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MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM IN THE VILLAGE? IF SO COME TO THE PAVILION on Saturday 15th March 2008, 10 am – 12 pm

Do you have a problem in the Village?

Not sure who owns what land near you?

Need to discuss a problem with The Police or Local Village representatives?

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

On **Saturday 15th March 2008 10 am – 12 pm** come to The Pavilion on The Green at Martlesham Heath.

There will be a representative from

- The Parish Council,
- Martlesham Consultants Limited
- The Suffolk Constabulary
- District Councillors
- County Councillor

So no matter what your problem or your concern is, there will be somebody who can help you on the day. This was a huge success when we launched this in November 2007 and many people were helped following their visit.

Paul Firman - 01473 622874

CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE SQUARE

Again this year Martlesham Monthly is delighted to be sponsoring the Christmas Tree in the Square. We would like to thank Ian O'Brien Baker from Home Meadows Nursery, fellow members from The Rotary Club of Woodbridge along with some of the lads from The HM Prison Hollesley Bay who arrange the collection and removal for us. Also we would like to thank Andy Hart at Bidwells who allow us to use their electricity, Roger Garnett of Garnett Electrical for supplying and fitting the lighting along with Howard Construction who supply the fencing - and thanks to John Hovell for his help and support. Paul Firman and The Editorial Team

MUSIC OFF THE GREEN

MUSIC QUIZ

Presented by

**Stephen "Foz" Foster
from BBC Radio Suffolk
at**

THE DOUGLAS BADER

on Sunday 3rd February 2008

7 pm for 7:30 pm

£4 per person

includes a light supper

Up to 6 per team

Please call Karen

01473 625394

In aid of

"Music on the Green"

Book your table now

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 A NIGHT OF LYRICAL AMUSEMENT: MUSIC OFF THE GREEN QUIZ NIGHT - 3rd FEBRUARY

The start of 2008 means that the committee for Martlesham Music on the Green are already counting down the days to this year's event on 12th July 2008. But before the big day, there are some fantastic Music off the Green fundraising events to be enjoyed.

On Sunday 3rd February, Music off the Green presents a Music Quiz at The Douglas Bader. Presented by Radio Suffolk's own Stephen "The Foz" Foster, we promise an evening of classic songs and lyrical amusement to get the feet tapping and the brain whirring. With the kind support of The Douglas Bader, tickets are just £4 per person including a light supper with a maximum of 6 people per team. The evening kicks

off at 7 pm, with the quiz starting at 7:30 sharp. Please call 01473 625394 to book your table. Classical aficionados, opera buffs, punks, pop princesses, dance divas, rockers, hip hoppers, jazz hounds, swingers and, yes, even Cliff Richard fans are all cordially invited.

Remember, all proceeds from Music off the Green go to supporting Music on the Green and our two fantastic charities for this year – Martlesham Community Responders and The Ipswich Children's Hospice. The Music Quiz is just the first Music off the Green fundraiser for this year so keep your eye on the local press for more fun evenings to come.

With seven months still to go until Music on the Green 2008, we are already receiving great pledges of support from local people and local businesses. If you can come and join the Music on the Green team on the day, we really would love to hear from you. If you run a local business, then there are also lots of ways you can help us by becoming an official sponsor. Howard Plant, The Douglas Bader, Pedal Power, PJ Print, Blue Star Skips, The Martlesham Monthly, Add Design and Radio Suffolk have already pledged their support or donated equipment and assistance.

More information about Music on the Green 2008, the bands and sponsorship opportunities are available from our website www.musiconthegreen.com. The countdown to Summer 2008 has well and truly started.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

Refurbishment of the Harry Higgins Play Area, next to the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath

It is hoped that work to brighten up and improve the existing play equipment will take place in December/January. All work should be completed within 21 days from the start date. It is anticipated that individual pieces of equipment will be fenced off as necessary without the need to close the whole area.

Improvements to the picnic site, Felixstowe Road

The Council has arranged for the car park to be levelled and compacted prior to Christmas. This work should take place within a day.

Jubilee Playspace, Carol Avenue

A Council working party has recently planted hedging between its land at the Jubilee Playspace and the adjacent field to improve safety and enhance this area. The hedging was part funded through the District Council's Parish Tree Scheme.

Speeding in Eagle Way, Martlesham Heath

We continue to receive complaints. Recently speeding has been noted from the Link Road roundabout to The Square and this is particularly dangerous in the vicinity of the A12 footbridge where many people cross the road. Drivers are once again urged to keep speeds down for the safety of all.

Forthcoming meetings

Please note that all meetings are taking place a week later than usual in January.

*Parish Council – Wednesday 9th January

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 16th January

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 23rd January

*Finance & General Purposes committee - Wednesday 30th January

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

The following is a message from **Suffolk County Council:**

Cycle Route Signing, Deben Avenue to Gloster Road, Martlesham

signing also includes local destination names and directions for pedestrians, like the schools, and shops, for example.

The purpose of the signing is to guide cyclists through Martlesham Heath, between Gorseland Primary School and BT Adastral Park. It is an extension of the signing erected last year from Heath Road, Ipswich through to Bell Lane, Kesgrave. This route provides a more attractive alternative for cyclists, compared to using the A1214 cycle route, which as you maybe aware, currently terminates at Rushmere Common and also requires cyclists to negotiate underpasses and the busy Heath Road roundabout. This signing work is scheduled to be undertaken during December 07 or January 08.

Anson Road Cycleway

The County Council also plans to carry out work to improve Anson Road for cyclists between 14th-25th January 2008. A temporary 6'6" width restriction will be advertised in the press. Superoute 66 will be affected but it is hoped to keep disruption to public transport to a minimum through day-to-day liaison.

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

The Craft Fair which was held recently was a great success, our thanks goes to all who contributed

towards it. We would like to thank the following; Mr and Mrs Jackson-Palmer, The Red Lion, Notcutts, Tesco's, Bennetts, Black Tiles Restaurant, Leisure Centre, Roselea Nursery, S & I Hair & Beauty Group, Pedal Power, Douglas Bader, Duncans, Planet Music, Beacon Rally Karts Ltd, Kingpin, J & J's Fisheries, Glasswells, Golf Galore, Post Office Stores and Home Meadows Nurseries, who generously donated prizes for our Grand Christmas Draw.

JUMBLE SALE

Our next event will be a Jumble Sale in the Pavilion on Saturday 2nd February from 10 am – 12 noon. Bric-a-brac is still required. If you any have any please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

RUBY AND HER HORSES

On March 13th in the St Michael's Church Centre **THE BUMPSTEAD BOYS** will be presenting "RUBY AND HER HORSES", a true life Kersey narrative in STORY and SCREEN set against the hardships of the agricultural depression

Tickets will be £5 in advance from The POST OFFICE STORES, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham or Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 or £6 at the door.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS FOR 2008

A lot is due to happen during 2008 at Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Consultation is due to commence at the end of January on proposals put forward by various landowners within the village to develop their land by having it included within the new development framework.

An 8 week period will be allowed for us to express our views whether in favour or against these proposals. No decisions or preferred options have been agreed yet.

Some of the sites being proposed are around the BT Adastral Park, the field opposite the Black Tiles Public House and adjacent to the common, land to the south of Mill Track, Bridge Farm, Woodbridge Town Football Club and numerous sites at Bealings Road, plus other smaller sites.

Another issue which is sure to

raise its head during 2008 is what will happen now that the Ipswich Borough unitary bid is to be reviewed by the Boundary Commission. Will Martlesham become part of a greater Ipswich or part of an East or West Suffolk Unitary Council? What would be your preferred option? Again, consultation will need to take place on any proposals put forward.

These issues will have a big effect on our village. Please ensure that you have your say and express your views and concerns.

I am available to discuss either the above proposals or any other concerns you may have about District or Parish matters. Please contact me on 01473 626308 or by e-mail at john.kelso@btinternet.com

Wishing all residents a happy 2008.

John Kelso,
District and Parish Councillor for Martlesham

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Martlesham in Bloom wish everybody a Happy (Gardening) New Year.

Our next events:-

'A New Year in Bloom'

featuring

Martlesham's Wildlife

A talk by Duncan Sweeting

Tuesday 29th January

7:30 pm

**St Michael's Church Centre
Martlesham Heath**

The evening will include our AGM and there will be a raffle, light refreshments and a quiz.

Everybody welcome .

Admission free.

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd February

10 am to Noon

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath
(jointly with Martlesham
Community Council)

Anglia in Bloom

We will be entering Martlesham in the Anglia in Bloom 2008 competition.

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

It was good to have Mrs Angela Vokalek back again with her title 'Let's Light Up Christmas'. For her first design she used a large terracotta saucer adding cones, a small hanging lantern, sparkling twigs, gold-sprayed bracken leaves, bronze baubles, foliage and orange lilies and gerberas. She then produced an artificial arrangement in a large gold vase which she had done at home. For her third arrangement she placed two white, mauve and burgundy candles in a long tray and chose foliage, cones and flowers to complement their colour. Two delicate silk red and gold decorations glued to the top and front of a bottle of port showed a further example of her creativity and she followed this with a Christmas arrangement in a hanging basket. She also made a ring containing holly, ivy, artificial poinsettia and cones and a further 'minimalistic' arrangement in a silver bucket. Using blue and white she thought her next design gave a 'frosty morning feeling'. Lastly Mrs Vokalek did a 'traditional' Christmas table centre.

Jean Smith won the competition with Margaret Doveston winning the novice class.

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.

The next meeting will be on 16th January when Mrs Jill Nicholls will demonstrate 'It's Cold'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM ALLOTMENT & LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Thanks to all those who attended the Fund Raising on 4th December.

Emma Crowhurst was great. She gave us an insight to using herbs for cooking and answered questions on cooking produce from the garden. In the raffle five people won lovely gifts including a book, "Bob Flowerdew Going Organic". On the night we handed out membership cards and certificates. All members will receive theirs as soon as possible.

The news from the Parish Council is that they are still beavering away trying to find land for our allotments. It is a daunting task with much to read and many guidelines to follow. They suggest that they might not be as fast as we might like but I'm sure they will do everything in their power to get something substantial done as it is obviously in their interest.

This could be a landmark event putting allotments back on the map for Martlesham and a gallant effort by a parish wishing to help its parishioners go green. They brought to our attention some free plots in London Road, Ipswich. I put this to the members on the night and they voted 100% against even contemplating this. Members suggested that they want allotments in **Martlesham**, so they don't have to travel great distances and keep their carbon footprint small. One member even suggested the Park & Ride might not take too kindly to people taking wheelbarrows on the bus!

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www.malga.co.uk

Paul Day (Chairman)

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At our Annual Meeting Mrs Gillian Slaughter acted as our W.I. Advisor when our President Mrs Anne Bennett was re-elected. Mrs Audrey Burnell was re-elected as Secretary and with the current committee also agreeing to stand again they were re-elected en masse. Mrs Betty Darke thanked the committee for all their hard work, adding that everyone had enjoyed the speakers and events arranged throughout the year.

In her capacity as Federation Representative for the ACWW (the Associated Country Women of the

World) Gillian then told us about the association which was established in 1933 and is active in over seventy countries with a membership representing nine million women. She explained the aims of the association and told us about some of the projects it funds, relating stories of how the ACWW is able to help those most in need across the world by providing practical support, e.g. setting up educational schemes, training and leadership skills, family planning, HIV awareness, etc. The ACWW approves twelve to fifteen projects each year and Gillian gave us examples of how successful these have been. The ACWW President, Mrs May Kidd, will be giving a talk to SEFWI on 28th April next year and Gillian hoped that many of us will attend.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Martlesham on 18th January when Mrs Valerie Defour will talk about 'Bringing Hope After Tsunami in India'. Do come and join us.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Christmas carols, songs and readings were enjoyed by members at our December meeting, together with seasonal nibbles and a glass of punch. The entertainment was provided by members of Kesgrave W.I. choir and we were able to join in the singing of the carols at the end of the evening. A free raffle also meant that several members were able to go home with an early Christmas gift.

Our president, Bernadette Smith, gave a very grateful vote of thanks and invited the choir to join us for food and a drink.

Members were informed by Kay Hall that our walking group will be commencing monthly walks beginning in January, so a chance to walk off some of those extra pounds post-Christmas!

Our next meeting will be on January 14th when we will be having a talk about the Fire Service.

Any lady is welcome to come

and join us at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion when they will be made most welcome.

Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

New Year Greetings to all.

Our last meeting for 2007 was our Christmas Party. Geoff Jacobs and his group entertained us in style again followed by a tasty buffet.

We start the New Year 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')

We meet alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham Heath Community Centre and welcome all new members. Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 8th January from 12:45 to 2:30 pm.

Lunch will be served at 1 pm followed by a talk by Reverend Elizabeth Corker entitled 'You'd Better Believe It – A New Way to Tell Stories.'

All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome – why not bring a friend?

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

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our December meeting gave us a chance to join together to celebrate Christmas. We shared a wonderful musical afternoon with a tea of homemade cakes and goodies, followed by everyone singing carols.

This New Year sees the launch of Hope 2008, a new initiative aimed at encouraging Christians around the UK to show

their faith to their communities through their words and deeds, something the Mothers' Union is already doing.

As we enter a New Year full of fresh hope and new resolutions, perhaps you would like to join Mothers' Union to help us to help others. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd January at 2:30 pm at St Michaels Church. We all look forward to seeing you then, or perhaps you would like to telephone our Branch leader Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

MARTLESHAM WIVES

Merry Christmas to all. We held our Christmas meal at Peak Lodge on Monday 10th for 20 members.

Next Meeting

Monday 21st January
"Mull over a Book"

Venue - Prue's, 21 Lancaster Drive
Tel: 01473 626349

For further details please contact:

Maureen - 01473 622670

Elaine - 01473 622269

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. Classes start Tuesday 15th January.

For any more information feel free to call Kristen on 07912065241 or 01473 622724.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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.

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

A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our collection when we borrowed the Woodbridge Round Table Rudolph Sleigh. It was a delight to see the children's faces as Santa came down the road and your generous donations will be split between the school and the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

Our first PFA meeting for 2008 is on 31st January and we would welcome any new parents or friends who wish to come along. Our next events will be a Children's Disco in February and a Quiz/Challenge Evening in March - watch out for further details.

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful 2008.

BT GOBAL CHALLENGE WINNERS: GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

It will be three years this Boxing Day that a tsunami wiped out

Kudawella School in Sri Lanka. Since then Gorseland have raised money and sent letters to Kudawella to help rebuild the school and develop friendships between our children.

This has been so successful that in September Gorseland and Kudawella teamed up to enter the BT Global Challenge. The object of the challenge, to help people communicate and collaborate across the world, saw the launch of the www.icookbook.net website in September. Both schools' children have worked incredibly hard to build the website ready for the final BT Hothouse on December 3rd when 8 schools came together to present their ideas for a solution to the challenge.

After some difficult decision making, the judges chose the iCookBook as the winning project and Gorseland and Kudawella as the winning schools. The prize money of £1,000 will be sent to Kudawella to help them continue their visits to the Internet Café, as the school still has no electricity. Please visit our website.

MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

A visit to see Shakespeare's Hamlet at the Spa Pavillion for all the pupils in KS2 was a really enjoyable occasion.

All children in KS2 were involved in an Egypt Day, dressing up and taking part in a variety of different workshops presented by a visiting group called Portals to the Past. The year 6 pupils also completed their pilot work with the music and ICT department at Kesgrave High School where they have been taking part in producing electronic musical scores using computers.

Some excellent work was completed by the KS1 children in their topic on Tropical Rainforests. The KS1 play, entitled "Whoops a Daisy Angel", was delivered beautifully to the parents and all that long, hard work was so worthwhile in the end.

The children in KS2 had been preparing for two concerts. The pupils in years 5 and 6 entertained

employees of BT at Adastral Park in the cafeteria, during lunchtime on December 7th. They then had to join the rest of KS2 and prepare for our annual concert for the local senior citizens. 40 of them, along with pupils' parents, came to the Christian Fellowship Hall to listen and watch the concert. It was the first time we used our Chimes, which were kindly donated to us recently by the Shoebox Theatre Trust. It was a resounding success.

Finally, all the children were treated to a pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk and two loud and lively disco parties to bring the term to a busy end.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the area a prosperous and happy New Year.

BUCKLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

A very big 'thank you' to all who supported our Christmas Fair which raised a little over £1300. This was an excellent achievement for our small school especially as it was held on a miserably cold and wet December day.

We have a number of dates for your diary including:

*Friday 1st February - Beetle Drive 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

*Friday 7th March - Spring Disco 6:30 pm to 8 pm

*Sunday 27th April - Car Boot/ Table Top Sale 9 am to 1 pm

We would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Nora Hydes

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The New Year got off to a good start with an award of £100 from BT's Community Champions Award Scheme, to part fund our purchase of a commercial strength gazebo (a small marquee) to support our work with Nature Club. Our sincere thanks go to BT and to Colin Webb who fronted the application on the Group's behalf.

Whilst on the subject of thanks, we would wish to extend our appreciation to the 1st Martlesham

Scout Group who provided additional support during our November work day in clearing the undergrowth and bushes alongside the path that runs from Portal Avenue to the perimeter track opposite the rear entrance to the Police HQ, and collecting fallen dead branches that were then chipped to re-surface section of path through the woods. A few days later they followed this up by making sixteen bat boxes that will be mounted in the trees at various locations in the Woods later in the year.

Our first work day of the New Year is scheduled for Saturday 19th January, with volunteers meeting, as usual, at the rear entrance to the police HQ at 10 am. As ever, new volunteers will be made very welcome.

For more information on the Group and its activities, please contact us through our website at: www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup (7,869 hits to date) or through the Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632. If you wish to receive news concerning the Group electronically, please contact us by e-mail via: pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

May we close by wishing all our volunteers and supporters a prosperous and peaceful New Year and we look forward to your continued support in 2008.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

We would like to thank all those members and friends who supported us throughout 2007. We have had some good steps forward over the last year. The northern section of the heath SSSI is now under lease to Martlesham Consultants and we will be working with them in conjunction with Natural England and others to try to improve the status of the site for heathland wildlife. We still need to do more as our surveys indicate a significant decline in the habitat and wildlife.

Following the successful "Megabash" last year we plan another one with the Greenways project with a proposed date of

Saturday 23rd February. More information will follow in next month's Martlesham Monthly.

We return to woodland conservation with a work party on Sunday 13th January. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or join us in the wood. We aim to follow up the work of previous years with more glade clearance. Everyone is welcome. No special skills are required. All tools and equipment will be provided.

Please could all members renew their subscription with us. It really does make a difference in running the group.

Why not resolve to help us in 2008 - besides, it's great post-Christmas exercise! You could also join a conservation body - there are plenty for you to consider from a small local group such as us right through to the RSPB at the national level with the likes of Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Suffolk Naturalists' Society and Suffolk Ornithologists' Group in between.

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 17th January we have a talk on "Golden Orioles" with Malcolm Raines starting at 7-30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a great evening. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member. Admission is £2 as usual.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Disastrous results - we have gone down very badly in our last three matches - our New Year's resolution must be "could do better".

We are in course of arranging our annual dinner which will be held at the end of January/early February. This will take the usual form of the meal in a local pub/restaurant followed by a quiz and an excellent draw funded by

the club. We hope as many members as possible will come along.

Further information regarding the club can be obtained from Shirley Hull on 01473 721606.

I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Christmas is here

It's nearly Christmas, so why not come and share in our festive cheer? We are in full Christmas flow with one of our bands out almost every night at a supermarket near you. If you see us shivering in the bleak midwinter outside a supermarket on our way to Bethlehem, why not come over and lend us your ears? A few Christmas carols later and you'll be ready to tackle the barrage of turkeys, mince pies and whiskey waiting for you inside.

Festive concert

Following our recent success at the Rotary Club concert held in Woodbridge school you will be pleased to hear we have our Christmas concert on Saturday 22nd December. This will feature all bands at the Kesgrave Community Centre. If you would like tickets please contact mark.chalklen@gmail.com, but don't delay as they are always popular.

Hillside Brass

We are very pleased to have donated some unused instruments to Hillside school. Although these instruments were not in perfect condition, over thirty children turned up to audition for the chance to play one of these three cornets. Following this success two more cornets were donated allowing another couple of children the chance to learn a new skill. Thanks to the passion of Nina Harvey and the dedication of these youngsters, we now have some new recruits into the brass band world, and some new friends to join our big family at Martlesham Brass.

SUPER SINGING FOR NON-SINGERS 2008

Why confine your singing to the

shower?

Come and sing along with us in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Help given to beginners, who are most welcome. You don't have to be able to read music.

First meeting in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion at 7:30 pm on Tuesday January 15th. Please ring Richard Staines on 01473 610394 for further details.

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINDING GROUP

We hoped everyone had fun at our Christmas Party - we were all certainly looking forward to it. The age of the children invited ranged considerably, from 6 months old to teenagers, yet there was something for everyone and presents for all children! 'Thanks' go to all our children, their parents and group members - for their support in helping to make this event a huge success! The date of the party: 21st December - and the magician - made it a truly magical way for all of us to start our Christmas holidays!

'Congratulations' this month goes to Julie-Ann Bass on her success in passing her Level 3 Childcare qualification.

The majority of our local primary schools have now joined the **Suffolk School Childminding Scheme** - formally linking registered childminders with schools to provide before, after-school and holiday care to meet parents' needs. Anyone looking for a childminder for a particular school should be able to receive a list of childminders participating in the scheme from that school. We currently have childminders picking up from many schools including: Gorseland, Birchwood, Cedarwood, Martlesham Beacon Hill and Waldringfield primary schools.

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.

Julie-Ann Bass and Tricia Burrows

SPEAKEASY@MARTLESHAM

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

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 more information on Speakeasy@Martlesham go to www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk, contact Sue Browne on 07730 971186 or Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or join us at one of our meetings every other Thursday, visitors are always welcome.

Our meetings in January are on:-

*Thursday 10th January 2008

*Thursday 24th January 2008

All meetings are held in the Richards Room (next to Martlesham Community Hall), behind Tesco on Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, starting at 7:15 pm.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

I Should Be So Lucky - Kylie Minogue - 1988 - PWL Mushroom Records

We live and work in what is undoubtedly a low crime area.

We enjoy the fact that we can (probably) afford to make the odd mistake of leaving keys in doors or cars and 'get away with it' though it's not to be encouraged.

What we cannot do is continue to get away with it as the law of averages clearly states that at some stage we will get caught out.

Tell me then why so often when we get a crime reported to us it involves something left unlocked - be it a shed or garage or car. If cars were locked, they very often had the items stolen that were on

open display.

Don't assume that your unlocked shed with the gardens tools is of no interest to a thief. If it has tools, they are of use to the thief to break into the house - or your neighbour's house (how to make yourself popular in one easy move).

The answer is to a) NEVER leave anything in your car on display, b) lock the shed securely, c) lock the garage with the addition of a mechanism that requires a non-standard key (the locking mechanism that comes with the normal up and over door is of no real value and needs some assistance).

If you have any articles other than a car within the garage (same applies to a shed), postcode it - mark it - photograph it - make sure you can identify it.

The title? This is the tune being whistled/hummed/sung by the thieves helping themselves.

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WOODBRIIDGE PROBUS CLUB

Nearly 100 Probus members and their ladies met for Christmas lunch at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club on Monday 3rd December. Member Professor John Midwinter gave a highly thought-provoking talk on Environmental Issues, in particular climate change to which he has devoted his retirement both as a student and a teacher. He used evidence of trends over periods ranging from decades to hundreds of thousands of years to persuade his audience of the need for immediate action.

The next meeting - the Annual General Meeting - will be on Monday 7th January. Retired or semi-retired men over 50 who are interested in membership should telephone Dick Bason (01473 720995) or Ron Fisher (01473 631347).

R.S.P.C.A. QUIZ NIGHT

Get your thinking caps on and help local animals!

RSPCA Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch are holding a quiz night at St Michael's Church Rooms, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SL on Saturday 2nd February. The charity event will start at 7:30 pm with doors opening at 7 pm. A light buffet/nibbles will be provided and there will be teas, coffees and a variety of soft drinks available.

Please bring your own alcohol (and glass!). Entry costs £5 per person. Please contact Kate on 01449 614057/616616 for further information or to reserve a ticket. Due to the success of our last quiz, we are only able to take reservations/sell tickets before the event and not on the night.

RSPCA Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch is one of the 172 RSPCA branches in England and Wales, which are all separate registered charities. We receive no funding from RSPCA HQ, the Government or the National Lottery and rely entirely on fundraising and donations. All money raised goes towards running our Animal Centre at Martlesham and Clinic in Ipswich.

AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK - DOMESTIC INFORMATION HELP LINE

Finding out what we need to know isn't always easy. You've probably had the experience of making six telephone calls only to end up back where you started. Very often, it's not that the help isn't there; it just seems impossible to know where to find it.

The Domestic Information Help Line does not provide any services directly, but helps callers to track down a company, organisation or person who does.

Details of WHO DOES WHAT, WHERE THEY DO IT and WHAT THEY CHARGE are available through our **HELP LINE**.

Here's just a flavour of the requests for help we have received: - housework, fixing a leaking tap, gardening, unpacking after a house move, shopping, meal preparation, small

sewing jobs, respite care and many, many more!

In short, it's all about assisting older people to access the help they need, because finding out isn't always easy.

If you think we can help you, do get in touch.

DOMESTIC INFORMATION HELP LINE @ AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK: 0845 330 0470

(Operates Monday to Thursday from 9:30 -12:30)

ARE YOU AN ARTIST OR CRAFTSPERSON??

Suffolk Open Studios is an established art organisation whose aim it is to promote the creation and appreciation of the visual arts throughout Suffolk, run by artists for artists.

Members become part of a mutually supportive group which gives artists the chance to make friends and work co-operatively with like-minded people. For further information and to apply online for membership, please visit www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk or if you would prefer ring Alison Calvesbert on 01449 613077 to request a hard copy application form.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

By the time this reaches you no doubt 2007 will have closed and another year passed but with its passing we must remember all those unsung heroes who kept the Church running week by week, our churchwardens Marjorie Manning and Sandie Little together with the flower arrangers and cleaners. Also thank you to David Riches and Peter Sterry who have contributed so much to the kempt appearance of the Churchyard. But most of all a big round of applause to our organist Diana Haycock who plays so beautifully on what is a simple instrument but makes it sound so grand at the fortnightly Evensong Services. On the other side of the valley Jessica Niblock manages all of the bookings for the Church Hall, The Village Hall, The Hut and the Community Centre. Thank you Jessica.

I had not realised how singularly focused this column has been over the year until I was greeted recently with, "Oh, it's the Toilet Man". I am pleased to have achieved some sort of identity and to say that, as I write, the finishing touches are being added to the said building and will soon be formally opened with appropriate ceremony.

Please make a date for a talk by Roy Tricker on the 'History of Brightwell Church' on Friday April 4th at the Church.

Best wishes to all for 2008.

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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.

We hope you all had a joyful and peaceful Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. Our New Year begins with the solemnity of "Mary, Mother of God" on 1st January. This winter we are asked to pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity, the sick and their carers; students and teachers and the unemployed.

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

"Stewards of Time"

2008! - Another year has come within our grasp! Another year of opportunity in the flowing stream of time. Each day, each week, a fresh

opportunity for activity and progress. The Bible encourages us to be good 'stewards' of our time. Proverbs, bluntly states - "Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise!" The New testament (rather more sedately) encourages us to "redeem the time, for the days are evil!" In his parable of the 'talents', Jesus described a man who gave his servants money to invest, while he went away for a time. Some of the servants used their money wisely, and gained prosperity for their master, others were wasteful. We are all given the deposit of 'time' to use. Much of it, of course, is used for work, running a home, bringing up a family and, hopefully, some leisure. The first commandment says - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbour as yourself!" - Have you ever tried using 20 minutes of your day for God and his word? Many people practise this and find their days are enriched. It is as though you have touched 'base'. Activity and leisure are necessary and good, but wise is that man or woman who is also prepared to "be still, in order to remember that God is there!"

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

Sunday Services

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

Tuesday Circle - 8th January - "Countryside and Coastline" (Terry Peake)

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Housegroups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Toddler Group - 10 am

'The Hub' - Youth activity at 7 pm

Friday

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

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

BRIGHT STARS

Services for January will be on Monday 14th and Monday 28th



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 6th January Epiphany 1	8am Holy Communion	11am Christianity Explored	9:45am Christianity Explored & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th January Epiphany 2	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 20th January Epiphany 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 27th January Epiphany 4	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 3rd February Epiphany 5	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 14th January and Monday 28th January in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY

Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers:

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| <p>5 for the work of the RSPCA</p> <p>6 Epiphany, give thanks for the faith of the Wise Men</p> <p>7 for those returning to work or school today</p> <p>8 for the homeless that they may get as much support during the year as at Christmas</p> <p>9 the residents of Main Road</p> <p>10 for the armed forces personnel home from conflicts</p> <p>11 for the Air/Sea Rescue Service</p> <p>12 for grandparents and all they do for our families</p> <p>13 give thanks for the hymn writers who have added so much to our worship</p> <p>14 for farmers</p> <p>15 for public transport workers</p> <p>16 for the residents of Manor Road</p> <p>17 for volunteers</p> <p>18 celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>19 for groups working to enhance our local environment</p> <p>20 give thanks that we can attend church without fear of persecution</p> <p>21 for our GPs</p> <p>22 for those working in local shops</p> <p>23 for the residents of Mayfields</p> | <p>24 for Coastguards</p> <p>25 St Paul's Day, give thanks for his conversion and subsequent teaching</p> <p>26 for all who work to bring us clean drinking water</p> <p>27 for all those taking part in church services</p> <p>28 for deep sea fishermen</p> <p>29 for Radio Suffolk</p> <p>30 for the residents of Mayfields Lane</p> <p>31 for the residents and staff at St Elizabeth's Hospice</p> <p>FEB 1 for the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>2 for those working in the Jumble and Plant Sale in the Pavilion</p> <p>3 for musicians and choirs at church services</p> <p>4 for the advertisers in Martlesham Monthly</p> |
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