her life as a Lincolnshire lass.

On the **12th October**, we have the very popular and well known **Karen Kenny** discussing 'Organic Gardening' and offering the gardeners amongst us some important tips for an alternative way to garden.

Later in **October** on the **26th**, we have Janet Parsons with 'Orchids in the Home'. Many homes now have these wonderful exotic plants brightening the windowsills, but getting them to flower after that first wonderful flush of colour is something which eludes most of us, and often they are put to the back room to collect dust. So come along, speak to Janet and find out where you are going wrong.

Everyone welcome.

All our meetings are held in the

Felixstowe Road, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Refreshments available.

For further information and details of the new programme please contact.

Linda Mitchell - 01394 388577

MATLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event

Suffolk Coast and Heaths

Presented by Lynn Allen of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Unit followed by

**Presentation of the results and awards
for our Summer Gardens
competitions.**

Thursday 27th September
7:30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

Raffle, quizzes, light refreshments.
Everybody welcome.
Admission free.

Anglia in Bloom

The Anglia in Bloom judges visited Martlesham on Thursday 12th July and were shown around the whole parish; particularly impressive were the many attractive gardens.

Further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

'Historical Costume Making and Wearing' was the title of Mrs Whitmore's talk at our last meeting. She is a member of DANSE ROYAL, a historical dance group who have danced at many different venues including several castles, wearing authentic period costume. We were enthralled with her stories of the past.

She brought along four very beautiful dresses she had made for the periods 1480 - 1800. With 10 metres of material in each dress, she told us that the dresses would cost £350 - £400 each to buy. She said that some fabrics were so expensive dresses were often pinned together with gold pins (which were also

expensive). Hence the saying 'pin

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money'. She has made dresses for events held at Christchurch Mansion and showed us some exquisite fabric. She also showed us some hand-made leather shoes which she uses for dancing.

During the evening Lorraine Spall one of our Community Police Officers called in and introduced herself. She will be returning to talk to us at a later date.

Our competition to bring along an old garment was won by Ann Chisholm with a very old Christening Gown.

We are a small, friendly group who are always pleased to welcome new faces so do come and join us for our next meeting which will be at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham on 21st September. Our speaker Sonia Burrows will talk to us about Drought Gardens.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

MARTLESHAM & KESGRAVE COUNTRY MARKET

The producers at the Martlesham and Kesgrave Country Markets would like to extend a warm invitation to residents of the Martlesham and Kesgrave areas, together with their friends, to come and join us for the sixth British Food Fortnight, which runs from 22nd September to 7th October. The Country Market movement nationally is supporting this event and local events will be held at Martlesham on Tuesday 25th September and Tuesday 2nd October and at Kesgrave on Saturday 22nd September and Saturday 29th September. A selection of tasty food samples will be on offer at both venues.

The message that the Country Market producers are striving to promote is quite simple: 'British Food is Best!' Locally grown and reared ingredients are used to produce food which is free from additives. All food prepared is suitable for storage in a freezer if desired.

In addition to the cooked food, we have a selection of locally grown seasonal vegetables, fruit and flowers for sale. This time of year presents an opportunity to restock the

garden with attractive plants which we can also provide, grown by people who understand the local conditions. A selection of handicraft is on display for your enjoyment.

If this has whetted your appetite, come along and see us: enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with friends. You will find the Country Market at Martlesham Heath Pavilion every Tuesday between 9 am and 10:30 am or at Kesgrave Scout Headquarters, Twelve Acre Approach every Saturday between 10 am and 12 noon.

Any enquiries about the market, please contact Margaret Gayfer (Chairman) telephone 01473 623849. Robyn Pye (Country Market producer)

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Welcome back after the Summer break, a rather disappointing Summer at that but we can now look forward to the Autumn colours and some very interesting talks through September and October. They are:

*13th September - 'Walking the Great Wall of China', speaker: Rosalyn Burrow

*27th September - 'Isles of Scilly', speaker: Martyn Lloyd

*11th October - Harvest Supper

*25th October - 'Glimpses of Old Ipswich', speaker: Colin Fox

Our next Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th September and alternate Thursdays thereafter at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre. The meetings are always friendly and informal and new ladies are always welcome.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

We enjoyed one of our most successful meetings in July when "Zahara" taught many of us the basics of belly dancing.

We would welcome new members. It is not necessary to be a wife - we have single, divorced and widowed ladies in the group but cannot come up with a new name to replace our original title!

Next meeting:

Monday 17th September, 7:45 pm

Cross Stitch/Easy Jewellery

Talk and demonstration by Kathy on two of her hobbies.

Venue: Kathy's, 46 Forest Lane (01473 625532)

Contact Elaine (01473 622269) or Maureen (01473 622670).

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets on Tuesday, 11th September at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath for its first meeting after the summer break. The session starts at 12:45 pm with lunch served from 1:00 pm. Our after-lunch speaker will be Sarah Collins from Tynytalk U.K. who will explain how to communicate with your child by 'Signing and Singing'. All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome to join us.

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

THE MOTHERS' UNION

I wonder what Mary Sumner, our founder, would think if she came back to earth today? I am certain words like First Responder and Paramedics would be quite alien to her. Just the same I feel sure she would be pleased to learn that members of the Mothers Union are still living up to her visions of helping those who have met with adversity.

Quite recently, we challenged our members to make teddies for the First Responders to give to children when they attended them as a result of emergency calls.

The members more than exceeded expectations and so a home was needed for the surplus ones. I am pleased to tell you that teddies are even now travelling as far as Kagera in Kenya, Niarobi and Darfur. Many will make their way, in shoe boxes, to street children in many parts of the world. Imagine the looks on the faces of children who have never owned anything of their own; to receive a box with little presents and personal items

just for themselves! Wow!

But my favourite teddy story is about a grannie that asked if her

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very premature grandson Charlie could receive a teddy in a London Hospital, where he has undergone major surgery. Charlie has a very tough time ahead of him, with lots more surgery in the pipeline. At his tender age he has a colostomy, which may or may not be reversed. I was delighted to select a little family of three teddies to send him, via grannie. I sincerely hope these small gifts, that were sent with the love and prayers of all MU members will be a comfort to him and a constant reminder to his parents that the Mothers Union cares for families worldwide.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 5th at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre.

If you would like more details, please call Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

Visitors are very welcome.

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINDING GROUP

The school Summer holidays undoubtedly gave us a mixture of holiday weather! Nevertheless we all certainly had lots of energetic fun at the Kingston playing field in Woodbridge last month, with the weather staying bright and sunny for our picnic. Members of the group also enjoyed a fun time at Felixstowe beach – special thanks to Zoe Booth for hiring the Beach Hut for us! Thanks too go to Jean Bridle for 'opening her house' up to the group for a get together and for filling up her swimming pool, even though the rain partially filled it for her!

'Congratulations' this month go to two of our members for their 'superb' Ofsted inspections – receiving 'Goods' and 'Outstandings' in all categories – Zoe Booth and Julie-Ann Bass (who received an overall 'Outstanding').

With schools starting back this month, it means a busy and sometimes worrying time for parents and children as daily routines are changed – and

children start playgroup, nursery school or full-time school. For children already at full-time school – many can experience excitement and concern as they start a new school year with possibly a new teacher, new classroom and new friends. As Ofsted Registered Childminders, members of our group are totally committed to working with parents and are involved in any change processes throughout, always ready to offer help, advice and support to children and their parents/guardians, whatever the situation.

For further details about our group, including childminding vacancies, please phone Julie-Ann on 01473 611630 or Tricia on 01473 625837.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The children have continued with the theme of 'People Who Help Us'. This half-term we have had visits from the dentist, nurse and police to explain their jobs and how they help us. The children have enjoyed the many visitors who have kindly come to see us this term and we would like to thank them all for giving up their time and helping the children to have a better understanding of who can help them in the wider community.

Our annual Fun Day on the 9th June raised £750 for playschool funds. Special thanks must go to all the fundraisers for their hard work in making this event happen and also to you for attending. The money raised will be used to purchase new tables and chairs to accommodate the younger children, as well as new easels for painting, a basketball net, outside toys, dartboard and bikes. We would also like to thank Mille Green's granddad for his very kind donation of a computer. The children are enjoying using it already.

The playschool need more bikes and scooters for the outside play area for the children to use. If you have any unwanted bikes with stabilisers or three wheeler scooters that you no longer require we would be very grateful if you could donate them to us.

Adult Power 01473 **MART**

Our trip to Baylham Rare Breeds Centre in June was a great success. The children and adults all enjoyed looking at the various animals and also enjoyed a picnic despite the rain. Last week some of the children also went to Felixstowe beach for the day and fun was had by all.

If you are interested in sending your child to playschool, please contact Nikki Smith (Bookings Secretary) on 07857 309365 to add your child to the waiting list or visit www.controltower.org.uk

If you would like to buy from our buysite, the address is www.buy.at/mplayschool. You can order from companies such as ELC, M & S, Currys and the playschool gets a commission on all purchases.

We would like to say a fond farewell to three members of staff leaving this term - Jackie Reed, Sue Clements and Jocelyn Cook. We wish them well in the future and thank them all for the contribution they have made to the playschool in recent years.

Goodbye and good luck to all the children who leave us this term to begin nursery or school and we look forward to welcoming those children joining us in September.

We hope everyone enjoys the summer break and look forward to seeing you again at the start of term on Wednesday 5th September.

Kate Burrell, Secretary

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Well, here we are again, at the beginning of the school year. Hopefully everyone had a good summer break. We would like to welcome all our new starters to the Pre-School and hope that your time with us is enjoyable. We would also like to wish all our leavers, both to other nurseries and school, good luck. Thanks to everyone who kindly donated the Tesco school vouchers and the Sainsbury's vouchers – rest assured they will be put to good use. September starts with 'Our Favourite Stories' theme and we shall be looking at 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea',

'Handa's Surprise', 'Winnie the Witch' and the 'Blue Balloon'. We are also planning a trip to Christchurch Mansion where we will be looking at 'old' toys. We are still looking for a committee

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secretary as well as general members. It really isn't as daunting as it sounds to be involved in the committee and you get a chance to have a say in how the Pre-School is run! Please call the Pre-School if you are interested. A reminder that we take children from the age of 2 ½ and it isn't a problem if your child is not yet potty trained. 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 614174 or visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk for more information.

MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL SCHOOL

The end of term was another hectic time with sports day, swimming galas, school production and Leavers' Fair all taking place in the last two weeks.

We were fortunate with the weather for both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 sports days where the winning teams were Stour for Key Stage 2 and Orwell for Key Stage 1. It was a close fought battle in the school swimming pool too where Deben once again took the honours in the school gala.

The weather was also kind to us when all of the children, staff, and many parent helpers went on our Martlesham March. Following the success of the previous year we went on a rural walk around the woodlands of Martlesham and had a picnic and games afternoon on the recreation ground. Everyone enjoyed the occasion...and it looks like this could become an annual feature.

The saddest part of the year is when we have to say goodbye to the year 6 pupils moving on to their respective high schools and this year was no exception. The leavers' assembly was packed with parents and children and each of the

leaving pupils received a book token, a commemorative book of memories and a rousing send off from everyone. When all the emotion was over they went straight into manning the stalls for their Leavers' Fair, which had to be held indoors due to the expected wet weather. This year their chosen charity was Cancer Research and funds totalled £107.40.

Work has been carried out in the school throughout the holidays and the Key Stage 2 toilets and cloakrooms have been refurbished with a new colourful suite selected by the School Council.

Preparations for the Summer Fayre have also been ongoing. This will be taking place on the school field on Saturday September 15th from 12-3 pm. There will be pony rides, bouncy castles, the whoopee dipper ride and lots of fun pocket money stalls. There will also be a stage with bands and of course the talent hour especially for the children. The most exciting item this year is the fact that 'Dolly' from Jimmy's Farm will be opening the woodland walk which he has been working extremely hard at for the last 6 months. We would like to say a huge thank you to Dolly. Everyone will be most welcome to come along and take part in the events and have an opportunity to look around the changes in the school.

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bell Lane, Kesgrave

We would like to welcome everyone back after the summer break. We said farewell to two of our teachers at the end of last term and now give a very warm welcome to two new teachers who are joining us from September.

The PFA have a few events lined up between now and Christmas. The first event is the Quiz night on Friday 28th September, 7:45 pm for an 8 pm start. Teams can be made up of up to 8 people at £2 per team member. To enter your team please leave your details with the school office and someone will get back to you. We will be holding another Race Night on Friday 19th October. This was a great family night out last year and

we hope for the same this year. More details will follow next month. A date for your diaries - this year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 7th December. If you would like to book a stall please contact me on 01473 623872.

Nikki Snell, Heath School PFA

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At our meeting on August 20th we were treated to a talk by Chris Parfitt entitled "In the Steps of St Edmund". It was fascinating to see and hear of the places where he is believed to have lived, fought and died and to hear some of the legend surrounding the man who many people think should still be England's Patron Saint.

Our next meeting will be an illustrated talk by Anne Day, who is an Ipswich Town Tour Guide. She will be taking us on an "Armchair Ipswich Walk".

The meeting will be held in The Pavilion at 8 pm on Monday October 15th and all are welcome. The price of admission is still only £1.50.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday September 7th and Mr Les French is scheduled to give an illustrated talk about his experiences in the Far East flying RAF P47's during WW2. This should be a most interesting talk and Mr French has also had experience flight testing various aircraft.

Meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. Non members for a payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

A badger has been spotted in the woodland during August and at the Nature Watch meeting on 25th July, the topic of which was birds, an uncommon tree creeper was sighted.

Good progress is being made on widening the perimeter

track as well as improving the drainage.

Representatives of the Group will be at the Martlesham Health Aviation Society event on Sunday 9th September so do come along and see us.

The next PWCG work

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morning is Saturday 15th September. If you would like to join in, meet us at the back entrance of the Police Head Quarters at 10 am. Work mornings last for two hours. All volunteers are very welcome and all equipment is supplied.

The two Nature Watch Club meetings are on Saturday 8th September (reptiles and amphibians) and Saturday 13th October (trees and fungi). Nature Watch Club is for children aged 5-11. If you would like to contact the Nature Watch Club the address is naturewatch.pwccg@martlesham.org.uk Please remember that you need to book a space for these meetings.

The PWCG seasonal newsletter as well as more information about the Group and its activities are available on www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup. As a conservation group, we are conscious of the amount of paper we generate. With this in mind, we are proposing to make our newsletters available in electronic format in future. Should you wish to receive your newsletters in this way, or have any other questions or suggestions, please contact us via pwccg@martlesham.org.uk or Martlesham Parish Council (01473 612632).

PWCG look forward to seeing you in the woodland!

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

September is the month that sees summer drawing to its close and true signs of autumn beginning to appear. The colours of the garden and countryside become muted as seeds and berries ripen and leaves acquire the first hints of red and brown.

Most of our summer bird visitors have left to begin their

migration south and the first of our winter visitors will soon be here. As the nights become consistently colder, birds and other wildlife can be seen preparing for the winter, taking advantage of the abundance of natural food.

Although this is a time when gardeners traditionally start to clear up, why not encourage more wildlife in to your gardens by adopting a more natural approach? Garden vegetation can be allowed to die back without intervention, providing food and shelter for wildlife through the winter months. It's also less hard work!

Our work party this month will be on Sunday 8th September at 10 am when we will be working on cutting and clearing the grassland glade in the woodland on the heath. This action prevents the glade from becoming completely covered by brambles and helps to maintain a greater range of plant diversity. The grassland supporting a range of insects including moths and butterflies, and providing sources of food for animals higher up the food chain such as birds, amphibians and reptiles. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am on Sunday 9th September to help us on this task. All tools and equipment will be provided, or contact us if you would like further information about the group. Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard steve@goddard98.freereserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

Our first indoor meeting of the autumn-winter period will be on Thursday 18th October at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when we will have a presentation from Maureen Hatton on 'Food from the Wild'. Everyone is very welcome. Admission will be £2.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

BRUSHSTROKES EVENING ART GROUP

We were very pleased with the interest of our challenge of a patchwork masterpiece at Music on the Green. Both the children's and the adults' picture came out very

well (much better than expected!). For those who didn't see the end result, I am hoping we can show some photos of them on the Church notice board or contact me via e-mail if you would like the photos sent to you. They were raffled off and Angela and Lydia won them. I would like to thank all who helped out it was great fun and raised some funds for the group. Hopefully next year we will do another unique painting by the hands of many budding artists!

We had a very enjoyable demonstration from Theadora Hoffman a few months ago. Learning about her style of painting with acrylics and the art shop she has opened up in Kesgrave - worth a visit!

The next workshop for the autumn session will be using acrylics, with a trowel, on canvas - myself taking it. Messy but fun! Guests are welcome but booking a place maybe advisable.

The group restarts on 6th September, meeting in St Michael's Church Annexe.

We meet fortnightly from that date during term time, 7:30 to 9:30 pm with tea or coffee and tasty biscuits for a break. There is a membership fee or a 'drop in' fee.

All ages and abilities are welcome, though children must be accompanied with an adult. Members paint in all mediums and bring their own equipment. Workshops and demonstrations with a visiting artist are organised throughout the year.

This group is not a class but a meeting place for people to put aside time to do some art and gain useful tips from each other.

More numbers are needed to keep the group going as a few older members have dropped off (not literally!), so come and give it a go!

For more information phone Sue Sharman 01473 610474 or e-mail susannah.sharman@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Martlesham Carpet Bowls Club will be recommencing the Friday

afternoon 'roll-ups' on Friday 5th October, commencing 2 pm to approx. 4:30 pm. These sessions are open to anybody who is interested, as are the Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions. Our Captain is very pleased that a total of 24 members took part in matches throughout the summer league - he now has a

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problem in that he doesn't wish to hurt anybody's feelings by not including them for matches during the winter!! We are continuing to have some quite successful matches so far this season and are trying out some new team procedures as an experiment.

Anybody wishing to learn more about the club should contact our Secretary, Shirley Hull, on 01473 721606.

**THE WOLSEY THEATRE CLUB
invites you to a CONCERT by the
SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY
MALE VOICE CHOIR
at ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
CENTRE,
MARTLESHAM HEATH on
TUESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER at
7:30 PM**

**Their repertoire includes a wide
range of music that is sure to
appeal to everyone.**

**Tickets are £5 which includes
refreshments in the interval and
payment may be made at the
door. To give us an idea of the
numbers for catering purposes
please contact MRS DIANA
WHAYMAN on 01473 723793 if
you wish to come.**

OVERCOME YOUR FEAR OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Do you want to overcome the challenge of public speaking? Do you want to build your self-esteem? Do you need to deliver effective presentations, run dynamic business meetings or give a speech at a forthcoming wedding? If you have answered "Yes!" to any of these questions come to 'Speakeasy @ Martlesham' and develop your communication and leadership skills among friends. Guests are warmly

welcomed and can sit back and watch or take part in the meeting if they so wish. Come to a meeting and see what Speakeasy can offer you.

A typical meeting includes a Table Topics session where members practice impromptu speaking for up to two minutes on a variety of topics. This can seem nerve-wracking but it is also great fun – there is always plenty of laughter. In the second part of the meeting three members give speeches from the communication programme. All speakers are evaluated by fellow members who give commendations and make recommendations. In this way speakers can work on what they do well and also improve their speaking skills. There is a lot more to a Speakeasy meeting than this, however. Come and see.

'Speakeasy @ Martlesham' is a Toastmasters International club providing educational programmes in communication and leadership. The club meets fortnightly at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco).

For further information contact Sue on 07730971186 or Dave on 07969598633.

Visit the club website at www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk

ALLOTMENTS MEETING!!

I have arranged the meeting to get people together to form an Allotments Association. The Group is to build a relationship with the Parish Council and assist them in arranging

allotments for Martlesham and Martlesham Heath area. You're invited to come and join in, have your say, suggest the way forward, give

ideas and meet our guests:

* **Ian Baker** Parish Councillor;

"to take back the information from us"

* **Karen Kenny**; speaker for the Allotments Regeneration Initiative

* **Terry Morris**; speaker from the Bramford Lane established allotments

All welcome whether you

want an allotment or wish to support Allotments in the area. See you there?

Paul Day - e-mail: Martlesham.ag@btinternet.com

SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM

Ever thought about installing a solar water heating system?

You may have noticed that a few houses now have solar panels adorning their roofs. A few Martlesham residents have got together to share experiences and advice on how to go about this and what to look out for. If you are interested in what solar power could do for you and a realistic assessment of the pay back, then go on have a look on the Martlesham community web site at www.martlesham.org.uk and select 'Going Green' on the left hand main menu.

Dave Green

dave.green@btinternet.com

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has been saving their used stamps for the Hospice. I was recently able to take them eight carrier bags full of stamps and a heavy load of old British and foreign coins. Every penny earned from the sale of these stamps helps the Hospice with their wonderful work, so please carry on your great support. Thanks everyone.

Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath, 01473 622721

CARD MAKING CLASS

New card making and scrap booking class meeting once a month in St Michaels Church Hall (committee room), Friday 14th September, 1 pm - 3 pm. Come along and join our friendly group of crafters. Make your Christmas cards or create an album. All materials included in the fee of £3. To reserve a place ring 01473 621 503.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

What A Difference A Day Makes -

Dinah Washington - 1959 - Verve Records

Graffiti is another problem we face – it's often left about the place as unrepeatable language/offensive images and various description of individuals character and appendages.

You'll see it on walls/fences/street signs and street furniture – as a parent, you may well see it on your youngsters own property (an indication that they may have transferred their interest from indoors to outdoors) – and rarely does it ever

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enhance the environment...until now perhaps?

The 3PT (Three Parishes Together) asked Kesgrave High School to consider a pupil project to decorate a couple of the underpasses in Kesgrave as a pilot to see a) if it could be done b) how it could be done c) would they do it?

It was financed through a combination of donations and initiatives and after £2000 was secured, working with SCC Highways, work began in the schools activity week shortly before school finished for the year.

The results on the two underpasses are superb. The offensive material that existed before has been replaced by some vibrant work and it has turned from a place that we know we would avoid into somewhere that is refreshing to walk through – a good example to demonstrate what a positive difference our local youth are willing to make to our community for the benefit of all.

I'd like to offer the genuine thanks of the 3PT and the Kesgrave & District SNT for the time, effort and energy that the lads and lasses poured into both underpasses – you have done yourself proud. A big thank you also to the team behind the scenes (a lot of people involved on the quiet).

Mick Richardson and team, Ps 535, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Kesgrave & District

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**GET YOUR ELECTRIC BLANKET
TESTED FREE BY SUFFOLK
COUNTY COUNCIL**

If you or a family member have an electric blanket that is over three years old, it's time to get it tested. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service in partnership with Trading Standards has arranged a week long testing programme at venues across the county. Expert electrical testers will be on hand to give blankets a free 'health check'. Where blankets are found to be unsafe a 10% discount voucher will be provided towards the cost of a new one.

Dates and venues for the testing week are below:

***Ipswich** - Colchester Road Fire station, Colchester Road, Ipswich - **10th September**

***Sudbury** - Sudbury Fire Station, Gregory Street, Sudbury - **11th September**

***Bury St Edmunds** - Bury Fire Station, Park Way (North), Bury St Edmunds - **12th September**

***Stowmarket** - Stowmarket Fire Station, Lockington Road Stowmarket - **13th September**

***Lowestoft** - Normanhurst Fire Station, Normanston Drive, Lowestoft - **14th September**

All testing days run from 9:30 am to 16:30 pm

As well as having your blanket checked, officers from trading standards and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service will be on hand to offer advice on dealing with doorstep callers and fire safety at home. Age Concern will also be at each of the testing days to offer general advice and guidance.

To book your blanket in for its FREE health check call 01473 260586 and state what venue you want to attend.

**ROTARY COLLECTION AT
TESCO FOR FLOOD RELIEF**

The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben felt that local people in Suffolk would wish to help some of the victims of the recent floods, in the Northern Counties and the West Country.

President Peter said that,

"The long term consequences will have traumatic effects on so many people and it would be in the months to come that the true stresses of the situations would become apparent, and that our giving now will be put to very good use in the future."

Tesco at Martlesham Heath were very quick to give their approval to a front door collection, so on Saturday 21st July members of the Club collected £802 and, making this up to £1000 from Club funds, dispatched the money within four days. Our thanks to Tesco and the shoppers who gave so generously.

For further information about The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben contact us on mail@debenrotary.org.uk

**LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE
& DISTRICT**

August is proving a quiet spell for us – a chance to enjoy some sunshine at last. Looking forward we have a busy Autumn ahead of us, first joining with other Clubs in the area to help LOADS at their Funday on Saturday 8th September, then on the 18th September we take on the wheelchair bowlers and basketball players – sadly this is the last time we shall compete at basketball, but we are delighted that some of the younger players who have supported us recently will be taking over the fixtures we have established. Good luck and thanks to them and our thanks, too, to the Northgate team for their sporting hospitality.

Our 10k and Fun Run at Martlesham Heath takes place on Sunday 14th October – for anyone interested in taking part, please contact Lion Bob Spillett 4, Bredfield Road, Woodbridge IP12 1JA, 01394 385295 for details and entry forms. October 20th brings our 25th Charter Anniversary when we hope to have a good number of friends, past members and those we have worked with over the years joining us for a dinner dance.

Hard to believe on this sunny afternoon that we shall then be

thinking of Christmas street collections and the Christmas parcels, but then the Christmas Puddings have already been ordered, so it seems we are well underway for another busy few months.

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DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

13 members of Deben Probus Club and their wives visited Bedfield Hall and gardens on 8th August and were guests of Timothy and Christine Easton who live there.

It was preceded by a visit to the St Nicholas church which is located nearby, and dates back to the Norman period.

A most enjoyable visit, which was organised by Derek Rothery.

**HARVEST SUPPER BARN
DANCE**

Saturday 8th September - 7:30 pm, St Audrys Sports and Social Club, Melton

Come and have fun dancing and listening to Melton Folk.

A great fun evening in a lovely setting organised by Quills in aid of the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Tickets cost just £7.50 per person and the cost includes a ploughmans supper.

Tickets from Caroline 07775 620226 or e-mail committee@quills.org.uk

**SUFFOLK HISTORIC
CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE**

Each year nearly all churches in East Anglia open from 10 am to 6 pm to allow walkers and cyclists the opportunity to visit as many as possible. The money raised from their sponsorship is split between their nominated place of worship and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, who then provide grants for the maintenance of our many splendid churches.

This year we have made it even easier for you to participate:
*Suggested walking and cycling routes

*Refreshments at all churches

*Lunch served by the Brownies at Kirton

*Cycling in the gym at MARTLESHAM LEISURE - AT NO COST in the week starting 3rd September

If you would like a sponsor form so that you can take part in this great fun event on Saturday 8th September either as a walker, cyclist, recorder or in the gym then please call Paul Jordan on 01473 625061.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

We look forward to two special services this month beginning on Sunday 2nd with the Pet Service at 10 am. This will be held in the churchyard, weather permitting, otherwise in the church. Our fifth Sunday Service will be one of Celtic Worship at our usual Evening Service time of 6:30 pm on Sunday 30th September. You will be sure of a warm welcome at each of these services. Note it is not a requirement of attendance at the Pet Service to be accompanied by a pet and a cuddly toy is just as acceptable.

On September 15th at 7:30 pm in the Village Hut we are holding an evening of Bingo and Buffet. Prizes for the Bingo instead of cash. If you would like to donate a prize please contact me or Margery Manning (01473 625512). Tickets for this event will be available at £4 for supper and bingo cards. Space is limited so make sure you get your ticket early from either of the above or Jessica Niblock.

Meanwhile the final part of the Faculty application for the toilet

has been sent to the DAC.
Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
01473 624130

time - look out for the leaflets and book your place!

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE

MISSING WHEELCHAIR

A wheelchair was donated to St Michael's as a gift to help disabled and/or elderly folk using the Church and Centre.

It was borrowed by someone in need during a visit about two months ago but sadly not returned as yet.

It would be very nice to have it back in memory of the person who gave it to the Church so that it could benefit those in need.

If you can help with its return please contact either the Revd. Ian

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Naylor at 01473 622424 or Lewis Currie at 01473 625320.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

www.m-c-f.org

"Sketching God!"

The teacher looked over James' shoulder at his art work, "What are you drawing James?" - "I'm drawing God!" he replied. "But James, nobody knows what God looks like!" The boy scribbled furiously. "They'll all know in a minute Miss!!" I wonder what he sketched? - A bearded old man? - A spectacular scene with lots of reds and yellows? - Perhaps an attempt at the face of Jesus? If you were asked, what would you have drawn. How do you depict an eternal spirit? Paul (in 2 Cor. ch. 4) spoke of the glory of God being seen in the 'face of Jesus Christ' and the apostle John wrote—"No-one has ever seen God, but Jesus has made Him known." There are lots of illustrations of God, of course. In the Psalms He is referred to as a Rock, a Shepherd, a Strong Tower. These give us some sense of the Almighty. When we look at Jesus, however, His life, His teaching, His compassion and His cross, we see the full orbed revelation of God. As another New Testament writer put it—"The Son is the radiance of the Father's Glory".

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.

As the 'summer' draws to a close the parish and deanery activities restart with a very full programme, including preparation for confirmation, lessons in the faith for younger children, a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and a quiet day at Clare Priory.

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.

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

After the success of 'Going Bananas' last year, Martlesham Churches are again inviting primary school aged children to two days of holiday club fun during the October half term. We will be circulating the details to all schools in the parish nearer the

ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday Services

Family Service, for Teaching and Worship at 10 am—also 'Sunspot' and 'Respect' for young people

Communion - 11:45 am

Weekday activities

Housegroups - for Bible study, prayer and fellowship on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm

Tuesday Circle - 11th September - Lunch together

Thursday - 'The Hub' - Youth activity at 7 pm

Toddler Group - at 10 am

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

"The Living Room"
Sunday 16th September

An informal time of fellowship and fun

For more information, please contact John Mellen on 01473 624401, or Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

The Magazine for The Community by The Community

The Martlesham Monthly magazine is a free publication distributed to all residents in the parishes of **Martlesham and Brightwell**. The Martlesham Monthly is also available in other formats:

A talking version, which is distributed to residents with visual impairment on audio cassette each month and which can also be heard on the Martlesham website, www.martlesham.org.uk where the printed version can be read.

The Martlesham Monthly now has over **100 volunteers** involved with getting each publication compiled, printed, assembled and delivered every month. We deliver

over 2850 copies to all of Martlesham and Brightwell. The Talking Martlesham Monthly has a team of **12 volunteers** to read and record.

The Martlesham Monthly is completely self-sufficient and receives no grants or awards; all funding is raised from the sale of advertising.

These are some of the local projects that the Martlesham Monthly has been pleased to support in the past few years:

The Martlesham Responders (local paramedics), Martlesham Milestone project, the making and erection of one of the village signs, the restoration and maintenance of the windsock, Martlesham Old Boys FC, Martlesham Indoor Bowls Club, the Christmas Tree in The Square, one of the main sponsors of "Music on the Green", a hanging Basket in The Square, the Martlesham website, Brian "The Milkman's" Retirement Party, printing of "Martlesham - The Good and Bad Old Days" and "Martlesham Memories" (release date 1st December 2005), provision of a garage for community storage, paper for printing requirements for the local church, Martlesham Village Directory, contributed towards a Village Seat in memory of a local cricketer, Martlesham Youth football and helped to set up a new Recycling Centre in the Village.

Edited by volunteers
Printed by volunteers
Collated by volunteers
Delivered by volunteers

Advertising rates:

Sixteenth of an A4 page is £80 per year - that is only £6.66 per month.

An eighth of an A4 page is £160 per year - that is only £13.33 a month.

ALL PRICES INCLUDE ARTWORK

We can also deliver leaflets to every house and business in Martlesham and Brightwell for only £20. For advertising and leaflet distribution call 01473 622874.

**St. Michael's Church
Centre is open daily on
weekdays from 10
am—12 noon for tea,
coffee,
information, etc. Why
not drop in to meet
friends old and new?**

11 MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

Did you know that there are regular meetings and activities going on in the pavilion for at least 24 hours each week?

Each week there are –

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Weight Watchers meetings
- Country Market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- Rainbows
- Bridge
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club
- Street Dancing
- Computer Training
- Lip Reading
- Kick Boxing

Every two weeks there are –

- Cross-Stitch Club
- Crossroads

Every month there are -

- WI meetings

Occasionally there are -

- Martlesham Historical Society meetings
- Woodbridge Model Boat



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Tel: 01473 623194

| Services for the Month | Brightwell St. John's | Martlesham St. Mary's | Martlesham Heath St. Michael's |
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| Sunday 2nd September Trinity 13 | 8am Holy Communion 10am Pet Service | 11am Holy Matins | 9:45am All Age & Baptism |
| Sunday 9th September Trinity 14 | 6:30pm Evensong | 8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Service | 9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Sunday 16th September Trinity 15 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Family Holy Communion | 9:45am Harvest Service 6:30pm Farewell Service at Rushmere St Andrews for Martin Montgomery |
| Sunday 23rd September Trinity 16 | 6:30pm Evensong Harvest | 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins | 9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Sunday 30th September Trinity 17 5th Sunday | 6:30pm Celtic Worship | 11am Harvest Service | 8am Holy Communion 9:45am Service of The Word with Guest Speaker from Christian Solidarity Worldwide |
| Sunday 7th October Trinity 18 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion BCP | 9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Youth Service |

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars will meet at 10:30am on Monday 10th September and Monday 24th September in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

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

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| 5 for the residents of Fynn Road | 24 for those with ongoing health problems |
| 6 for the victims of flooding | 25 for parents who have been bereaved |
| 7 for those involved in the foot and mouth outbreak | 26 for the residents of Green Lane |
| 8 thanksgiving for recent holidays | 27 for those who are questioning their faith |
| 9 for our forthcoming harvest thanksgivings | 28 for our new diocesan bishop |
| 10 for newly qualified teachers | 29 for those who live alone |
| 11 thank God for happy marriages | 30 for everyone joining in worship today |
| 12 for the residents of Gayfer Avenue | OCT 1 for those starting at university |
| 13 for our doctors and health centres | 2 for an end to violence in Darfur |
| 14 for those convicted of serious crimes | 3 for the residents of Gresswell Court |
| 15 for members of the armed forces serving overseas | 4 for our prime minister and government |
| 16 for all our clergy and leaders | |
| 17 for all nursing home residents | |
| 18 for Martlesham Community Responders | |
| 19 for the residents of Geneva Avenue | |
| 20 for children starting pre-school education | |
| 21 for churches with dwindling congregations | |
| 22 for those who write junior church teaching material | |
| 23 praise God for his unconditional love | |