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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

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Have you ever missed the deadline for the Martlesham Monthly but still want to tell people your news – the website could be the answer – www.martlesham.org.uk

MUSIC ON THE GREEN DOUBLES 2009 TOTAL

Celebrating their tenth anniversary in style, Music on the Green (the Martlesham Heath-based village day/musical extravaganza) raised an incredible £6,000 this year for the EACH Treehouse Appeal.

Friday 1st October saw the official presentation ceremony of the donation to the extremely worthy recipients at EACH.

Taking place on Saturday 10th July 2010 our tenth Music on the Green (for this was the year of the 'Three Tenners') was a resounding success. Beautiful weather, fantastic music and an incredible atmosphere meant that from start to finish the green was packed with music-loving families and friends.

Sponsored by BBC Radio Suffolk, The Douglas Bader, MSC, Martlesham Monthly and Barker Gotelee, this year's 12 hour music marathon featured highlights from the Ipswich Community Gospel Choir, The Martells and Charlotte Emily – all the way from Australia!

This is the second year that Music on the Green has supported EACH, and this year it was decided to focus our attention on the dedicated Treehouse Appeal – generating donations for the brand new children's Hospice that is being built in Ipswich.

Attending the presentation evening was Tony Golding, from EACH, whose grandson was treated by the Hospice. He said: "Thank you is such a small word but it's the only one we've got. The money raised will go towards helping families like my own come to terms with the realities of caring for a terminally ill child. We are so grateful to Music on the Green for this donation."

Stuart Gordon, Chairman of Music on the Green, commented: "Music on the Green 2010 was a truly brilliant day, which doubled the £3000 from last year. Our team of committee members and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure it was a success and we are all absolutely delighted with the total of £6,000. Plans are already underway for 2011! (Saturday 9th July 2011)."

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Bloor Homes Planning Application, Martlesham

The Parish Council has submitted a **strong objection** to this application, identifying 14 areas of objection. The Council has proposed 7 conditions representing the minimum steps required to mitigate the significant impact on the local community, should the District Council be minded to approve the application. Nonetheless it has made it clear that it remains **strongly opposed** to the development even if the conditions are taken on board. More detail of our objection can be found on our website pages on the Martlesham Portal - www.martlesham.org.uk. Please click on 'Organisations' then 'Martlesham Parish Council' to find us.

2011 Census

The following information on the Census has been supplied by Keith Welham, Census 2011 Area Manager for Mid Suffolk, South Norfolk, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney:

"The 2011 Census questionnaire will be coming through your letterbox next spring. On 27 March 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. Since 1801 (apart from in 1941 during the war) a day has been chosen every ten years for this purpose. The census provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come.

The census statistics feed into resource allocation for local authorities and play a major part in their ability to provide local services, so it is crucial the population estimate is as accurate as possible. When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 Census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire online, your individual internet code is on the front of the

questionnaire.

More information about the 2011 Census is available online at www.census.gov.uk

The census is also recruiting staff to help ensure a high census return rate. There are part-time and full-time jobs and you would be able to work close to where you live. To find out more, or to apply for a job, visit www.censusjobs.co.uk or contact your local jobcentre."

Preparations for the coming winter – snow clearance

The Department for Transport is developing guidance for snow clearing and this will be available on Suffolk County Council's (SCC) website soon, www.suffolk.gov.uk.

In the meantime the County Council has issued some advice on liability:

"Last winter the public were concerned that if they helped to clear snow they may have been liable for third party claims. We can confirm that anyone who clears snow from outside their own or someone else's property would only be liable for an accident if their efforts actually made the pavement less safe than it was with the snow and ice undisturbed and as a result somebody is injured."

Working Party on Saturday 27th November

A working party will meet at the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, at 10 am. Volunteers warmly welcomed! Tools available. For further information, please contact the Clerk.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesday 3rd November

*Recreation & Amenities Committee - Wednesday 10th November

*Finance and General Purposes – Wednesday 1st December

No Parish Council meeting in December

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

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk to the Council,

Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk (static pages). For latest news go to www.martlesham.org.uk, click on 'Organisations', then 'Martlesham Parish Council'.

Parish Office (at above address) opening times: 9 am – 12 noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance if possible.

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

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Leader or Mayor – What is your view?

The Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required all councils to reconsider their leadership arrangements. Suffolk Coastal District Council now needs to choose between two alternative options for how the council will be run in the future. A decision must be made by 31st December 2010.

Option 1 – Leader and Cabinet:

Under the new law, the Leader is to be elected by the council for a period of four years rather than annually as at present. Once elected, the leader would be responsible for all executive functions and would decide which of these functions should be delegated to other Cabi-

net members, local committees or officers. The Leader decides on the size of the Cabinet and would appoint between two and nine members to form a Cabinet. The Leader would also appoint a deputy leader (who would also be a portfolio holder in the Cabinet) and who would also serve a four year term. Other councillors would have the same roles as at present, e.g. servicing the Development Control, Licensing, Standards, and Scrutiny and the Council as a whole would be able to remove the Leader.

Option 2 – Mayor and Cabinet: Under the elected Mayor option, the electors of the District would vote for a Mayor of Suffolk Coastal who would hold office for a period four years. This would run along similar lines as option 1 above other than once elected the Mayor cannot be removed from office by the Council and would serve a full four year term. Fresh elections would take place at the end of their term in office.

The Consultation and What Happens Next. The consultation period will open on Monday 11th October and the deadline for responses is 3rd December. A summary of the public response will be presented to the Council when it considers the matter on 16th December 2010. You can register your views by e-mail at customerservices@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by phone on 01394 383789.

Other Matters: I understand that BT is now pressing for determination of their planning application for 2000+ homes at Adastral Park. However, an interesting situation has arisen that might have some bearing on this application. An application for a large number of new homes in north Ipswich was recently turned down and was also refused on appeal. If you would like to discuss the above items or any 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 November between 10 am and 12 noon.

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Firstly apologies for the very brief report this month as I have been away on holiday and I am trying to meet the magazine deadlines.

BLOOR HOMES PLANNING APPLICATION MILL FARM/PIPES FIELD

The very latest information that I have received regarding this application is that it will not be going before Suffolk Coastal Development Plans Committee until December at the earliest.

BT'S PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE LAND ADJACENT TO ADASTRAL PARK

In my opinion, due to the delay in what to do about the District Councils Local Development Framework (LDF) with the change in Government policy, this application is unlikely to go before the Council's Development Plans Committee until the new year.

I will of course keep you advised and updated on the progress of both of these applications if I should receive any further updates.

I can now confirm that I have received a response to my e-mails regarding the LDF and the Bloor Homes application sent to Councillor Smith the Cabinet member with responsibility for planning matters. Councillor Smith's response was that the Council's understanding of the situation is constantly evolving and that he now feels it would be best to wait until the Council has some really firm outcomes of their review process to speak of. He goes on to say that the mist is now beginning to clear and he hopes that the Council will be able to publish further information within a few weeks.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues or any other matters of concern please telephone 01473 626308 after 6 pm or e-mail your comments to john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. John Kelso, District Councillor, Martlesham ward

NO ADASTRAL NEW TOWN (NANT)

The local group, NANT, is continuing

to grow and gain support in the fight against plans to build 2000 homes, including 6 storey tower blocks, on the BT site at Martlesham. The planned development would stretch to within metres of the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This area contains the Deben Estuary, which is a Special Protection Area and Ramsar wetland site protected under European law.

The BT New Town is just one of several proposed developments between Martlesham and Woodbridge. NANT fear that if these developments go ahead, Martlesham and Martlesham Heath could lose their village-like character, becoming part of a much larger town or a suburb of Ipswich.

Already there is a planning application for 270 houses opposite the Black Tiles and 118 acres of woodland to the east of the old Felixstowe Road is currently for sale with "possible development angles".

The plans for the BT development include much new infrastructure (road changes, schools, shops, water treatment, etc.) and once these are in place it will make it much more difficult for future development in the area to be resisted.

NANT are asking Suffolk Coastal District Council to respond to the change in national planning policy. NANT wants the council to review its planning strategy and establish the true housing needs of the district before considering any major development such as the BT proposal.

300 supporters of NANT marched through Woodbridge in September to declare their objections and to raise awareness of these plans amongst the public. The march was a well received and the group recruited more than 200 additional supporters. NANT also took its protest to the District Councillors prior to the council meeting and held a demonstration at the council offices.

The campaign is gaining momentum. NANT now has more than 2000 supporters who have taken the opportunity of registering their objections to these proposals.

There is another march

planned for November and the organisers are inviting all those who wish to stop this development to join this peaceful protest.

Visit www.noadastralnewtown.com to find out more about NANT, the campaign, the activities and to sign the online petition.

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

Could parents check that their children understand about not dropping litter? Much of the litter found around the village tends to be sweet wrappers, crisp packets, soft drinks cans and bottles and contents of school lunch boxes (dog owners will know this one). However, there are also adults dropping cigarette packets, alcohol containers and other items. Incidentally, a black bin bag full of alcohol bottles that was dumped in the woods is still there. I wonder who the 'dumper' thought would dispose of them? Part of our maintenance charge goes on employing a very good chap who picks up litter, especially around the Green, but he does not work a 40 hour week and cannot be expected to clean up the whole village.

The Land Committee now has 2 more volunteers and we are hoping to make a plan of areas of the village that need future work to keep the pathways and roads free of overhanging vegetation (low trees, gorse, brambles, etc.) If you know an area you think may already be a problem, or will become one with winter weather (snow or heavy rain bringing down shrubs) then please let us know and we will include it.

Please also check your own garden boundaries as the paths are becoming difficult to walk on in some places due to overhanging plants/trees. We are getting requests from a few residents to remove perfectly healthy trees that are getting larger or dropping leaves/seeds on their properties. We will not remove healthy trees and feel that the enjoyment of living in a tree-filled environment means that we have to accept that at certain times of the year there will be leaf fall/seeds. Unfortun-

nately we have a predominance of birch trees which this year have produced a bumper crop of seeds. The horse chestnuts have cropped heavily also. There has been an abundance of fungi around the Village – also interesting and a necessary part of the growth cycle of trees.

Our next meeting in St Michael's Church Centre is on 15th November at 7:30 pm. Contact us on 01473 612207, by e-mail on mhh@martlesham.org.uk or write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP1 9PB.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our next event:

CRAFT FAIR

**on Saturday 20th November
10 am to 3 pm
at St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath**

There will be a wide variety of craft stalls and during the day there will be live musical entertainment and a Tai Chi demonstration. Raffle and light refreshments.
Admission free

For further information about Martlesham Community Council or the above events please contact the Secretary, Jackie Bear, on 01473 623007.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM ANGLIA IN BLOOM

At this year's Anglia in Bloom Presentation Ceremony on 15th September Martlesham received three awards:-

- For the overall entry Martlesham was awarded a Silver Gilt Award,
- Martlesham Heath Business Park won a Special Award in recognition of their nomination for Best Industrial/Commercial Area Award and
- Martlesham Millennium Drought Garden won a Special Award in recognition of its nomination for Best Drought Garden.

We would like to thank all of those individuals, groups and authorities who help keep Martlesham looking so attractive and tidy.

SUMMER COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to everybody who entered our Summer Competitions and the results are listed below:

Martlesham in Bloom Parish Competitions 2010 results

(A) Most Attractive Summer Front Garden

Gold – G L and M J Waugh (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Cup)

Silver Gilt – Derrick K Dawdry and David J Ransby

Silver – Peter Couch, Janet and Michael Gardiner, M A Morphy, E Pearce and Mrs Ann Price.

(B) Most effective use of hanging basket(s) and/or container(s) in the front of your property

Gold – John and Lucy Benton (Winner of the Meadhome Cup).

Silver Gilt – Laurie Lawley and David J Ransby

Silver – Peter Couch, Derrick K Dawdry, Janet and Michael Gardiner, M A Morphy, G L and M J Waugh and V LWhite

Bronze – Mrs Jean Connors, R J and N Jessup and E Pearce.

(C) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a Commercial or Business premises

Gold – Golf Galore (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Commercial Cup)

Silver Gilt – The Black Tiles and Rhymes Nursery

(D) Most Interesting Back Garden

Gold – Mrs Patricia Harris (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Shield)

Silver Gilt – Derrick K Dawdry, Janet and Michael Gardiner, M A Morphy, David J Ransby, John Twaits and G L and M J Waugh

Silver – Laurie Lawley

(E) An Unusual Planted Container in your garden

Gold – Birchwood Primary School

Silver Gilt – Mrs Patricia Harris

Silver – M A Morphy and G L and M J Waugh

(F) Environment Personality of the Year – Margaret and John Forbes

(G) Best Kept Community Area, Close, Lane, Place, Road, Square or Street in the Parish of Martlesham

Winner (1st) – 23/25 York Road-
Second (Runner-up) – 12B Lancaster Drive

OUR NEXT EVENT - We are having

a stall at the Christmas Craft Fair in St Michael's Church Centre on Saturday 20th November.

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

MARTLESHAM W.I.

This month we were delighted to welcome Jane Sago who is one of the Executive Members for the Suffolk East WI. Jane told us that one of her main interests is cooking and we were able to see how good she was when she demonstrated her skills with microwave cooking. With the help of her young granddaughter as an 'assistant' she created five extremely tasty dishes which we were all able to sample. She produced a real variety of dishes to suit all tastes using chicken breasts, salmon steaks, stuffed courgettes and fruit compote finishing with microwave meringues. It took hardly any time at all to produce these tempting dishes and since Jane had typed out all the recipes for us to take away we will be able to 'have a go' and re-create the dishes at home.

Our next meeting will be our annual meeting which will be held in the Richards Room on 19th November. 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

Martlesham Ladies Club are continuing to enjoy their fortnightly meetings in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham. In October we have the Harvest Festival evening and later in the month a talk from the Osteoporosis Society. In November we have a Quiz night and on the 18th we will be shown the beauty of handcrafted gems. Harry Parsons will talk to us on Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral on the 2nd December. New members will be welcomed.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

The latest campaign undertaken by the Mothers' Union was launched on 14th September. It is called 'Bye Buy Childhood'. Children are targeted as consumers every day, through TV, through the Internet, through mobile phones and through magazines. We believe this is wrong.

Children are growing up believing they are what they own.

The MU will raise awareness of the commercialisation of childhood. Hold the UK Government accountable to its pledge to address the commercialisation and sexualisation of children and lobby political representatives in the UK and N Ireland.

A booklet for families, to help them through issues and manage the impact of the commercial world within the home, is available from the MU website, as well as more details about this campaign www.themothersunion.org

In Martlesham, the MU meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre. Why not join us?

For more details phone Marion Davies on 01473 624196.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Wow! Have you seen our new building at Gorseland School? Rhymes Nursery and ourselves are looking forward to working and playing in our new environment. If you're deciding which playschool to choose for your child, let us settle in for a couple of weeks then come and see us! We'll be happy to show you round. We are full until we've moved but then we shall be able to accommodate more children each session, so we have a selection of places available. We also collect children from Gorseland nursery and bring them to our playschool if you wish to have childcare between 9 am and 3:15 pm, shared between ourselves and the nursery. Please give me a call if you are interested in sessions with us.

Many thanks to all our parents who attended the AGM on

October 6th. A huge thank you to those who have joined our committee for the coming year, we're sure you will enjoy taking part in the affairs of the playschool. All the staff and parents would like to thank the outgoing committee members for all their hard work over the last year.

We have Strawberry Mountain Photography visiting us on Saturday November 6th from 10 am. So, parents, if you haven't already done so, put your name down for a slot. The photos are beautiful and make wonderful Christmas presents for the whole family.

Visit our website for more details - www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk - or you can contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We are registered to take children from 2 years and accept children onto our waiting list from any area. Our children move on to all the primary schools in the area and further afield.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

The children have been creating some wonderful autumn art work this term using all kinds of leaves, and items associated with this season, before we turn our hands to the rapidly approaching Christmas. This is always an exciting time at St Michaels for the children and adults alike, there's nothing better than lots of pretty glitter and sticky stuff to get you in the Christmas mood, so we look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fayre/Craft morning, which we will be advertising details of shortly. The Children's Christmas Party info will also be advised shortly, so please look out for this information. Anyone interested in helping with the Fayre please let the staff know.

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, 2nd November from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch followed by a talk on 'The Care of Children's Feet' by Jenny Newman from European Sole (the children's shoe shop in the Buttermarket, Ipswich.)

Future Mums' Club meetings will be our Christmas party on Tuesday 8th December and an Open Meeting for all mums of children and teenagers on Tuesday 11th January 2011 when we are having a speaker from Meningitis UK visit us with a talk entitled 'Meningitis – the Facts.'

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

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Afternoon

Monday 22nd November
2 pm – 3 pm

Do you have a child who will be starting school September 2011 – August 2012? Then please feel free to come and have a look around the school and meet the staff.

GORSELAND SCHOOL PFA

We have the following two fundraising events coming up at the school - please put the dates in your

diary and come along and join us!

We will be holding a Pampering Evening on Friday 12th November from 7 - 9:30 pm. Pampered Chef will be demonstrating and we will have mini-beauty treatments, Phoenix Cards, candles, truffles, raffle, refreshments and lots more. Tickets will cost £2 in advance or £3 on the night (to include a glass of wine).

Our Christmas Fayre will be held at school on Friday 3rd December from 3:30-5:30 pm with pocket money stalls, ideas for Christmas presents, Santa's Grotto, refreshments, Christmas Draw and lots more.

Further details of both of these events are available from the School Office on 01473 623790. Elizabeth Leonard
Gorseland Primary School

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS **Christmas Post 2010**

The countdown to Christmas begins this month with the Christmas Post boxes for the scouts going out around the village. The cost this year is 18p per card and the boxes will be out from November 25th. The closing date this year is December 9th. At time of writing the location of the boxes is not confirmed but I hope to have them in the usual places. As ever the main postal area for delivery is IP1-IP5. However we have added some of the outer villages to this. These are Grundisburgh, Great and Little Bealings, Bramford, Sroughton, Tuddenham (Ipswich), Westerfield, Henley and Great and Little Blakenham. If anyone has any questions on this then please phone Simon on 01473 612410 and watch out for a larger advert in next month. Thank you all for your support.

Simon Smith
Scout post coordinator

PORTAL WOODLANDS **CONSERVATION GROUP**

The **Working Party** had a good morning and were able to continue to maintain and clear the hazel area, and also start work on the

southern revetment.

The **Nature Explorers Club** were very busy learning about nesting box surveying and maintenance, and they helped to clear and repaint most of the 30+ boxes that we have around the wood. It was encouraging to find that almost all the boxes had been used, mainly by blue tits but also some other surprising creatures. How many earwigs did you find Gemma? (Gemma is my daughter; she gave me the details in great depth). The Explorers also helped put up an owl box, the first in the woods. Thanks to the parents for their involvement with this meeting too.

Our **Nature Watch Club** had a successful meeting, looking at moths. They studied and identified the many different types we have living in the woods.

If you have a child who enjoys the outdoors and exploring what nature is all about, why not find out more? See details below.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 20th November, 10 am - 12 noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance

Nature Explorers Club (10 years+) Saturday 20th November, 9 am - 11 am

Nature Watch Meeting There will be no Club over the winter months, we will resume in the Spring. Dates to follow.

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**

Many thanks to all those who came along to the meeting on 5th August in St Michael's Church Centre to hear about the proposals for the future management of the Western Corridor land under the control of Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, and what this might mean for you.

The Western Corridor is a mosaic of habitats with a wider range of flora of particular value for butterflies and a large area has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The habitat has slowly declined in heathland character and now needs a substantial amount of work to bring it back into what would be considered a good heathland site. Natural England are being approached through a Higher Level Stewardship application to provide some funds for additional work much above the capacity of our volunteers. A management plan is currently being put together by us and MHL as part of the application to Natural England. Please contact me if you would like more information about it. More information will be forthcoming in future articles.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 2nd November at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, next to the green. All are very welcome.

We will also hold a working party on Sunday 14th November on the western corridor SSSI. Please join us to help. No particular skill or previous knowledge is required, all tools will be provided on the day. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader pub at 10 am or join us out on the heath.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our monthly meeting on October 1st featured an illustrated talk by an old friend of the society. Clive Denny was accompanied by his wife Linda to talk about his company, Vintage Fabrics. They run a business restoring and re-covering vintage aircraft. In the past they have worked on the Battle of Britain memorial flight aircraft. Apparently workshops similar to Clive's firm are finding more and more work.

Clive is also a qualified pilot and is licensed to fly iconic old 'planes like Spitfires and Hurricanes. In a recent air display at Duxford he piloted one of no less than 16 Spitfires that gave a display.

Our next meeting on Friday

5th November should be an illustrated talk entitled 'Blenheim Restoration'. This will be given by John Smith of the Blenheim Restoration Group. This is the only surviving example of this aircraft in existence and has crashed twice after its initial rebuild. We look forward to the latest story and when we can expect to see it flying once more. This should be a fascinating talk.

All meetings are at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm with a coffee break. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Please come along to the Barrack Square at 3 pm on Sunday 14th November. We are holding our annual Remembrance Sunday Service and confidently expect a good turnout. Representatives of the armed forces will be present along with local ATC, Ipswich Army Cadet Force, the scouts and guides, other youth groups and the Salvation Army Band.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

Congratulations to all our members who received awards at our recent Birthday Concert, especially Jayne Howlett who became our 'Bandsperson of the Year' as well as the most improved player in the Main Band. Our next event is 'Tea and Tunes' on Saturday 6th November when our Preliminary Band showcase their talents at St Michael's Church Centre starting at 10 am. Refreshments are available all morning - please come along and support the Preliminary players. Two other advance notices to put in your diaries - 'Coffee and Carols' on Saturday 4th December and our Christmas concert on Saturday 18th December at the Thomas Theatre at Kesgrave High School - note the new venue.

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.

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THE ORWELL SINGERS – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Orwell Singers will be holding their Christmas Concert on Saturday 4th December at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath, at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available on the door at £6 for adults and 50p for accompanied children. Refreshments will be served in the interval.

AUTUMN AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

Now that the nights have drawn in and the evenings are dark, instead of curling up at home with a hot drink why not, instead, venture out to a meeting of Speak Easy at Martlesham on alternate Thursday evenings? There, you can enjoy your hot drink (plus a biscuit or cake!) during an evening of interesting, often humorous speeches, in a friendly atmosphere in the company of our members, who will be sure to make you welcome.

Members work through a variety of speech projects, take on roles in the meetings and have an opportunity to compete in two annual contests if they wish to. Earlier in the autumn Anu Sreekumar won the Club Round of the Humorous Speaking Contest and Brian Faulkner won the Club Round of the Table Topics Contest. Congratulations to both of them as well as to Dave Nightingale who went on to the Area Contest in Manningtree, where he competed against several other clubs and came second in both the Humorous Speaking and Table Topics Contests.

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club meets on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham. Guests are always

welcome and we look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings. There is no pressure to speak and you will be made very welcome.

Future Speakeasy at Martlesham 2010/2011 meetings:

November 11th and 25th
December 9th

January 6th and 20th (2011)

Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm start at the Richards Room, Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco).

Further details can be found at www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk or call Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196.

RSPCA CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 27th November

1 pm - 4:30 pm

St Michael's Church, Martlesham

FREE entry, tombola, raffle, refreshments, handbags, jewellery, cards and many more stalls.

Please come along to support your local RSCPA.

BOTSWANA – COFFEE MORNING

My name is Jonathan Long, I am 18 and currently in Kesgrave 6th Form. I am volunteering with the charity Project Trust to go to Botswana next summer for a year to work with disadvantaged young men. I will be involved in teaching them key life skills plus basic literary and reading skills. To do this I need to raise £4,950 and will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Saturday 13th November from 10-12 am. Please come and support me and help me raise this money.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We have made a good start to the season, having won the three games we have played, two at home and one away. Our Captain, Peter, is very pleased with the standard of play from all members who have taken part.

At the moment our five teams with five members is not running to plan as we have had a lot of sickness amongst the members but this

should work as planned when everybody is fit and well.

Maureen Banthorp

TABLE TENNIS

Martlesham residents are invited to try their hand at table tennis. The club runs term time every Friday from 7 pm to 9 pm (excluding 5th November). In operation since September 2007, the club was started to give people the chance to play table tennis on the east side of Ipswich as no social table tennis club existed and also to encourage people to enter teams into the league. Beginners to league players are welcome and depending on numbers singles or doubles are played. Bats and balls can be provided at no extra charge. If you haven't picked up a bat before or have played sometime in the past, you can try your hand at the Kesgrave Sports Hall. Pay and play at £3 per session. A limited number of junior coaching places may be available, please enquire by phone. For further information please ring 01473 610177.

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH UK COLLECTION - THANKS

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the people of Martlesham who donated to the House to House collection in aid of Arthritis Research UK in June this year.

Thank you for your continued support.
Ian Craig
Treasurer, Woodbridge A.R.UK

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female practitioner
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E.A.C.H. TREEHOUSE APPEAL

A big thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning on October 7th at the Kesgrave scout hall and gave very generously, a grand total of £600 was raised. It was a really great amount to be able to forward to the charity, and was gratefully received.

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

Well perhaps the sun didn't shine, but the rain held off long enough for 200 10k runners and 83 fun runners to take part in the annual Martlesham Heath 10k and Fun Run. The event has become a significant part of both the Lions and athletics calendar. Some impressive times were recorded, full results on our website, and alongside the serious competition, the family participation in the Fun Run and amongst the spectators lent the event the atmosphere of a fete. From the proceeds, we will be making a donation to the Treehouse Appeal, the balance going to Lions' Charities.

After our annual dinner and dance, this year celebrating the 28th anniversary of the Club's founding, our thoughts turn to the Christmas parcels project and the street and store collections which will raise the necessary funds; more details next month.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"DARE TO BE A DANIEL!"

Daniel was a man of faith who was forced to live in the alien society of Babylon, as a prisoner of war.

It was a bitter time for him and his fellow Jews. They could not "sing the Lord's songs in this strange land", rather they "wept by the rivers of Babylon".

Daniel and his companions came under intense pressure to give up their faith and to adopt the norms of the idolatrous society around them. This was beset with magicians, enchanters and sorcerers (c.f. the occult and mediums of our day).

They found grace from God to withstand the pressures and to keep their faith pure and wholesome.

In our day Christians are faced with a similar challenge. as the Pope highlighted on his recent visit. Our nation has largely lost its faith, and turned away from spiritual realities to materialism and secularism. Christians swim against the tide in our society. We need the

strength of the Lord to 'dare to be a Daniel' to withstand the 'lions' of unbelief.

ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

SUNDAYS - Worship and teaching, 10 am, Communion - 11:45 am

MONDAYS - After School Club, 3:30 pm

TUESDAYS CIRCLE - Tuesday 9th November

WEDNESDAYS - House Groups, 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS - Mums and Toddlers, 10 am

FRIDAYS - Friends on Friday, 10 am

For further information contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

AUTUMN AT BRIGHT STARS

Now that the days are getting colder, if you are a pre-schooler, toddler or baby why not bring your parent(s) or carer(s) to a Bright Stars session indoors in the warm on a Monday morning? Bright Stars is a children's worship and activity session for pre-schoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers, held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (during term time) 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. Each session is full of fun activities and crafts, including the chance to make as much noise as you like with our musical instruments during our song at the end of each session! 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 seeing you.

The dates for our Autumn 2010 sessions are:

November 8th, November 22nd, December 13th

If you would like any further information please contact:

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BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

***Sundays 7th and 21st - Holy Communion, 8 am**

***Sunday 14th - Service of**

Remembrance, 6:30 pm

***Sunday 28th - Advent Carol**

Service, 6:30 pm

November sees the 75th Anniversary of the Opening of the Village Hut in 1935. The Hut, as it became known, but was officially the Village Clubroom, was opened by Mr Arnold Forster at 7 pm on Friday 15th November 1935, with 72 guests attending. The company enjoyed a concert during the evening. All parishioners are invited to this celebration.

Please make a note of the two Christmas events on the weekend of December 4th and 5th. For December 4th we are planning a coffee morning with a Christmas theme at the Church Hall from 10 am to noon. Please pay us a visit and enjoy a morning of conviviality. On Sunday 5th we will be holding a Christingle Service for children and all the family at 3 pm – all welcome.

As Christmas fast approaches we end November with an Advent Carol Service on Advent Sunday - see above.

The "Brightwell" is now expanding to become a parish magazine and distribution over the next few issues and beyond will drop on the doormats of all Brightwell Parishioners (even if you really think you live in Martlesham!).

Into next year we will be launching The Thursday Men's Group which will be held in the Church Hall from 9:30 to 12:30 on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The sole purpose of this is to provide good fellowship for men of all ages to meet together socially twice a month. A relaxed and informal meeting, come when you like, stay as long as you like. First meeting THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2011.

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ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

This month sees a Craft Fair at St. Michael's (organised by Martlesham Community Council) and includes a stall which will be raising funds for the church by selling books, jigsaws, CDs, toys and children's books, cakes and preserves. This event runs from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday 20th November.

On Sunday 14th November the annual Remembrance Day Service will be held at St. Mary's Church. This service is supported by Martlesham Brass and begins at 10:50 am around the War Memorial in the churchyard before continuing in the church after the two minute silence at 11 o'clock. At 3 pm a Service of Remembrance will be held at Barrack Square and this is followed by refreshments at St. Michael's.

The Junior Church will be raising money in December to buy alternative gifts for people around the world who have so much less than we do. Church members at St. Mary's, St. Michael's and St. John's, Brightwell, are asked to send seasons greetings to their church friends by signing giant Christmas cards made by the Junior Church and to donate the money saved on individual cards. The children and young people then choose alternative gifts (usually from the World Vision Alternative Gift Catalogue) in the New Year. With hundreds of pounds raised, a huge variety of gifts are chosen, from sheep to school books, bicycles to blankets and an old favourite – Buy a Bog!

Two other forthcoming events:- Christmas Tree Festival and Art Exhibition on 11th and 12th December at St. Mary's Church and nearby Barn and the annual Churchyard Leaf Sweep on 4th December.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 7th November 3rd before Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 10:50am Remembrance Service on Barrack Square	9:45am Family Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 21st November Christ the King	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Communion (CW)	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 28th November Advent Sunday	6:30pm Advent Carols	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8am Holy Communion 3pm Christingle	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am Family Communion & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre.
Bright Stars meet on Mondays 8th and 22nd November at 10:30am in St Michael's Church Centre.
A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.

Please include the following concerns as an addition to your daily prayers:

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| 5 Fun and safety on Bonfire Night | 26 Give thanks for our many blessings |
| 6 Martlesham Brass Preliminary Band Concert | 27 All enjoying football on The Green |
| 7 Give thanks for all who support us in our daily lives | 28 Advent Sunday: may we prepare for Christ's coming |
| 8 All newcomers to our area | 29 The people of Haiti and Pakistan |
| 9 Our Parish and District Councils | 30 St. Andrew: may we bring others to know Jesus |
| 10 Those who live in Waldringfield Road | DEC 1 World Aids Day: may healing medicine be available |
| 11 Peace in our world | 2 International Day for Abolition of Slavery: for young girls wrongly enslaved |
| 12 All seeking employment | 3 International Day of Disabled Persons: that we may treat each person with respect |
| 13 Those being confirmed at Felixstowe tomorrow | 4 Those who live in Whinfield and Whinfield Court |
| 14 Remembrance Sunday: for those who still suffer | |
| 15 Prisoners' Week: for all in prison | |
| 16 The families of those in prison | |
| 17 Those who live in Warren Lane | |
| 18 Those who find dark evenings difficult | |
| 19 St. Edmund: for our Diocese and Cathedral | |
| 20 Today's Craft Fair | |
| 21 May we welcome Christ as King of our lives | |
| 22 St. Cecilia: give thanks for the gift of music | |
| 23 All facing uncertainties of cutbacks | |
| 24 Those who live in Westland | |
| 25 Those who suffer from domestic violence | |