

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

incorporating
THE TALKING MARTLESHAM
MONTHLY

OCTOBER 2009

Editor:

**Neal Goldsmith
(01473 430712)**

Advertising and leaflets:

**Paul Firman
45 Lark Rise (01473 622874)**

Distribution:

**Rob Webb (01473 625786)
Talking Martlesham Monthly:
Graham Downing
(01473 623861)**

Latest copy date is the 12th of the preceding month. Please e-mail contributions to:- martmonthly@gmail.com or deliver your copy to 54 Rosebery Road, Ipswich, IP4 1PS preferably word processed.

In order to standardise the publication of telephone numbers, all contributors are asked to include their STD code with their telephone number.

Contributors are also requested to limit their articles to approximately 250 words. This is being done in an effort to limit the number of pages of text in the Martlesham Monthly.

**MARTLESHAM MONTHLY
ONLINE
www.martlesham.org.uk**

DISCLAIMER

The views expressed in the Martlesham Monthly are those of the contributors and are not necessarily supported by the editor.

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Now that the continued production of the Talking Monthly is assured, please contact the Editors if you, or someone you know, would benefit by receiving one of the monthly audio tapes. These are available free of charge and are delivered by Royal Mail, normally on the second Saturday of the month. When the recipients have finished with the tape it can be returned to Graham Downing post-free merely by reversing the address label and dropping the package in a letter box.

Martlesham Monthly Editors

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

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Projects and Grants

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact the Clerk

(details below) for an application form, to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by Monday **9th November**. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2010/11 and the funds will be issued in May 2010. Any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should also submit their project details and business plan by **9th November** at the latest.

Working Party on Saturday 31st October – Clearing vegetation around the Centenary Playspace, near Gorseland School

The Council plans to clear around the playspace and foot/cycleway and to raise the tree canopy in order to provide a better view across the area. This will assist the policing of the area and hopefully reduce the incidents of crime.

Please meet at the Centenary Playspace at 10 am. Any amount of time you can spare will be gratefully received. For further details contact the Clerk as below.

Temporary closure of picnic site, Felixstowe Road

In the next month or so the entrance to the picnic site will be improved by concreting it over. This may well involve the closure of the site for a number of days to allow the concrete to set. The Council asks you to please take note of any warning signs and apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy – Housing Distribution Consultation

Suffolk Coastal District Council has informed us that they aim to start the consultation on 22nd September for 8 weeks so please check their website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or the press for more details. They do not plan to hold further public meetings or exhibitions.

No Cold Calling Zones

Suffolk Trading Standards are in the process of establishing the first 'No Cold Calling Zones' in Suffolk. A link has been shown between cold calling and incidents of distraction burglary and rogue trading. 'No Cold Calling Zones' have been effective in breaking this link in other parts of the country. Trading Standards are inviting the public to

nominate areas that might be suitable for a scheme. The area would need to have one or some of the following: a large number of vulnerable residents; previous incidents of doorstep crime; instances of residents being ripped off by cold callers; support for the scheme from residents; easily defined area boundaries. If you are interested in the possibility of setting up a 'No Cold Calling Zone' in your area, please contact Suffolk County Council Trading Standards on 01473 264859 or e-mail enquiries@tradstan.suffolkcc.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meetings

- *Parish Council – Wednesday 7th October
- *Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 14th October
- *Development Plans committee - Wednesday 21st October
- *Finance & General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 28th October
- *Parish Council - Wednesday 4th November

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: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ON ALLOTMENTS

The Council thought it would be helpful to explain its current position on allotments through a recent statement made at the request of Ipswich Community Radio:

Martlesham Parish Council acknowledges that it has a duty to consider the provision of allotments according to the Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908. However, having sought advice, it does not believe that it is legally bound to provide allotment gardens no matter what the cost to its parishioners. Guidelines are that full costs and

implications of the provision of sufficient allotments should be made available to a parish meeting so that a significant proportion of electors can reach an informed view on whether to support a project or not. This in turn will influence a parish council's decision.

The Council has informed the Martlesham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association (MALGA) that it considers it inappropriate to undertake further work on allotments until the Local Development Framework (LDF) has been resolved. While the LDF consultation is in progress, there is a potential opportunity for any land in Martlesham to be used for housing development, particularly since Suffolk Coastal District Council has recommended Area 4 (Martlesham) as its preferred option for development of 2000 dwellings. Land is not likely to be freely available, to lease or purchase, while there is an opportunity for housing development and the cost is likely to be prohibitive. Compulsory purchase is an option but one that is generally avoided by councils as it is a slow and costly process.

Well-attended Parish Meetings in March 2008 and January 2009 identified a strong feeling among parishioners that further housing development in Martlesham is unacceptable. Therefore at this stage the Parish Council feels that it is not at liberty to negotiate land for allotments in return for housing development.

The Council has advised MALGA that it would welcome a detailed Business Plan to assist in taking allotments forward when the time is right.

11th August 2009

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

To enquire about booking Martlesham Community Hall or the Richards Room please telephone the Booking secretary on 01473 623203 who will be available to help you with your enquiry or will telephone you back if not available.

Alternatively, e-mail [the new](mailto:the_new)

e-mail address martcomhall@btinternet.com or write to The Booking Secretary, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich, IP12 4PB.

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

The Village – Our representatives attended the Village Help Desk morning and can only assume that with so few questions from residents, most people are happy with our work around the Village! Seriously, it is useful to us to meet residents whether it is with a query, complaint or just to say how much they enjoy living on the Village. If you were unable to attend the Village Help Desk morning then don't forget you can come along to any of the Board Meetings when you will be given the chance to put questions to the Board at the end of the meeting. The next meeting is on 19th October in St Michael's Church Centre.

There are the usual collection days for the maintenance charge coming up – you can also use these to tell us of any concerns or make enquiries about village matters.

By the time you read this the gorse overgrowing the kerb at the entrance to Parkers Place may have been removed as part of our ongoing maintenance.

The Western Corridor – The perimeter path is now clear.

Birch Woods – One small fire at the beginning of September. The Conservation Group will have cut the 'meadow' area of the woods as part of their ongoing work.

If you want to contact MHHL: write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB; telephone 01473 612207; email : mhh@martlesham.org.uk. Find out about what we do on the website: <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

Vacancy for administrative staff

When the present administrative secretary retires from Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, we will be looking for a replacement/s.

Tasks currently include word-processing, e-mails, telephone/voicemail, filing, minute-taking at meetings (one per month), keeping the diary of events on the Village Green, dealing with transfers of membership, maintenance charge payments, etc. The hours would be about 18 hours a week for one person but could be shared. There is remuneration for this post.

If you are interested and would like to talk to the present secretary, please call us on 01473 612207 or e-mail mhh@martlesham.org.uk

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 273769

JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK SALE ON SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER IN THE PAVILION MARTLESHAM HEATH 10 AM-12 NOON ADMISSION 30P

Jumble, bric-a-brac, china, etc., is still required, however we do not want magazines, newspapers and plastic flower pots. Contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 28TH NOVEMBER 10 AM - 4 PM IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE MARTLESHAM HEATH

If anyone would like to book a stall in order to raise money for their favourite charity, please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 for a booking form.

MCC SCRIBE

JOHN KELSO'S OCTOBER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Police Information Centre

The decision reached at Suffolk Coastals' Development Control

South Sub Committee held on 20th August was as follows:

To authorise the Head of Planning Services to determine to approve subject to the Head of Planning Services and the Head of Health, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the South Area Development Control Sub-Committee being satisfied that the outstanding issues of surface water drainage, external lighting, noise and tree retention/landscaping have been resolved and subject to such controlling conditions as the Head of Planning Services considers appropriate. Otherwise to refuse due to inappropriate lighting design detrimental to residential amenity, inadequate surface water drainage details that could result in increased surface water flooding, noise emanating from fixed plant and equipment to the detriment of residential amenity and loss of trees.

Apologies for the above being very wordy but it is as recorded in the official minutes.

Not a good decision for Martlesham residents I'm afraid and we will need to keep the issue under review should any future problems arise.

Local Development Framework (2,000 new houses for Martlesham Area)

A meeting of Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet decided that due to the increase of housing being suggested from 1,050 to 2,000 it felt that it would be necessary to re-consult residents and other interested parties to get an update of opinions. I have been advised that the new consultation exercise is due to commence at the end of September and that an 8 week period will be allowed for responses to be made.

Anyone who has previously responded should receive notification of this new exercise from Suffolk Coastal.

I understand people's frustrations and disappointment that their previous concerns appear to have not been taken on board but it is really vital that you do make your views known on this issue.

Are you concerned about the potential sites being proposed for a

new high school at Old Felixstowe Road and Mr Pipes Field (the field next to the common and opposite The Black Tiles)? Then you really must let the Planning Department know.

Suffolk Coastal's Budget

Suffolk Coastal is pressing ahead with its top to bottom review of its services and priorities as it seeks to bridge an estimated £1 million a year budget gap in the next three years. Residents are being asked for their views over the coming weeks about what services are less important than they used to be and where further savings could be made.

As well as seeking the views of residents next month through a survey in Coastline and on its website, the Council will also be contacting town and parish councils for their input.

John Kelso, District Councillor - Martlesham Ward

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our annual indoor 'garden party' this year was held to raise funds for the Community Responders and Air Ambulance. It was a lovely sunny day and we were able to open all the doors to let the sun and air into the hall. Needless to say we had great support from our members and local residents and so many people turned up that we had to find extra seating so that everyone could enjoy their cream tea. There was a great deal of preparation both beforehand and on the day and it is thanks to our committee and numerous helpers who worked so hard to make the day such a success. I am delighted to say that we raised £700 this year which is the highest figure achieved since we started our garden parties approximately twelve years ago. The money will be divided equally between the Responders and Air Ambulance and I know that our efforts will be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to everyone involved. Without you it would never happen.

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.

Our next meeting will be a workshop with Mrs Debbie Buckles and will be held on 21st October. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next two events:

Garden Birdwatch

Presented by Carl Powell of the British Trust for Ornithology followed by

Presentation of the results and awards for our Summer Gardens competitions

Tuesday 29th September
7:30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

There will be a Plant Swap table, raffle, plants for sale, light refreshments.

Everybody welcome.
Admission free.

Jumble, Plant & Book Sale

See Martlesham Community Council article on previous page

The results of our summer competitions and the Anglia in Bloom competition will be published in the November Martlesham Monthly.

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

M.A.L.G.A.

Good news on the LAND

We have tracked down the owner of the land we have been hoping to obtain and really good news developed. The people involved could see no reason why, with certain rules, that the land could not be used for allotments and that they would welcome a meeting to discuss terms and conditions.

Again this is only the early stages but what a BIG plus for all the efforts involved.

At this stage people's names will remain out of the news until we feel it is necessary to publish them.

It's great news, so now MALGA has gone to great lengths to find this piece of land we hope that the Parish Council will support us, join in the with the proceedings, meet with us and the land owners for a fantastic bit of progress for allotments in Martlesham. It's been a long time coming but I promised I would leave no stone unturned to provide allotments for the community, though sadly the land is not big enough for all.

Malga on Radio!

We have obtained a copy of the statement from the radio station interview but feel at this time, due to certain irregularities, it would be inappropriate to comment. We are seeking professional advice.

LDF - "What is it?"

It's a new way of planning for the foreseeable future, one that could be in place until beyond 2025. So when reading carefully about the LDF, certain understandings come to light that we are not as such waiting for it to be "resolved" as this would be untrue and misleading, after all the LDF is a way of planning. Not a particular plan like housing in Martlesham, and a plan that the District Council suggests no authority should put things on hold waiting for, especially good community projects like allotments.

Read for yourself all about LDF at the address below.

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/ldf/ldfguide.html>

Website: -

www.malga.co.uk

Why not join MALGA and/or contact me:- malga@btinternet.com
Thanks - Paul Day, Chairman

MARTLESHAM W.I.

We have had a very eventful summer this year with many members attending various functions. Nineteen of us visited the Suffolk Punch Trust at Hollesley and had a wonderful afternoon learning about the horses. We were given a warm welcome and as well as a carriage ride we also watched a flying display from the birds of prey. Afterwards several members donned the leather glove and flew the birds themselves. All very entertaining

although we were not so keen on rewarding the birds with a raw piece of dead chick!!

An archery, golf and petanque day followed when several members enjoyed 'having a go' at these three games. It was great fun and the petanque proved to be so popular that we decided to join up with a number of other WIs for a day at Spexall to learn more about the game.

Thanks to Anne Chisem we enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the sunshine with a cream tea and lots of chat when she hosted a tea party in her garden.

The icing on the cake this summer has to be our win at the 2009 Federation Quiz. Margaret Buckingham, Patricia Brown, Susan Cunliffe and Pauline Fisher beat forty-five other teams and we are very proud of them.

We are a small friendly group and always welcome visitors and new members

Our next meeting will be on 16th October. 'Body Language' is the title of our talk by Mr George Irvine. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our first meeting back after the Summer break was a huge success. Joyce Kimber entertained us with a talk on 'Life Upon the Wicked Stage.' The meeting was very well attended and we were pleased to welcome some new ladies.

The meetings for October are:

*8th October - Harvest Supper

*22nd October - 'Life story of a Vet'; speaker Brian Faulkner

We meet fortnightly on a Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre, new members are always welcome. Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Have you ever wondered who makes up the United Nations and who is involved in the decision making? Perhaps not, but you may be

surprised to learn that there are five Mothers' Union representatives to the UN. In worldwide terms we have views that are considered to be that important and we have a voice worth listening to. We know the importance of lobbying governments to try to bring about changes that make for justice and peace in the world. Everything we do is underpinned by prayer. We believe in the importance of fellowship and fun too.

Come and see for yourself. To find out more phone Marion on 01473 624196 or Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Autumn is now upon us so we thought we'd take the opportunity to let you know of a couple of events taking place in October and November.

We will be holding Halloween themed sessions on Wednesday 21st October and Friday 23rd October, including special events.

We have also booked a photographer for Friday 11th November from 10 am until 5 pm. 15 minute time slots are available, which require a £10 deposit. Please speak to the session leaders to book a suitable slot. Note that it's first come, first served, so book your slots early to avoid disappointment!

We have changed our pricing structure as of 1st September. It is now half the previous price for your first child, if they are under 6 months old.

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 table for the children. Refreshments are included.

Our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am during term-time. Our members pay just £2 per session for the first child and only £1 for each additional child attending. If the first child is under 6 months old you pay a reduced rate of £1 for them. There is a one-off joining fee of £6, to help cover administration costs. However, there

are no session charges when you pay the joining fee. 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 Catherine on 07515 435876 or e-mail martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We hope that all our new children have settled nicely into playschool and are making new friends, having fun playing and being creative.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on October 1st and we hope that the new committee will enjoy working together and with the staff during the next year, which should be a fairly busy one!

Vacancy – we currently have a vacancy for a Play Leader/Assistant. This is a part-time position working 4 sessions a week (approx. 12 hours). Qualification to NVQ (CCLD) Level 3 or equivalent is essential, and previous experience is preferable. If you would like an application form, please contact me on 01473 621315 by October 21st.

Our new website is nearly finished and hopefully next month we will be able to give you more details. You will be able to find out all about us, view the photos, as well as download our prospectus and registration form. In the meantime, if you are interested in sending your child to Martlesham Playschool, please contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. This Autumn term is very full and we do have a waiting list, so we advise that you complete a registration form at the earliest opportunity. We currently take children from the age of 2 ½ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

This term not only saw the launch of our lunch club but we also operate a 'walking bus' to/from Birchwood School for the Lunch Club on Monday and Thursday. At present we are not charging for this service (Lunch Club is at an extra cost). These are open to children attending morning or afternoon school sessions; please contact Pre-School for more info.

More new experiences for the children this term include our new computer with programs for the children to further their learning with numeracy and letter work and improve hand/eye co-ordination with the 'mouse'. Also a cosy rug and seating area and other new activities including logs and twigs to build with.

Everyone at St Michaels would like to congratulate Irene Greenfield, who has recently qualified with Early Years Professional Status, which is the Government's target qualification for every setting.

We are a registered charity and therefore rely on the support and help given by parents/carers and families, we are currently looking for new committee members, so if you would like a say in how your children's pre-school is run, come and join us at our monthly meetings.

We welcome children into our pre-school from Martlesham, and all surrounding areas as well as Kesgrave and they then leave us to go onto all the local schools including Gorseland, Birchwood, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings, and Rendlesham. If you are interested in sending your child to St Michaels Pre-School and would like a prospectus or to arrange a visit please call Julie Benford on 01473 436125 or e-mail admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk, or visit our website at **www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk**.

Louise Peck

CALLING ALL MUMS

The Mums' Club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 6th October from

12:45 to 2:30 pm. This promises to be an interesting and informative meeting as after lunch (which will be served around 1 pm) Jan Seaborne, headteacher at Gorseland County Primary School, will talk to us about 'Early Education'. All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome.

For more information about Mums' Club please ring Sue on 01473 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our Autumn meeting is on Monday 19th October in the Pavilion-on-the-Green, Martlesham Heath, at 8 pm. Admission is £2; plenty of parking. Everybody welcome.

Mr John Field, a long-time area planner, will talk about some of the important decisions which have lain behind preserving Ipswich's Heritage Core.

Dora Kneebone - 01473 623380

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Approximately 130 members and friends were present on Friday 4th September to listen to an illustrated talk by Mr Billy Harris. He was accompanied by his wife, KathaLee and this was the occasion of their 34th wedding anniversary.

The official title for Billy Harris is, "48th Wing Historian". Apparently each USAF Wing has an historian attached to them. Billy Harris has been with the US Air Force since 1976 and has served as historian for 14 different combat units. He retired from active duty in 2000 after spending 19 of his 24 years with the Air Force History Programme but remains as official historian for the 48th Fighter Wing, who are currently based at Lakenheath.

Billy had many projected pictures of the various aircraft in the service of the 48th FW over the years and this was of great interest to the audience. He also briefly discussed the importance of Lakenheath and its community relations over the past 60 years. The University of East Anglia are conducting research into the sociology of how

interwoven the British and American communities have become since the UK and the US became allies and good friends during WW1 and WW2. Billy's office at Lakenheath are involved in this project.

Another fascinating talk by a confirmed Anglophile who, with his wife, have lived here for many years.

Our next talk will be given on Friday 2nd October by Mr Clive Denny, whose company Vintage Fabrics is and has been responsible for aircraft fabric restoration, including the aircraft of the "Battle of Britain Memorial Flight." Clive is very entertaining and humorous and this should be a great evening.

Meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road, (behind Tesco's) and start at 7:30 pm. Non-members are welcome for an admission fee of £2.50.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY OPEN DAY

Our thanks to all the folks who turned up in their hundreds to help make our Open Day a great success. The weather was cool and windy but that didn't stop what was probably a record attendance. We are grateful once more to Martlesham Brass for their excellent playing. Also the bagpipes of the Ipswich Pipe Band and the Boys Brigade band for their contribution to the entertainment. A small group of talented singers calling themselves The Sentimental Singers performed some songs and the jive enthusiasts, who we have also had before, gave a wartime flavour with their dancing. Patchymatt Disco provided the sound system and we are grateful to all these good folk for their input. Many more stands, too numerous to mention, all helped to make the day go with a swing and we are grateful to everybody. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Dakota put in an appearance again before leaving to visit two more shows. The RAF remember the historic importance of Martlesham Heath and despite their busy schedule of appearances they always

seem to be able to include us. The 66 year old Dak always gives a thrill as it thunders overhead.

On Saturday 12th September the Douglas Bader pub organised a celebration to mark the first 30 years of their existence. All proceeds were promised to Martlesham Heath Aviation Society. A Bouncy Castle, free face painting, music from Mr Toucan and other attractions made the afternoon go with a swing. MHAS had a stall there and we have to thank Margaret and John Barrett, the owners, and Karen and Tony who manage the pub who, along with their team, worked hard as always. The result was a magnificent donation to MHAS of no less than £600. A formal handing over of the cheque will take place soon and this will be reported next month.

Alan Powell

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

We have had a spell of dry hot weather and the woodland seemed to shrink from the lack of moisture during August. Some trees have shed their leaves early, making a crunchy carpet. A lot of the fruits are early too, with blackberries and elder being in plentiful supply, fantastic news for all you jam makers out there! October is the time for harvest and foraging. The squirrels will be stepping up their winter food finding plans, so watch out for more of them rustling in the leaves.

We had no work day during August, but September sees us back to work. If you would like to get involved with the conservation Group, please contact us using any of the details below. We would love to see you.

The Nature Watch Club enjoyed their moths and small mammal experience, seeing lots of different moths and a wood mouse. Seeing them all up close meant they were able to really appreciate nature's work. This is what our Nature Watch Club is all about, so if your child enjoys nature, why not come along? It is essential to book a place by sending an e-mail to: naturewatch.pwccg@martlesham.org.uk

I would just like to abuse my position as PR person for the group and use this article just to say "Hi" to some of my new friends, who have greeted me in the woodland while I have been out walking the whippet dog, better known as Rocky!

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - Friday 23rd October – Bats, 5:30 pm - 17:30 pm

Woodlands Work Morning - Sunday 18th October, 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

For more information about PWCG and its activities please access our website at:

www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup, or if you have any questions please e-mail us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Summer has gone. This year has been a much better year than last year for butterflies. Who can forget the spectacular invasion of Painted Lady butterflies that graced us in the spring and delighted us in our gardens in the summer? Now we head into autumn. The deciduous trees turn colour and shed their leaves. The migrant birds that joined us for the summer will have left us. A great variety of fungi will spring up across the heath and woodland in the cool damp of October. Garden birds will be seen more frequently as the weather begins to get colder and we look forward to the other groups of migrant birds that will join us from further north for the winter.

There is much practical work to be done to enhance our local area for a range of wildlife. Please join us for our next work party on Sunday 11th October when we will be working out on the western corridor heath SSSI again with more scrub clearing activities. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader pub at 10 am or contact me to find out where we will be working. No previous experience is necessary. All

tools and equipment will be provided.

Our AGM will take place on Monday 16th November at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, next to the green. Please come along and find out a little more about our local wildlife. We will be presenting results of our Silver Studded Blue and other surveys.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

Our first indoor meeting of the autumn-winter period will be on Thursday 15th October at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when we will have a presentation from Rob Parker of Butterfly Conservation on "Watching Butterflies in the Woodbridge Area". Everyone is very welcome. Admission will be £2. We will also be holding a Street collection on Saturday 17th October in the centre of Woodbridge. Please contact me if you can spare an hour to help.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

After the August break we enjoyed performing at two events in September - Sutton Fayre and the Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Open Day. Our 13th Birthday concert is on Saturday 3rd October at the Kesgrave Community Centre starting at 7 pm. Tickets are £2.50 (children 11 and under free) and will be available on the door, or from Chris Beale on 07802 868924. This concert includes the Bandleaders' awards to players who have improved the most over the year and there may well be a rendition of Happy Birthday included in the programme! Also, remember Saturday 7th November when our Preliminary Band showcase their talents at 'Tea and Tunes' - this is held at St Michael's Church Centre and starts at 10 am. Refreshments are available all morning - please come along and support the new line-up of Preliminary players. Two other advance notices to put in your diaries - Coffee and Carols on Saturday 5th

December and our Christmas concert on Saturday 12th December! Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

Liz Benyon (Publicity Officer)

liz.benyon@btinternet.com

01473 623276

Registered Charity No. 1100922

Visit our website -

www.martleshambrass.co.uk

COMMUNITY LIGHT ORCHESTRA

On Saturday 14th November in St Michael & All Angels Church, Martlesham Heath at 7:30 pm. Tickets £5 each. Refreshments will be available, also a raffle. For tickets please telephone 01473 625630. All proceeds for church funds.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We have now completed the Summer League matches, during which time we have taken the opportunity to give experience of match play to many of our new members who are now showing great potential. We have also played friendly games which are always very popular with our members.

Our club competitions will commence in September with the Ladies and Gents singles, for which we are hoping to get a good number of entries. These should then be completed by December.

Maureen Banthorp

PLAYFORD F.C.

Sponsored by The Martlesham Monthly

Playford FC formed in 1998 under the leadership of Simon Goldsmith and play at Farlingaye High School in the Flare Recruitment Sunday Morning League. They are now proudly sponsored by The Martlesham Monthly.

Despite a name and geographic location a few miles away from Martlesham, the links to the village are strong with many a grown up former Martlesham Youth Football Club player having turned out regularly for the side and still forming the backbone of the club to this day

Playford are now attempting to establish themselves in Division 1 this season, having fought their way up from Division 12 back in 1998. Chris Jones has now run pitch-side affairs for the last three years. This season has seen the need for a rebuild after many familiar faces either retired or moved from the area.

Playford hosted Underwoods in their opening match. Underwoods strolled to a 6-1 victory with debutant Nick Bingham scoring the consolatory effort. Progress was made in the Cup the week after though, with Stuart Goldsmith registering a hat-trick in a 6-2 dispatch of Real Shepherd and Dog. James Holland, twice, and Ross Leeks bagging the others.

On Sunday 20th September Chantry Rangers are the visitors to Farlingaye and then the next home game is on October 25th vs FC Brookhayes, both league matches. A full history of the club can be found at www.playfordfc.net

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM - MEMBERS' ASPIRATIONS

Members come to Speak Easy for a huge variety of different reasons, for example to gain confidence talking to people one to one in their everyday lives, to learn how to improve their presentation skills at work, to overcome nerves, improve their spoken English or because they enjoy practicing public speaking within a social setting. Members' aspirations vary, however, some find it encourages them to pursue new avenues in their lives. One such member is Teresa Dukes, who while being a member of Ipswich Electrifiers helped to found Speak Easy at Martlesham. Since then Teresa has gone on to change her career to Speech Coaching, having recently started 'Dukes Consultancy', and

gave her first workshop abroad in the U.S.A. this summer.

Why not bring your aspirations to Speak Easy and find out how improving your communication skills within a friendly atmosphere could help you? We are holding a special Taster Evening on November 26th which will also be a celebration of our 5th birthday, however guests are welcome to join us at any of our meetings. There is no pressure to speak, but they can take part if they wish. Why not come along to a meeting to find out more?

Speak Easy is affiliated to Toastmasters International, an international voluntary organisation and our meetings are held fortnightly on a Thursday evening at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco) 7 pm for a 7:15 pm start.

Our next meetings are on:

- *1st October
- *15th October
- *29th October
- *12th November
- *26th November -
Taster Evening

If you would like to find out more feel free to contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462.

www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY - FLU VACCINATIONS

Martlesham Heath Surgery is now making appointments for seasonal flu vaccinations. If you are aged 65 or over, suffer from any of the following conditions: asthma, chronic chest condition, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease or are a carer please contact reception on 01473 610028 after 2 pm to make an appointment. The clinic dates are Monday 28th September and Tuesday 6th and Thursdays 15th, 22nd October. **Please note: we are NOT sending out flu invite letters this year.**

CHRISTOPHER R DARKE

Betty and Margaret Darke and family would like to thank everyone who attended the service to celebrate Chris' life and for the many cards and messages of sympathy. We are most grateful for all the support and the donations towards the work of the RNLI, Macmillan Nurses and St Elizabeth Hospice.

Betty and Margaret Darke

VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

If you are having difficulty finding a satisfactory contact telephone number through which to direct your enquiries to Virgin Media, then please call Paul Keane on 01206 507473.

Paul is a manager with Virgin Media and is based at Colchester. Please contact him if you have any problems and hopefully he can assist you.

Martlesham Monthly

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBIDGE & DISTRICT

The Martlesham Heath 10K and Fun Run on 11th October now occupies much of our thoughts. From its beginnings as a simple Fun Run, the event has grown to become a major fixture in the local athletics calendar and a significant fundraiser for the Lions' charity. The late season race over a flat course is noted amongst runners as a chance to achieve a personal best; the four lap format makes it enjoyable for spectators, too. The one-lap Fun Run is a great opportunity for aspiring runners of all ages to experience the atmosphere of a competitive event. Refreshments, including homemade cakes, will be available from the Pavilion. Advance entries can still be made, details on our website; entries on the day will close promptly at 10:30 am with the race itself underway at 11 am. Thanks to continuing sponsorship from Charity Fundraising Ltd., and the hardwork of our members, friends and supporters we hope to raise a good sum despite the state of the economy.

For more details of the race and the Lions Club, please see our

website www.woodbridgelions.org.uk or call 0845 8332820.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

***Sundays 4th and 18th - Holy Communion, 8 am**

***Sundays 11th and 25th - Evensong, 6:30 pm**

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Coffee Morning in September and an especial thank you to Gill and Trevor Barber who were our hosts. A good time was had by all.

For October we have arranged a Concert by MELLOW BELLOWS, an accordion group who will be playing at the Church on Friday 16th October commencing at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £5 to include refreshments, available from Geoff Lambert on 01473 624130 or Marjorie Manning on 01473 625512.

This autumn marks ten years since the Church Hall was refurbished and we cordially invite anyone who would like to use it to contact Jessica Niblock on 01473 620718. It is ideal for small group meetings, children's parties, etc. Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary brightwellpcc@tesco.net
www.achurchnearyou.com

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH HALL

**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.
IDEAL FOR SMALL GROUPS,
CHILDRENS PARTIES, ETC.**

**FOR DETAILS CONTACT
JESSICA NIBLOCK 620718**

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.

On 7th October there will be a coach taking local Catholics to Walsingham in Norfolk to visit the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, which are currently touring the country resting in selected Catholic and Anglican churches. Although she died when only 24 in 1897 she is one of only thirty three "doctors of the

church", which recognises the profound influence her life and writings have had on the spiritual life and thinking of the church. For more details visit www.sttherese.com

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities please visit the website at www.stmary.org.uk or ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter 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**

"Beware of this angel!"

Why does God allow so much suffering in the world? is a legitimate and oft stated question. There is not an easy, comprehensive answer.

One can rightly say that the vast majority of pain in our world is brought about by the selfishness and greed of mankind. Another generator of evil is Satan or the Devil. The tail and horns caricature is not found in the bible! Rather he is described as an 'Angel of Light', i. e. someone who appears to offer satisfying pleasures, appealing to our eyes and our emotions, but which carry deadly stings of tragedy, suffering and sorrow. To quote one of the 'town pastors', who patrols the streets of Ipswich on weekend nights, "Drugs are a lie of Satan, they promise escape from pain, or false excitement but the deception is complete when someone is taken captive, enslaved by the drugs, the pimps and the pushers, eventually leading to death - causing huge pain to those who love them and spiralling damage in society."

Some ploys of Satan are obvious: drugs, binge drinking, adultery, the occult, etc. Such weaknesses are clearly harmful, yet thousands of people succumb to these - moments of weakness leading to lifetimes of pain.

Other temptations are less obvious - the love of money, lust for power, at any price, jealousy, pride, anger, envy. Sins like these are described in the letter to the Galatians in the new testament, and contrasted there with the rich, strong 'fruits of the Spirit'.

So, beware of this angel! He is subtle! He is tricky! He gets around!

ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

Sundays

Worship and Teaching - 10 am
Communion - 11:45 am

Mondays

After School Club (years 5,6 and 7) - 3:30 to 5 pm

Tuesday Circle

13th October - "Crochet Toys"

Wednesdays

House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Toddler Group - 10 am

Youth Club - 7 pm

Fridays

Friends on Friday - 10 am.

*4th October - 'Cafe - Church'

Why not try this 'church' in an informal setting?

For further information, see the website, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Melten (01473 624401).

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

October and summer seems far behind, the days much shorter and the clocks will be changing at the end of the month.

We live in a world of constant change and sometimes you may feel you want to stand still - at least for a while.

Jesus said, 'Come to me all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.'

The love of God never changes, in our services we praise God and worship him and learn more of his love for us. We can feel rested and refreshed by being there together with other Christians - it's a great way to start the week.

Come and try it - seven prayerless days make one WEAK.

See you in Church. May you know God's blessing in your life.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd. Ian Naylor, 17 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SA,
 Tel: 01473 622424 and e-mail address: inaylor17@aol.com
 CLERGY: The Revd. Elizabeth Corker, 12 Fairfield Avenue, Felixstowe, Tel: 01394 210793
 The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770
 READERS: Carolyn Smith, 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625630
 Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320
 ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,
 Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 4th October Trinity 17	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship Harvest Festival 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 11th October Trinity 18	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship Harvest Festival	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 18th October Trinity 19	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship and Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 25th October Last in Trinity Bible Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 1st November All Saints	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 at 10:30am on Monday 12th October in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Pray daily for peace in our world and:

- 5 for all godchildren
- 6 for those who suffer ongoing health problems
- 7 for the residents of Heather Close
- 8 for students starting or returning to university
- 9 for school governors
- 10 for former members of the armed forces
- 11 for all those who suffer persecution for their faith
- 12 for integrity in the banking industry
- 13 for all parish councillors
- 14 for the residents of Heathfield & Heathfield Mews
- 15 for those affected by the Indonesian earthquake
- 16 for victims of fires in Greece and the USA
- 17 for political prisoners and hostages
- 18 give thanks for our freedom to worship
- 19 for those who feel unloved and worthless
- 20 for all those affected financially by the recession
- 21 for the residents of Higgins Place
- 22 give thanks for our families and friends
- 23 for all those who advertise in the Martlesham Monthly
- 24 for children committing violent crime
- 25 give thanks for God's unconditional love
- 26 for the work of lifeboat crews

- 27 for all those who work in our doctors' surgeries and health centres
- 28 for the residents of Hilton Road
- 29 for courteous and safe driving on our roads
- 30 for those areas of the world where there is famine
- 31 give thanks for the Girl Guide movement
- NOV 1 for those who are ignoring God's love
- 2 for police officers and civilian support staff
- 3 for sensible handling and enjoyment of fireworks
- 4 for the residents of Holfen Close