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Martlesham Monthly Editors

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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

MUSIC ON THE GREEN 2010

As we move into 2010 plans are shaping up nicely for the tenth Music on the Green taking place on the 10th July. After the success of Christmas off the Green, our next event is on Friday 5th March. Our ever supportive hosts, the Douglas

Bader, will be throwing open their doors to celebrate the 5th annual Music OFF the Green. This event is quite the staple in the Music on the Green calendar and always promises to be an entertaining evening. Cool Remedy will be supported by Blue Wave and the evening kicks off at 8 pm.

With many bands already confirmed for Music on the Green 2010, we are delighted to announce a new addition this year... Charlotte Boumford. This Australian singing sensation originally hails from Suffolk and used to attend Beacon Hill primary school. Despite living in Australia for the majority of her years, she will be in the UK just in time to perform for us in July.

Now gaining an international following, Charlotte has performed at a number of major events across Australia and in March of this year she released her debut album. Stuart Gordon, Chairman of Music on the Green, said: "The main ethos behind our event is to promote local music and to ensure our community has a great day out, Charlotte's music will be instrumental in helping us with our task and we look forward to welcoming her."

Emma Noye

MARTLESHAM INTERNET RADIO

Would anyone be interested in helping to start up an experimental internet radio service for Martlesham?

The initial purpose of this service (assuming the permission of the organisations involved), would be to allow local events - potentially including church services, public meetings of the Parish Council, free live music events, etc., - to be streamed live over the internet, to the houses of people unable to attend these events in person. The concept could clearly be extended to include other forms of audio entertainment produced locally, e.g. commentaries on local sporting fixtures, and many other kinds of material by or about local residents.

The development of this initiative is at a very early stage, and would depend on the number of people interested in supporting it,

and also on the number of people who would like to listen to this type of internet "broadcast".

I'd like to hear from anyone who'd like to contribute to the development of this experimental service. I'd also like to hear from potential listeners with views on what type of programming they'd like to hear, and also from organisations/individuals who could offer material for broadcast.

Expertise on the technical, administration, copyright, and other issues involved would be very valuable.

Please mail questions, suggestions, and expressions of interest to tim.pennick@btinternet.com, or phone me on 01473 610437.

Tim Pennick

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2010/2011 Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)

The Parish Council has agreed a precept of £99,900, against a budget of £118,634, for the financial year 2010/2011. This does represent a significant increase in last year's precept however it also anticipates a reduction in Parish Council reserves to meet the shortfall. It represents an estimated 58 pence extra per month paid to the Parish Council on a Band D property. Many parishioners have made it clear that they would like the council to provide better play equipment at the Centenary Play-space, near Gorseland School, which has suffered significant vandalism over the past few years. Local residents, agencies (including Gorseland School and the Police) and parish councillors are all working together on this project. Grant funding is dependent upon a financial commitment from the Council and therefore we have budgeted approx. £31,000 for this purpose. Our land maintenance contract is also due for renewal and has necessitated an increase in budget.

A full report on the Council's activities will be available at the Parish Meeting in April 2010. The date is still to be set and will be advertised in due course.

Public Community Engagement

Meetings

To comply with the Policing Pledge, it is proposed that Public Community Engagement Meetings (PCEM) are held regularly to allow the public to set priorities for policing in their local areas. A meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 3rd February 2010**, at the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, from 6:30 -7:15 pm (prior to the Martlesham Parish Council meeting). Parishioners from the 12 parishes covered by the Kesgrave & District Safer Neighbourhood Team, which includes Martlesham, are welcome to attend.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesday 3rd February

*Recreation & Amenities - Wednesday 10th February

*Development Plans - Wednesday 17th February

*Parish Council - Wednesday 3rd March

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 COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

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

Alternatively, e-mail the new e-mail address

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

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

ERROR: In the January edition of the Martlesham Monthly the date of the **AGM** was given as 4th February. This should be **11th February** (as given in the AGM documents householders receive in January). Apologies for this error.

Please read the AGM document, even if you do not come to the meeting. However, with the proposed building/road change plans which may affect the Village it would be good to see as many people as possible at the AGM in St Michael's Church.

The snow has caused gorse collapse and branches down. We will review any necessary clearance once the snow has finally cleared. Thank you to those householders who have personally removed debris from footpaths, in particular Mr Davies of Heathfield. Thanks also to those dog walkers who regularly cut back brambles over paths. Keeping paths clear in the woods and on the Western Corridor would be very costly if we had to keep getting contractors in so we are grateful for this help.

Birch Trees - one of the most common trees on the Village. However, our tree surgeon and advice from The Royal Horticultural Society says that they do not do well when pruned. Left alone they are tall but allow sunlight through. Once pruned they become misshapen, can be top heavy and more dense and pruning allows disease into the tree. As a rule, unless causing a serious problem, we will not be pruning birch trees.

You are invited, as usual, to contact us by e-mail/phone/letter or come to the Board Meetings. Details are (in order): mhh@martlesham.org.uk/01473 612207/P0 Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Next meeting: (after AGM) 15th March at 7:30 pm in St Michaels Church Centre.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FROM CHRIS BLUNDELL

The Winter Weather

I was approached by a number of

residents who were very concerned over the difficult conditions in The Square and that some residents had slipped and fallen down. Many people felt that some attempt should have been made to clear pathways across the Square and I agree. The Square however is privately owned by Granger and therefore neither the Parish Council, the District Council nor are the County Council responsible for keeping the area clear of snow and ice. It would be a useful reminder to Granger if those persons who suffered bad falls on the ice in The Square were to write to them and remind them of their responsibilities.

Local Development Framework

We are now entering the final phases of this contentious issue. SCDC cabinet are meeting at Trinity Park Conference centre on Wednesday 10th February to approve the final version of the LDF Core strategy before it is presented to the Full Council on Thursday 8th March, also at the Trinity Park Conference Centre. I do hope that as many as possible will attend these meetings.

Waste Collection

The last 5,000 homes in SCDC's area will have access to the new waste collection services from Monday 15th March. The final roll out will give each household a brown bin for compostable waste, a blue lidded grey bin for recyclable items and a grey lidded bin for non-recyclable waste. "Although the bins will be collected on alternate weeks residents can still dispose of food waste weekly as it can be put into the grey lidded bin as well as the brown bin" said Cllr Nunn, the cabinet portfolio holder for waste services.

If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters with me you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively you are welcome to join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St Michael's Church hall on Monday 1st February between 10 am and 12 noon.

NO ADASTRAL NEW TOWN (NANT)

www.noadastralnewtown.com

On 13th January the Council published the papers for the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 21st January. The report to the Scrutiny Committee recommends: "That the Scrutiny Committee notes the contents of the Core Strategy in Appendix 1 and informs Cabinet that it will meet the Council's strategic objectives." At the time of writing, the Scrutiny Committee hasn't taken place yet, so we don't know the outcome, but it seems likely they will endorse the LDF, including the 2000 homes at Adastral Park meaning we will still have much work to do in 2010!

The document containing the public responses to the last consultation is 2358 pages long (although some are blank) and they even managed to omit the detailed response from NANT, which we are chasing up. Thank you to everyone who submitted responses. If you want to see these documents there is a link to them from the NANT website.

A very interesting statement in the latest Core Strategy Document is "Following consideration by Cabinet and Full Council, the Core Strategy will be subject to one further round of public consultation before it is considered by an independent planning inspector. At this next stage, comments will be limited to consideration of the overall "soundness" of the document i.e. Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 12 "Local Spatial Planning" states that policies need to be justified and effective as well as consistent with national planning policy.....The Inspector's comments are then binding on the Council and only amendments considered to be required by the Inspector may be made to the Core Strategy. Assuming the plan is found to be "sound" it is anticipated that the Core Strategy will be adopted early 2011."

We are trying to find out what this really means, what will happen, and when.

The next important meetings (both at Trinity Park at 7 pm) are:

*10th February – Cabinet
*8th March – Full Council

Please do try to attend these meetings – a good turn out will show

the strength of feeling in the community. Our councillors will know that their discussions have been widely observed, and that we are not just relying on the published minutes to know what was said.

Keep up to date with the situation by visiting our website regularly – www.noadastralnewtown.com

JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK

SALE

**ON SAT 20TH FEBRUARY
IN THE
PAVILION, MARTLESHAM
HEATH
(behind St Michael's Church
Centre)**

**10 -12 NOON
Admission 30p**

**Enquiries to Jackie Bear on
01473 623007**

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

**Martlesham Community Council
would like to express their appreciation
to the following firms who
donated prizes for the Raffle which
was held at the Christmas Craft Fair
on the 28th November 2009. They
are Tesco's, Sainsbury's, Roselea
Nursery, Douglas Bader, Wolsey
Theatre, Pedal Power and Home
Meadows Nursery**

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The next meeting will be on 17th February when Mrs Brenda Evers will give a demonstration entitled 'Spring Fever'. The competition will be an arrangement of silk flowers with natural foliage. For those who do not know already, 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.

Do feel free to come and join us. You don't have to be good at flower arranging, just come along, sit back and enjoy watching our demonstrators. Everyone is welcome.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next events:-

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 20th February
10 am to noon

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

'Growing Places Enterprises'

a talk by Maggie Roberts
(Manager)

**Wednesday 24th February
7:30 pm**

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

Light refreshments and Raffle
Admission £1
All welcome

Growing Places Enterprises is a social enterprise, based at Claydon, which aims to create training and employment opportunities for people who are disadvantaged. They provide boxes of vegetables and other produce delivered to your door, undertake gardening work and have provided hanging baskets for Ipswich town centre. All their produce is sourced locally or grown on their site at Claydon.

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 W.I.

Our guest speaker at the last meeting was Mr Eric Punaks who gave a talk about the craft of comic verse. A former teacher, he started giving talks on how to write comic verse after he became ill and it seems that he never looked back. He amazed us all with such a variety of poems with themes such as Thursday

mornings in Woodbridge, wigs, false teeth and a three year old boy with his grandmother and a tube of glue. These were all very amusing and extremely clever. We were given advice on marriage with a reading of Mr Punaks' poem dedicated to a happy marriage. We were also regaled with a wonderful verse about little Jason who discovered his daddy's mobile phone and had a conversation with daddy's boss (who thought daddy was absent from work with a cold until Jason explained that he was playing golf) and daddy's mistress (more complications explained by Jason). Mr Punaks finished the evening by reciting the carol 'Mary's Boy Child' which he had re-written - in rhyme of course!

We meet in the Richards Room on the third Friday in the month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be on 19th February when Mr G. Baxter will give an illustrated talk on the origin and tradition of Pearly Kings and Queens of London. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We started off the New Year in great style with two very good speakers, Eric Punaks on 'Waltzing Matilda' and Peter Driver on 'Little Bits of Suffolk.'

The following dates for February and March are:

*11th February: Bring and Buy

*25th February: 'Timbuktu' - Speaker; Rory Burrow

*11th March: 'Chernobyl Children's Lifeline' - Speaker; Elizabeth Parker

*25th March: Easter Supper

We are a friendly Club and our meetings are held fortnightly on Thursday evenings at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre at 7:30 pm, all new members are most welcome. Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

In many countries Christians experience persecution and we have all heard of the atrocities that have gone on in Zimbabwe. Mothers' Union has been at the forefront of this persecution and at one point 7 members were held in police cells for several days and on release were not allowed to attend church services. Yet last year saw 9000 women at a sports centre in Harare for a special celebration service. Numbers of members continue to grow in Zimbabwe and it is estimated that there are 23,000 members in the country.

We do not face such persecution and we try to support our members overseas, not only in Zimbabwe but in many other countries where there is great need, such as Kenya where people are dying through starvation because of drought.

On February 3rd in St Michael's Church Centre at 12:30 pm we are having a Soup, Sandwich and Sweet lunch to raise money for projects overseas, so come and enjoy this time of fellowship as well as helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Everyone is welcome.

**Mothers' Union
LUNCH
Soup
Sandwiches
Sweets**

**at St Michael's Church Centre
Wednesday 3rd February
at 12:30 pm**

Raffle, Tea and Coffee

Proceeds to Overseas projects

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 2nd February 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 details of Mums' Club please phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

From everybody at Martlesham toddler group, we would like to wish you all a happy new year. If you fancy a change in 2010, then why not get involved with the toddler group committee? We're always on the look out for parents who can devote a little spare time to ensure that the toddler group remains a successful part of the local community, as it has done for the last quarter of a century! Please speak to one of the session leaders if you're interested.

Due to the bad weather at the beginning of the year, the toddler group was closed on Friday 8th January. Apologies if you decided to brave the elements, only to find us closed. In future, if Gorseland primary school is closed then we will also be closed. You can check the status of Gorseland primary school via local radio stations, and also via Suffolk County Council's website.

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 had a wonderful Christmas party on the last day of term in December. Thanks to all our parents for taking part in the hamper raffle and various other fundraising events, and to the children for bringing in their decorated Christmas tree pictures. All the entries were wonderful – well done! Our Christmas fundraising activities raised £328 – thank you.

We would like to welcome Karin Goulden as our new Play Assistant and hope that she enjoys being part of our team. We are also welcoming 14 new children and their families to playschool, and hope that they soon settle down and enjoy the fun and activities we have to offer.

After the Easter holidays we shall be offering a Lunch Club. This will give parents and carers the opportunity to extend their child's session to include lunch time. Alternatively their child's sessions could be arranged so that they can stay for morning and afternoon sessions plus lunch time. We will be organising an information session very soon – so look out for details.

This year is our Silver Jubilee!!! Yes, in May we will have been at the Old Control Tower for 25 years. What a great excuse for a party! Our anniversary co-ordinators and fundraisers will be organizing a celebration event, hopefully in May. Keep reading our column and look out for our advertising later on.

Our new website is now available. Click on to:- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk and you can find out all about us and download our prospectus and registration form. Alternatively, you can still 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. We do have a

waiting list, and are very busy this term, 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

What a great start to 2010 - the children have been enjoying the snow and also our first trip of the year to the Fire Station, always a firm favourite with the children and their families.

Future events include our AGM on Thursday 25th March. We rely on the support of the parents/carers to attend the AGM to keep the Pre-School running. Also there is the Easter Craft Fair on Saturday 27th March, and after the success of our Christmas Pamper Evening, another to follow shortly, date to be advised.

St Michaels would also like to welcome our new Chair Person, Ian Cotton. Ian is a local family man and we look forward to having some male input to our committee. Anymore dads or grandads willing to join, please step forward. 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

THE KESGRAVE & MARTLESHAM DISTRICT CHILMINDING GROUP

Have you got your childcare organised? We want to let parents know that some of our members offer childcare during school holiday time only, for families who might only need cover at this time. A number of us also have full or part time vacancies available. Or do you need to organise before or after-school care for your children? Now is the ideal time to give us a call!

Why use a childminder?

- Our settings are family homes and children benefit from more individual attention
- We can be flexible and work with you to provide childcare for the hours that suit you best
- We live and work in our local community so your child will be involved in community life and able to attend local activities
- We can provide your child with a family environment similar to your own with the added benefit of caring for siblings from the same family from birth to school age and beyond
- We can drop off and collect your older children from school and after-school activities

As registered childminders we provide inspected quality care and education in a homely environment, we are police/CRB checked, hold paediatric first-aid certificates and undertake regular training.

If you would like further information about our vacancies or you are a childminder who is interested in joining our friendly and pro-active group then please contact our vacancy coordinator Sharon Buckley on 01473 612828 or 07809 297207, alternatively you can e-mail Sharon at sharonm.buckley@virgin.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mandy Palmer

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Unfortunately the weather and icy car parks meant that our Christmas meeting had to be cancelled. But surely the fascinating inn signs to be shown by Mr John Goodhand on Monday 15th February will give us

a cheerful evening?

We shall be meeting as usual in the Pavilion on the village green at Martlesham Heath. Everyone is welcome at 8 pm, £2 entrance charge, to watch 'The Good, The Bad and the Ugly' - not all in Suffolk!

Dora Kneebone - 01473 623380

DEBEN AVENUE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON'

It was great to see so many neighbours out and about on Deben Avenue on 6th December.

The display of lights as the rocket was launched was splendid. Father Christmas in his grotto, bell ringers and seasonal refreshments all added to the festive atmosphere.

Thanks very much to all those who helped in anyway. Special thanks to the Webb family, to Mark and Julie Davey for all the printing and organising they did, to the Martlesham Heath Guides for their lovely bell ringing, to Jim Tasker and to all those who provided the delicious snacks.

Perhaps more residents will be inspired to celebrate Christmas next year in a similar way?

Happy New Year!

Rachel Pennick

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

A big THANK YOU to all of you who saved their used stamps this Christmas time and posted them through my letter box. I've recently taken three large carrier bags full of stamps to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, which is a brilliant response to my appeal.

Please continue to support your local Hospice by collecting stamps during the coming year. Even if you only manage to collect a few they soon make a difference when added together. Every penny earned from the sale of these stamps will help the Hospice.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO OPEN YOUR GARDEN IN AID OF THE HOSPICE?

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for people to open their garden to the public with all proceeds benefiting the charity.

Every spring and summer residents across east Suffolk open their gardens for an afternoon for visitors to admire – in return for a donation.

Gardens of all shapes and sizes, formal or informal, cosy or large are wanted.

Last year around 20 gardens opened raising a total of £11,000. And this year we would like to see even more opening in every corner of east Suffolk including the towns, coastal areas and villages.

St Elizabeth Hospice would love to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden in either May, June, July, August or September 2010.

For more information, please contact Rachael Mittell, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 707034 or e-mail fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Unfortunately with the wonderment of the snow came some destruction too; mainly dead trees and branches, making a tangle of fallen trees across some paths.

The Group cleared some of the fallen trees and branches, but may we ask that people try to stick to the paths, until we are able to clear more. If you do spot a hazard please report it to the Parish council or committee by e-mail.

Thank you to all those who helped with the 10th Anniversary workday, doing the clearing and supplying refreshments for the merriment! A special mention to David and Andrew for the surprise 10th Anniversary cake they made. Watch out Jan - they will be after your cake making job!

I would also like to mention the AGM on the 1st March which will take place at the Martlesham Parish Council Office, Martlesham (road behind Tesco), starting at

7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to make a nomination for the committee, or indeed you would like to nominate yourself, then please contact us on the details below.

The dates for the 2010 **Nature Watch Club** meetings can now be found on our website. If your child would like to take part in the Nature Watch Club then please send an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk for further details.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - 2010 dates now on website.

Woodlands Work Morning - Sunday 21st February, 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

Our regular monthly work party will take place on Sunday February 14th on the heath, western corridor. Please come and join us, no tools or special expertise is needed. Meet out on the heath or outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am if you are not sure where to find us. We may again have a bonfire if conditions are suitable.

Following the very successful "Megabashes" of the last two years, we plan another one in February with the Greenways project, weather permitting, details are below. We would like as many people as possible to join us in maintaining our local wildlife habitat.

MEGABASH on Martlesham Heath 10 am - 3 pm, Saturday 20th February

Come along and join in with the Megabash on Martlesham Heath SSSI. There is a great deal of scrub clearing to do to improve the habitat for the many rare heathland species that thrive on this im-

portant site.

Tools, training, gloves and refreshments will be provided, all you need to bring is enthusiasm – and a packed lunch if you are staying all day.

Please meet by the windsock on Eagle Way to be directed to the site, or come and join us directly on the western corridor.

Contact me for more details of activities, time and place if you need them.

Please continue to feed the birds, especially through this period of cold weather. It really can make a difference. Birds have been flocking to gardens through the snowy weather. our support is vital to their survival.

If you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observations on local wildlife, please get in touch.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

On Thursday 18th February we have an illustrated talk on "The Birds of Goa" with Bill Baston who is a superb prizewinning photographer. I expect his slides will be stunning as usual. The talk starts at 7:30 pm 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.

Looking ahead to next month on Thursday 18th March we have an illustrated talk from David Healey on "Suffolk Dragonflies, Indicators of Climate Change" at 7:30 pm 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

Since our last report the Christmas and New Year holidays have intervened. Our pre-Christmas annual fun day was held on 15th December. This was a great success and

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was attended by a large number of members. Our congratulations go to Iris for winning the competition: to avoid embarrassment we will not name the member with the least points!! Our thanks also must go to Judith for, as we have said before, she puts in a lot of time and effort to make this event a success.

Owing to the unusual weather this year we have had to cancel matches and also one or two 'roll-up' sessions, but members have made the effort to attend whenever possible. Hopefully the weather will soon improve and our Captain will be able to re-schedule the matches and thus avoid a fixture build-up.

Maureen Banthorp

Martlesham Brass Main Band present a concert of Film and TV Themes

**7 pm, Saturday 27th February
St Michael's Church Centre
Martlesham Heath**

Tickets;- £2.50 (children 11 and under free)

from either 07802 868924
or online at

www.martleshambrass.co.uk

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

Many thanks to all those who sent Christmas cards through the Scout post system this year. As a group we handled 3700 cards with 1800 being sent to the other groups in Ipswich, Kesgrave and Claydon. We received 1880 cards which were all sorted and delivered in time for Christmas.

Thanks also to all the helpers, leaders and scouts for their hard work again and particularly Simon Smith for his excellent organisation. As yet we do not know the total raised for the group but this is the biggest fundraiser we run so all efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Scout Group continues to grow with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoying a wide range of activities. The Scouts, for example, will soon be going on their annual frostbite camp, living in tents and making fires. As a group we are always on

the look out for adult volunteers to enable us to offer scouting activities to children aged 6 to 14. At present 76 young people are members of 1st Martlesham and we have a number on our waiting list. We are currently unable to satisfy demand for places primarily due to a shortage of leaders.

As a result of this shortage our scout section will be unable to accommodate a significant number of current cub members who are/will be due to move and a number of options are being considered. If you are at all interested or know someone who may be interested in helping us keep the Scout Section open for as many young people as possible, please contact the Membership Secretary.

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WARM WELCOME AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

It has been a cold start to 2010 with all the snowy weather but one place where you are sure of a warm welcome is Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club. The club's members come from all walks of life including a teacher, geologist, student, IT consultant, telecommunication workers and a landscape architect to enjoy evenings of speaking to improve their skills and confidence within a friendly, sociable and encouraging atmosphere.

Speak Easy at Martlesham meet on alternate Thursdays at The Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB (behind Tesco) 7 pm for a 7:15 pm start. Guests are always welcome to come along to meetings.

Our next meetings are on:

*4th February

(*18th February - Awards Evening at Rushmere Golf Club)

*4th March

*18th March

If you would like to learn more about the club please contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462. Further information can be found on the Speak Easy website - www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk

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

HANDS AT WORK - AFRICA

Hi, my name is Daniel Russell, I am 36 and have lived in Kesgrave all my life. This year I have been given a fantastic opportunity to go to Zambia in Africa with my Church. The Forge Community Church, www.forgechurch.com, has had a partnership with a charity based in South Africa called Hands at Work www.handsatwork.org for the past few years.

Hands at Work's aim is to help care for 100,000 orphans and vulnerable children by 2010.

I will be travelling out on a Building Team along with seven others at the end of April for two weeks. In previous years the team have built roofs for local schools. This year there is some work to be done on a farm at a place called Kachele Village in Luanshya. The Farm is used for training Hands at Work staff from all over Africa, and has also been used to run kids camps, for teacher training and even raising chickens!

We will be staying on the farm and during our trip we will go with a local team of carers to visit the desperately poor and the sick at their homes in the surrounding areas.

In order to help pay for this trip we have been asked to raise £900 each. I will be trying to arrange some fundraising events in the coming months. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone would like to make a donation there will be a collection box inside Kesgrave Town Council Office, Ferguson Way, Kesgrave, IP5 2FZ, during opening hours of

9 am-1 pm Monday and Friday, 9 am-3 pm Wednesday, or phone 07751888567 for details.

Please have a look at the above websites to find out more about these worthwhile projects.

Thank you for your support.

Daniel Russell

WOODBIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Looking back at our Christmas activities, the weather had quite an impact. Travelling around Woodbridge with Santa on his sleigh in a blizzard certainly made for a Christmas card scene and may account for the increase in proceeds over the previous year. Elsewhere our street and store collections did less well, as people understandably stayed at home. A huge thank you to the staff of Farlingaye High School who donated their Christmas Charity collection to us and to everyone else who contributed. The Christmas parcels project delivered almost 200 packages of seasonal groceries to people for whom Christmas might otherwise have been just another day; deliveries given an added benefit this year, as many elderly recipients had been unable to get to the shops. Our thanks to everyone who contributed in goods or cash to this rewarding project. Special mention must be made of the generous contributions of the pupils of Farlingaye High School via their annual Christmas parcels competition, and to the management and staff of Budgens, Woodbridge and Tesco, Martlesham Heath for their support.

Looking forward we have the Lions' annual Trivia Quiz and a social event or two before Elmhurst Extravaganza on 2nd May, our curtain raiser to the Spring and Summer events.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY
SUNDAYS 7th and 21st - Holy Communion, 8 am

SUNDAY 14th - Evensong, 6:30 pm

SUNDAY 28th - Lenten Evensong - venue to be announced

PANCAKES, POETRY AND PLONK
Following the success of last year's

'Pancakes, Poetry and Punch' evening we are pleased to proclaim that we have planned a similar event this year for Shrove Tuesday evening, February 16th at 7 pm at the Church Hall, entitled 'Pancakes, Poetry and Plonk'. Please be persuaded to partake of this party where you may produce a poem or piece which is popular or particularly pertinent to you, personally. Two hundred pence will permit your passage into the presence of other persons who have also pledged to place before the people poetry for pleasure. Pay at the Portal!
 Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
 brightwellpcc@tesco.net
 www.achurchnearyou.com

Brightwell PCC
Pancakes, Poetry and Plonk
 Shrove Tuesday, February 16th
 at 7 pm
 Brightwell Church Hall

Bring your favourite poems to read and share in a relaxed atmosphere.
 Pancakes and mulled wine, etc.
 Admission £2

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane
"Holidays on the moon??"

Do you ever join with those who try to predict the future? Have you ideas of what life might be like in 20, 50, 80 year's time? Will the East coast be further ravaged? Will the sea have risen by metres, not centimetres? Will they be offering 'holidays on the moon'??

Futurologists predict changes for 20 or 30 years ahead, but beyond that, and certainly beyond 100 years, predictions tend to be flexible generalisations.

Did you know that Moses (1400 B.C.) foretold the coming of Christ? Are you aware that Isaiah (500 B.C.) wrote of the coming of a special child who would become the Prince of Peace? He also detailed the kind of death he would undergo at the hands of wicked men. Have you read what the prophet Micah wrote (400 B.C.)? He stated that

lowly Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Messiah.

These prophecies, given by the Spirit of God, spanned not 20 or 50 years, but they looked across 'centuries' of time.

We draw 2 conclusions from this:

1 - God, the creator of all things, is in control! The future destiny of mankind, our world and the universe is held in His hand.

2 - God keeps His promises! He is reliable. We can place our trust in Him.

We look forward to the fulfilment of the many prophecies concerning the second coming of Christ. Not his time in lowliness and humiliation, but with power and great glory.

ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

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

Mondays: After School Club - 3:30 pm (Years 5, 6 and 7)

Tuesday Circle: 9th February

Wednesdays: House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays: Mums and Toddlers - 10 am, Youth Club - 7 pm

Fridays: Friends on Friday - 10 am
'Café Church' - Sunday 7th February

For further information, see the website www.m-c-f.org, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

SPRING AT BRIGHT STARS

Bright Stars is a fun children's worship and activity session held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (during term time), 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath for pre-schoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers. Each session is based on a story or theme from the Bible and includes singing, stories, crafts and games.

The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to welcoming you!

The remaining dates for our Spring 2010 sessions are: February

8th, February 22nd, March 8th, March 22nd

If you would like any further information please contact: Jo Dixon 01473 622160, Sonya Burrows 01473 625196 or Rev. Ian Naylor 01473 622424.

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

As I am writing this everything is covered in snow and looking very beautiful, but I know for many people it is making day to day life rather difficult.

I hope by the time you are reading this the snow will have disappeared.

It is so disappointing to cancel events when people look forward to meeting together - we even had to cancel services at St Mary's Church and St John's in Brightwell. But with no hills to negotiate we were able to continue our services at St Michael's.

February 16th is Shrove Tuesday when we enjoy pancakes and the following day is Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent. Lent is an old word meaning Spring and this is a time of preparation for Easter. Often it is thought of as a time of giving up something, but it is mostly a time for inner spiritual growth. Just as we are seeing the snowdrops coming to life after being hidden in the earth and under the snow so we can come to life again spiritually after winter in our own lives.

Why not make this a time of growth and a new start in your life? Come and join in worship in one of our churches, come and find out more about God's amazing love for YOU.

May you know God's blessings in your life.

Women's World Day of Prayer
 prepared by the Christian Women of Cameroon
 at St Michael's Church Centre
 Martlesham Heath
 on Friday 5th March at 10:30 am
 Speaker; The Rev'd Val White

THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

**BUILDING
GOD'S
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TOGETHER**

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 7th February 2nd before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 14th February Sunday before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Wed 17th February Ash Wednesday	7pm Holy Communion	11:30am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st February 1st in Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship Service and Junior Church
Sunday 28th February 2nd in Lent		8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 7th March 3rd in Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: In Lent on Feb 21st Evensong will be at Waldringfield and on Feb 28th Evensong will be at Hemley, both at 6:30pm. Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Monday 8th February and Monday 22nd February in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

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

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| 5 the Community Responders | 25 family and friends |
| 6 the Police service | 26 local/shops businesses |
| 7 preparing for Lent | 27 the Mothers' Union |
| 8 editor and staff of the Martlesham Monthly | 28 second Sunday in Lent |
| 9 the Parish Council | MAR 1 St David's Day |
| 10 those living in Newbourne Road | 2 all Christians in the UK |
| 11 local councillors | 3 those living in Park Close |
| 12 the Church worldwide | 4 all God's blessings to us |
| 13 local conservation groups | |
| 14 preparing for Lent | |
| 15 Martlesham Brass | |
| 16 St Elizabeth's Hospice | |
| 17 Ash Wednesday | |
| 18 those living in Nunn Close | |
| 19 the elderly in care | |
| 20 local churches | |
| 21 first Sunday in Lent | |
| 22 Revd. Ian Naylor and family | |
| 23 our Youth worker - Karen | |
| 24 those living in Milano Close | |