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MARTLESHAM MONTHLY MAMMALS

July :- Otter (*Lutra lutra*) The otter declined drastically in Suffolk during the 1960s probably due mainly to the use of pesticides affecting their food source, now they are stable . The river Flynn in Martlesham now supports otters and on the river there are a few holts where they live, although solitary animals rarely seen during the day but mainly at dusk to night. They feed on fish, amphibians, water birds, and crustaceans and will leave the river to feed from ponds. They mate in spring and give birth to 2-3 young who leave the holt at 9-10 weeks old, staying a year with their family. The otters have water proof fur and a broad tail with web feet make them very good swimmers. Under Martlesham Bridge near the Red Lion otter tracks can be seen in the mud regularly

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FAREWELL FROM THE OUTGOING EDITOR

I just wanted to say a fond farewell and thanks to all readers, contributors and advertisers of the Martlesham Monthly, as well as everyone connected with the putting together and distribution of the magazine. It has been an honour and a pleasure to have been the editor of this much-respected publication for almost nine years now, something I began back in January 2003 after Brian Lillistone moved on, thus providing me with the perfect opportunity to help and serve the community in which I lived and grew up. As of this edition however I'm handing the editorial reins over to Gwynneth Johnson - and I'd like to wish her all the best in her new role. I'm quite sure I'm leaving the Monthly in very safe hands indeed!
Thank you,
Neal Goldsmith

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MUSIC ON THE GREEN 9th July 2011 – Martlesham Green

Music on the Green is back, and promises to be bigger and better than ever for 2011. Taking place on Saturday 9th July, from 10.30am until 10.30pm (that's 12 hours of non-stop music, laughter and fun for all), this is the 11th year of this successful event and following on from the huge support received in 2010, the team behind the day want to make this year the best yet.

After raising £6,000 last year for the EACH Treehouse Appeal, the Martlesham event has decided to once again support The East Anglian Hospice and help to promote the fantastic work they do throughout our region.

As normal, there will be a car boot sale from 7.30am with bays available from £6 per 5 metre bay, no need to book just turn up. This will be followed by stalls, fabulous food stalls, hospitality from the Douglas Bader pub located on the Green, children's entertainment and hopefully a glorious sunny day. At about 4.00pm "Wishing Well Doves" will be releasing a number of Doves in recognition of the opening of EACH Treehouse

Old favourites will take to the stage to delight the crowd, including The Glamtastics, The Martells, The Farthings from Martlesham Heath and Phoenix Jazz. One of the highlights from last year was the Ipswich Community Gospel Choir and it will be a joy to welcome them back for 2011. New additions to the line-up include Stone Cold So-

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Following our uncontested elections in May the Parish Council is in a position to co-opt a councillor so if you thought of standing but didn't get round to it there is still an opportunity! Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Keep our parish clear of flyposting!

The Parish Council is concerned about the increasing level of 'flyposting' throughout the parish. From inappropriate notices on Parish Council noticeboards, posters and notices on street furniture through to large banners displayed on fencing. These are unsightly and do nothing to enhance our surroundings. In fact the display of advertising material is subject to planning regulation and we wish to reduce the level of nuisance. We would respectfully ask those people and organisations responsible to stop flyposting in all its forms. The Council will ask the District Council to take appropriate enforcement measures if this informal request does not improve the situation.

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ber and Voodoo Chile. The music provided throughout the 12 hours really does cover every style of musical taste, from soft acoustic, to pop, to classic covers, to rock. A key highlight is the chill-out hour in the afternoon – perfect for relaxing before the festivities really kick in as the light begins to fade.

On advice from Suffolk Constabulary there will be a "NO GLASS and 6 CANS per person" policy at the event. Those wishing to attend can still bring along their own drinks, but these must be in plastic bottles or containers with plastic cups. Gate security checks will take place to enforce this. This will help prevent accidents, ensure the safety of those in attendance and make it a great family day out. For the thirsty of you, there will only be soft drinks available on the green, but of course the Douglas Bader will be ready and waiting with a very warm welcome.

This completely free event received exceptional support last year and it is hoped that the crowds that showed up in 2010 to enjoy the sunshine and live music will once again turn out in their thousands. Please visit our website – www.musiconthegreen.com – for any further details.

Tesco recycling centres

In April 2011 Tesco announced in the press that it is to remove its council bottle banks and recycling bins in its supermarket car parks, resulting in a significant loss of revenue for local councils from recycling credits for paper, glass and plastic. Tesco has decided to recycle in-house and so receive the credits itself, potentially raising over £1million a year nationally for the retailer. Tesco has said that it intends to put the money back into local communities in projects of its choosing. However the Parish Council will directly lose approximately £600 a year, which it spends on grants to local organisations. Please consider using the other recycling sites in the parish: The Square, Martlesham Heath, & the Recreation Ground, The Street, Martlesham.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – 6 July 2011

Recreation & Amenities Committee – 13 July 2011

No Parish Council meeting in August
Development Plans Committee – 10 August 2011

All meetings start at 7.30pm 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.

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for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times: 9am – 12noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance

ERIC CUMBERPATCH

We are sorry to inform our readers that Eric Cumberpatch died recently. Eric was one of life's true characters. He and his family were owners of the Black Tiles Post Office for many years finally retiring in 2000. They supplied everything from Newspapers to his home cooked tasty ham. Everything was served with a joke – he was always pulling peoples legs. The family also owned and ran the Village Stores and Post Office at Martlesham Heath.

Our condolences to Madge, Jan, Kim and all the family
Martlesham Monthly

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

The Heath has already had its fair share of fires this year, with at least 3 on the Western Corridor SSSI and another at the edge of the woods near the pill box. These are not accidental. Smokers had started last year's fires near Gorseland and a group of people have now been successfully prosecuted in connection with these fires. MHHL is going to clear the damaged area near the pillbox and an area behind Broomfield that has been burnt recently, and in the past. The damaged trees will be cut down in the hope they will put out new growth. The area near the pillbox has been cleared of broken glass and a full tin of paint by an MHH Director, for which we thank him.

We have had one or two properties brought to our notice by residents complaining of the growth of hedges over fences that are blocking the footpath. Although MHH does not deal with this matter we will be passing on the complaints to the East Area Highways Service who regularly patrol the streets and will write to the owners of the properties. Please check your own garden boundaries. The Highways Service mentioned that residents tend not to cut back plants hard enough so each year the hedge/tree/shrub grows out a little more and eventually overhangs further each year.

You are invited to the next Board Meeting to ask any questions of the Board. Questions from residents are taken at the end of each meeting. The next meeting is on Monday 18th July at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath.

We are still looking for volunteers to become Directors so please consider coming along and have a word about that also. If you want to get in touch you can write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Phone number 01473 612207. Email address is mhh@martlesham.org.uk. You can look at the website at <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/>

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT JULY 2011

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT SUFFOLK COASTAL

At the May Suffolk Coastal full council meeting it was decided that:-

Full Council meetings will be held bi-monthly rather than monthly as at present

All evening Council meetings will

commence at 6.30

Minutes from Committees, task groups and cabinet will no longer be presented at Full Council

There will only be one Scrutiny Committee instead of the existing two and a new Audit Committee is to be established.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)

I have been advised by Phillip Ridley Head of Planning that the special Cabinet and Full Council meetings to discuss the LDF will be held before the end of July, dependent on the availability of suitable venues. For the very latest information please check out the Parish Council Noticeboards and the No Adastral New Town website www.noadastralnewtown.com or www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

BT PLANNING APPLICATION

I am advised that this planning application is unlikely to come before Suffolk Coastal Development Control Committee until September at the earliest.

BLOOR HOMES PLANNING APPLICATION

An amended application is likely to be presented to Suffolk Coastal during July or August and will be re-consulted on. Please check out the Parish Council noticeboards for any updated information

TESCOS

Having recently received an email from Louise Gosling, Tesco Corporate Affairs Manager, for the East of England asking for my support for her companies planning application to build a new store at Leiston. I was amazed to hear her views on Tesco's environmental credentials and emailed her to advise her of the litter, flyposting and other problems that we experience with the Tesco store at Martlesham. Tesco have now removed the fly posters from their boundary fence, will be carrying out onsite litter picks twice a day and have reinstated the device that locks the trolley wheels when customers try to take them away from site. The Parish Council and I will be keeping this matter under review.

POLICE INVESTIGATION CENTRE (PIC) PORTAL AVENUE

At the time of writing this report I see from the local press that this facility is due to be in use from Friday 10th June. I would be grateful if residents could keep me advised of any issues or problems that they may encounter with regards to this facility.

If you wish to discuss any of the above

matters please telephone 01473 631682 or email John.
kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

John Kelso District Councillor
Martlesham Ward

CENTENARY PLAY SPACE GRAND OPENING ON 27 MAY 2011

The long awaited new Centenary Play Space in Martlesham Heath was officially opened on Friday 27 May by Ipswich Jaffa and Great Britain Athlete Helen Decker. Over 200 children attended the opening and a fantastic time was had by all. Goody bags were provided for first arrivals, local police carried out security cycle coding and Roberto's Ices provided the refreshment!

Martlesham Parish Council's Vice-Chairman, Wally Welch, gave a short speech on the work that had gone in to provide the play space before handing over to marathon runner Helen Decker to cut the ribbon to mark the play area officially open. The new equipment certainly received a good test, with nearly 30 children on the multi-play climbing frame at one point in time. Even Helen was persuaded to give the new zip wire her seal of approval.

The opening is the culmination of a lot of hard work by a small working group attached to the Parish Council, all giving up their time voluntarily to bring this to Martlesham. The funding came from various sources, including the Parish Council, County & District Councils and charitable sources. It was a fantastic day for the group to see their hard work appreciated by so many.

We are interested in your opinions on the play area and have placed a survey on the Martlesham Portal website (www.martlesham.org.uk) that should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete. You will need to navigate to the Martlesham Parish Council link to find it, then to Centenary Playspace under 'News'.

Mark Davey

Chairman of Centenary Play Space
Working Group
Martlesham Parish Council

MARTLESHAM/KESGRAVE BMX TRACK: PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENING

On Monday 6 June, Martlesham Parish Council held a public 'Consultation Evening' at the Parish Room. The BMX Project Group mounted a display of the work they had been doing during the past year, which included extracts from

RoSPA recommendations on Health & Safety, photos of existing BMX tracks in Suffolk, design proposals for a new BMX track in Martlesham, information on the possible siting of such a track and consideration of the process which will have to be gone through to realize such a development. A detailed 'Environmental Study' of the Jubilee Play Space was included in the information.

The Parish Council would like to thank those who came to the evening and recorded their views. There was an excellent turn-out (85 attendees) and over 90% support for the provision of a BMX track in Martlesham. This facility will provide a much-needed activity for the young people in Martlesham and Kesgrave.

The full Parish Council meeting on 6 July will consider the Project Group's report and will make a decision on the further development of such a facility.

Tony Green, Chair of the BMX Project Group.

For further information please contact:

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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

A new approach to justice

Defining the word 'justice' can be very difficult and means something different to each and every one of us. Take a moment to ask yourself, what does justice mean to me?

Being a victim of crime can leave you with a feeling of distaste, many weeks, months or years after the crime. In the wake of a crime, you often beg the questions: What was the reason behind

his or her actions? Where is my apology or act of restitution? Why me?

Over the years and today, the meaning of and approach to justice is being negotiated by people, communities and nations. In recent years, methods of restorative justice have and still are being integrated into the criminal justice system much to the satisfaction of victims. There are many forms of restorative justice and in this article I will discuss one called 'restorative justice conferencing'.

Conferencing involves people who are directly affected by an incident, the harmed person, wrongdoer and other community members; coming together to discuss the incident to work towards

a suitable outcome which aims to repair the harm caused and meet the needs of all those concerned.

Kesgrave and District SNT recognise the positive outcomes of restorative justice, and thus employ the use of community resolutions and more recently restorative justice conferences. I am the trained restorative justice conference facilitator for Kesgrave SNT and have been using my acquired skills to resolve conflict between people.

An example of where conferencing has been used was when a young person committed a public order offence outside a shop a short while ago. The incident involved a young person who caused harassment, alarm and distress to a shopkeeper and members of the public. The act by the young person caused the shopkeeper's windows to be dirtied. The young person was identified and when questioned, took responsibility for their actions. A restorative justice conference was convened with the participants including the shopkeeper, the young person and their guardian. The shopkeeper had the chance to express how the incident had affected them and then had the opportunity to ask any questions. As a result of what was said, the young person was held to account for their actions, apologised to the shopkeeper and off their own back offered to clean the windows of the shop, which were dirtied. The act of restitution was carried out after the meeting. The shopkeeper acknowledged the work of the young person who had endeavoured to 'right their wrong' by revoking the young person's ban from the store. All the persons involved thought the process had been a beneficial experience and a good learning experience for the young person who had to comprehend and face up to the consequences of their actions, something that some people often try to avoid.

This real life example shows how negative experiences in some circumstances can be altered into positive ones through the restorative justice process and in addition this process allows children and young people to learn from their mistakes rather than live by them. I hope to be able to report to you with more good stories like this one in the near future.

We also have a monthly community engagement meeting where you can come to see us and have a direct input on priorities tackled by the SNT. We try to hold the meetings at different locations around the area to give local people the best opportunity to attend. The venues and dates for the next two meetings is as follows:

Monday 11th July 2011 St. Botolph's Church, Culpho IP6 6DH from 6.30pm-7.15pm

Thursday 11th August 2011 Village Hall, Church Lane, Witnesham IP6 9JD from 6.30pm-7.15pm

PCSO James Lait 3186 (restorative justice facilitator)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

We have finally finished counting all the donations collected by our wonderful volunteers this year and are pleased to announce the final total of £2,948.83. In the current difficult economic climate this is a great effort. We would like to thank all those who gave so generously of their time and their money to help overcome poverty in the world's poorest communities.

Christian Aid recognises that 'Poverty is a scandal'. Working together, we are helping to tackle the root causes of poverty. Thank you.

Carolyn Smith and Chris Cobb

CALLING ALL MUMS ...

The Mums' Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 5th July between 12.45 and 2.30 p.m. for a Bring and Share Pic-nic on the Green. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to bring along a small quantity of food to share and join us. We hope you will also need sun-hats and sun-screen but if the weather lets us down we will have our pic-nic in the Church Centre. (You might also like to bring a blanket to sit on.)

Please note that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th September as we do not meet in August.

For more details of Mums' Club please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are also very pleased to announce our annual Teddy Bears Picnic will be held at in St. Michael's Church (next door to the Pavilion) on Friday 15 July from 12 until 2pm. Tickets are priced at £4.00 per family and are available from your Session Leader. We will be having a bouncy castle, balloon modelling, raffle, cake stall, refreshments and plenty of other activities for the little ones to enjoy. Look out for posters displayed at the sessions for further details.

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 activity table for the children. Refreshments are included.

Our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am until 11.30am 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 email martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our Fun Day takes place on Saturday July 2nd – don't forget! This is always very well attended and extremely successful, helping to raise funds for all those little extras for the children to enjoy and use. Make a note of the time – 12.30 to 4pm. Come along for the BBQ and join in the fun and games. There will be all the usual attractions – refreshments, ice creams, tombola, raffle, stalls, bouncy castle, fun and games, entertainer, facepaints, fire engine, jewellery, smellies, balloons, cards and bears! This is a super opportunity to visit the playschool if you are looking round for care for your child – pick up a prospectus while you're there. For those of you who attended when our home was at the Old Control Tower you could pop along and visit our new home! Come along for an enjoyable afternoon – we've booked the weather – it's going to be fantastic!!

Our end of term party will be on Friday July 22nd when we shall have lots of fun and games plus yummy party food to enjoy. We shall also be saying a sad goodbye at the end of term to some of our children as they move on to school and nursery. We wish them, and their families, all the very best for the future. We hope everyone enjoys the summer holiday and look forward to seeing our children – and our new friends who shall be starting – in September.

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 to join our waiting list, 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 from any area. Our children move on to all the primary schools in the area and even further afield. Our sessions are 9am to 12noon, and 12.15 to 3.15pm. Children staying all day are fully cared for from 9am to 3.15pm. We also have a pick-up service from Gorseland school so children can, if spaces allow, have sessions with us and Gorseland nursery. We have a waiting list so would urge parents to get their children registered for future terms as soon as possible.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST.MICHAELS PRE-SCHOOL, MARTLESHAM HEATH

The pre-school are delighted to announce that planning permission has been granted and work has commenced on our new premises at 2 The Square, Martlesham Heath. If anyone is able to offer any help or donations with equipment, tradesmen, fittings – anything at all really, we would be delighted to hear from you!

To help raise funds for the upcoming move, we will be hosting a Pampered Chef Fundraising Party on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm at our new premises, with tickets priced at £3 available from the pre-school. This is a great night out with a theme of 'Pimms & Puds' and plenty of chance to sample the cooking.

As the summer holidays draw closer, we are looking forward to our Graduation Ceremony which will be held on Friday 15th July for our children who will be leaving us to start primary school after the holidays. This ceremony is always a wonderful occasion with very delighted children and extremely proud parents and family.

We will be running our SAPLINGS HOLIDAY CLUB this summer; for full details and bookings, please contact Sarah Tait on 01473 614174.

We welcome children into our pre-school from Martlesham and the surrounding areas, and they then leave us to go onto all the local schools including Birchwood, Gorseland, 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 Sarah Tait on 01473 614174 or email admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk or visit our website at www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO
273769**

**A BOOK, RECORD AND PLANT
SALE**, is being held at
"Jaydene" Main Road
Martlesham on Sunday 24th
July between 12.00noon and
4.0pm

CRAFT FAIR

**MCC are holding their Annual
Craft Fair on the 29th October
2011 in St Michaels Church
Centre** If anyone would like to
book a stall at the Craft Fair
please contact Jackie Bear on
01473-623007 for details etc

BARNABAS PRE-SCHOOL

Barnabas Pre-School was established in 1975 and is ideally situated in the heart of Woodbridge. Up to five morning sessions are offered to children between 2 ½ years old and school entry. Set in at St. John's Old Vicarage, Barnabas offers a home from home atmosphere which is enhanced by the large garden and courtyard area where outdoor learning and play are part of the daily routine.

A maximum of 14 children attend each session which ensures a high adult to child ratio. The setting benefits from a highly qualified staff with each member holding a child care qualification including two qualified nursery teachers and a further staff member who has just completed an Early Years Foundation Degree. All members of staff have children of their own which enables them to combine their professional and personal experience.

As well as going on to attend the schools in Woodbridge such as Queen's House, Kyson, St. Mary's and Woodbridge C.P., children also come to Barnabas from surrounding villages before entering their own local primary schools.

Visitors are always welcome at Barnabas and if you would like to come and meet us or find out more please telephone 01394 386933. Sessions run from 9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and, for children joining the setting before the government grant applies at age three, the cost of each session is £10.

Barnabas is independently owned and managed but enjoys links to St. John's Church through the Little Angels Service for pre-school children which is held twice a term.

MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

are holding a evening of live music on the school field on July 8th 2011 where 'The Outlines' will be playing. Gates open at 6.30pm, music starts at 7.00pm. We invite anyone to come along, bring your own picnics, chairs or blankets. There will also be a raffle, competition and a stall selling pocket money toys for the children.

Tickets can be bought in advance, either at the school or contact 07840 854968. Prices are

Adults £4.00

Children £2.00 (under 3's are free)

or tickets can be bought on the gate at-
Adults £5.00, children £3.00

All money raised is going towards the school.

MARTLESHAM WI

We had just two resolutions to consider at our last meeting. One related to maintaining support for local libraries and the other concerned the practice of factory farming. After much discussion a vote was taken and we are confident that our views will be expressed by our representative at the forthcoming National AGM in Liverpool. We then turned to lighter matters and listened to one of our members talk to us about her recent trip to Tuscany. Along with 32 other members and several of their partners, Pat Jackson joined the WI holiday to Italy visiting the magnificent cities of Florence and Rome with shorter stops in the hilltop towns such as Perugia, Pienza, Assisi, Siena and Orvieto. Pat told us of the wonderful churches, museums, art galleries and other historic sites she saw including the major artworks by artists such as Michelangelo, Leonardo de Vinci and Giotto. She also told us about the super food she was given, not to mention the wine! It was an unforgettable holiday for Pat and it was really lovely that we were able to share her memories of it.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room at 7.30 p.m. on 16th July when Maureen Midwinter will talk to us about wood carving. If you are interested in joining our small friendly group we would be very pleased to see you. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Our May meeting commenced with a discussion about a resolution to be put forward at the National AGM concerning the closure of rural libraries. This was followed by a talk from Eileen Stennett from Lux Farm in Playford. Eileen and her husband raise cattle, sheep, goats and chickens and sell the produce at their farm shop. Meat is either fresh or packaged for the freezer.

Mark Mitchels made a very welcome return to us in June with his excellent talk entitled 'The tales of Beatrix Potter'. We were joined by several members from neighbouring W.I.'s for the meeting.

Eighteen members attended a group meeting at Nacton at the end of June when the speaker was Stuart Gull, Chief Superintendent of Suffolk Police.

Our speaker for July will be Julie Kersey from Age UK.

We meet on the second Monday of the month, at 7.30pm, in the Pavilion and any lady is most welcome to join us.

Mary Bloomfield - telephone 01473 625577

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET.

Customers early arrival at Market will be rewarded with a choice of tasty garden produced vegetables and fruit. Our gardeners use very little, or no pesticides in the growing of these crops, and the real fresh flavours can be enjoyed.

Open air musical evenings and fun days can be complemented if you order one of our prepared food hampers.. A wide range of picnic items can be purchased at market if you are planning your own refreshments.

To see and enjoy our range of goodies why not visit us at Music on the Green July 9th at Martlesham Heath, or pop in to market on a Saturday between 9.30am and 11.30 Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, or on a Tuesday at The Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath 8am to 10.15.

Any further information please telephone Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

MARTLESHAM ART GROUP EXHIBITION

Martlesham Art Group will be holding their annual Summer Exhibition on Saturday 9th July as part of The Music on the Green day. Do spare a little time to come and visit us in the Church Hall Annexe where there will be a variety of paintings to view with differing subject matter and mediums used. All paintings for sale will be available to take away at the time of purchase and will be very keenly priced representing good value for money. If you do not wish to

KESGRAVE SLIMMING WORLD will be holding a Christmas & Craft Fair at Kesgrave Community Centre on Saturday November 5th 2011 from 10am to 4pm, in aid of the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

If anyone would like a 6' table for £10 please contact Gail for more information on 01394 670108 or 07751 383033

purchase we would still be pleased to see anyone who simply wants to browse and admire our handiwork.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Not a very good start to the Summer Season. our last three games, all played away, registered a loss; 9:1 against Tuddenham and 8:2 against Kelsale. During the summer months, however, we do play members who have not previously played competitively, to give them experience for other games. Our next five games will all be played at home, so hopefully we will then make our mark.

Maureen Banthorp.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVATION SOCIETY

Our monthly meeting on Friday 4th June was very well attended to hear a talk given by Ian Heeley. This was scheduled to be a dual presentation but Ian's co-presenter was unable to be there.

The talk was entitled "The History of Felixtowe Docks" and Ian went through the history from 1875 until the present day. In 1875 the railway link from Felixtowe to Westerfield was opened and the "Felixtowe Dock and Railway Co" was formed by Colonel Tomlinson. The docks were commandeered by the War Ministry during the Great War and tragically two RAF Hampden bombers were brought down during the second World War by barrage balloon defences. One of the Hampden's hit Marriages Mill and a worker there was killed as well as the crew of the aircraft.

To avoid Death Duties the land was bequeathed to Trinity College Cambridge in the 30's. This was a total of 950 acres. The enormously successful present day container port is built on this land and is still being expanded. 4.5 million containers now pass through the port every year.

A vote of thanks was given by our President, Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting promises to be another popular topic. The title is "The Berlin Airlift 1948-49" and it will be told by Mr Jim Betteridge who lives locally and was

a pilot on that historic siege breaking mission. Jim, with many others, flew over 200 round trips to bring relief to starving Berliners, besieged by the Soviet Union.

The date of our next meeting will be on Friday, 2nd July at the Community Hall Felixtowe Road. 7.30pm to 10pm, with a coffee break. Always the first Friday of the month and always at the Community Hall.

Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Don't forget, our museum is open every Sunday from 2pm to 5pm until the end of October.

Alan Powell, 01473 622458.

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

A newcomer's perspective

I had seen the Speak Easy articles in local magazines and always thought it sounded an interesting club to be involved in but that was as far as it went. Then, by chance, a friend suggested we join. She needed to develop her presentation skills for work and I thought I would go along to support her.

Well, I've been a member now for about 6 months. During this time, I have completed 2 speeches from my competent communicator's manual,

hosted a Table topics event and evaluated a peer's speech. Attending the meetings and taking part have taught me so much, it is a great environment to nurture and improve your skills, as everyone is really encouraging and supportive.

I still get nervous when I'm chosen to do a speech, but with the personal feedback I receive and by observing other members, I am learning skills to combat that.

If, like me, you have seen the past articles and felt speak Easy sounded interesting, but you haven't done anything more about it, then come along. Not only can you improve your communication and leadership skills, but it's also good fun, as humour plays a big part of Speak Easy, and it's good value!

Guests are always welcome to come along to our meetings. We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind the Tesco superstore). Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish At 9.30pm We look forward to seeing you.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham 2011 meetings:

July 7th

July 21st

August 4th

August 18th

September 1st

Further details can be found at www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk

Or call Dave Nightingale Tel. 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473 625196

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

A black squirrel has been seen in the wood recently. Please keep an eye out for him and let the group know of any other unusual sightings.

Nature Explorers worked very hard in May when they started to make an access path to the southern revetment. They cleared away the undergrowth then transported logs from the new hazel area to reinforce the path. This involved at least four youngsters at a time pushing and pulling a large cart - a real team effort - they could be heard laughing through the woods.

This month there are opportunities for all youngsters and their parents to be involved in the activities in the woods. For 5 to 11 year olds there is the Nature Watch Club and more hands on work for the 10+ age group Nature Explorers.

Bookings and enquiries for these can be made by sending an email to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning
Saturday 16th July 10:00am-Noon

Village Views

98th Birthday

One of our local residents, Bill Bell of Bader Court, recently reached the great age of 98. Mr Bell is well known in our community as the President of Martlesham Brass and has played the cornet for over 8 decades, when he learned it as a young child. He is such an inspirational gentleman, with his joy of life and his courtly manners. Let's wish him a very happy 98th, and many more to come.

Susan Fairhurst
Waldringfield Heath

New Planning Application

Many people by now will know of the planning application to build two new blocks of flats on the open space at the entrance of Farriers Close. At the time of writing, over 60 people have written to SCDC planning office to express their views.

Martlesham Heath was built as a planned village to a design Masterplan, carefully thought out by The Cupin Partnership and carried out by Bradford Property Trust (you can read more about this on the MHHL's website). It was an important departure

from post-war uniform estates. The open spaces between the Hamlets are fundamental to it's design, along with smaller gaps within the hamlets. The houses are varied and on various sized and shaped plots. The development of the master plan was completed in the 1990s and this was stated in the SCDC's local plan. To begin opportunistic infilling would be disastrous to the future of the village as such spaces abound!

The application number is C/11/1153 and its progress can be followed on the council website planning pages (www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

Many thanks to the people who have supported us so far.

Janet Thornhill
Farriers Close

Noise levels

I have never felt strongly enough to write to the Martlesham Monthly but felt I wanted to put pen to paper when I read 'Disgruntled's' letter in the June 2011 publication. This persons says they are the 'victim'(!) of grandparents 'sharing' their grandchildren, they are unable to use their

garden or read outside and that the grandchildren should use the open spaces on the Heath rather than play in the garden.

My 2 young girls love bouncing on their trampoline in the garden and but also love playing on the green and biking around the Heath. They also adore seeing their grandparents who look after them from time to time. My children's grandparents do different activities with them, arts and crafts, going for walks, messing around in the garden... Who are we to tell people what they should and shouldn't do with their grandchildren when they visit? I think it should be encouraged to spend time with your extended family and surely it's better to be playing outside than sitting in front of the TV or on computer games all day. I love hearing children playing outside and I don't very often hear it So I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all you grandparents who help look after your grandchildren xxx

Mrs Astonished

The editorial committee have really enjoyed these letters! In the future, however, letters can be printed only if a name and address is supplied—Ed.

Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Nature Watch Club
Saturday 23rd July 10:00am-Noon
Nature Explorers
Saturday 16th July 9:00-11:00am.

For details of the above and for more information about PWCG and its activities, please access our website at www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup. If you have any questions please email us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The adult Silver Studded Blue butterflies emerged at the start of June on our heathland, their earliest recorded emergence., and fortunately the main sites have survived the ravages of the recent fires. Other sites in Suffolk were a few days earlier. This butterfly is very characteristic of heathland relying on heather as the larval food plant and having a complex relationships involving ants, which nurture the larva and pupa, with the adults emerging from ant colonies. We would also expect to see a whole range of butterflies through the summer including the Large, Small and Essex Skippers, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Ringlet, and Small Heath that rely on various grasses that grow on the heath.

The numbers of adult silver Studded Blues will have been counted towards the end of June. We hope to report the results in future articles.

The fires have burnt out a significant area of vegetation on the site of special scientific interest, both gorse, and a large area of heather. Thanks to the efforts of the multitude of fire crews the fires were eventually stopped. The effect on our local wildlife is difficult to estimate but several species of birds are now notable by their absence, and it was particularly depressing to find dead animals that had been unable to escape the blaze. We all need to continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Bracken has taken over on parts of the heath and has a detrimental effect both by shading out and also by dropping its fronds to form a mulch smothering lower growing plants including heather and acid grassland. Future work will attempt to check the growth of bracken and encourage more heather to flourish. At

our last work party on the western corridor heath site of special scientific interest on Sunday 12th June we tackled some of the bracken. More work is expected on bracken clearing both by the group and contractors employed by MHL.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

We have a couple of events coming up this month.

On Friday 1st July we have an evening walk looking for Nightjars and Glow worms across Blaxhall heath. Admissions free - Donations welcome. The Nightjar is a classic bird of heathland emerging at dusk to feed on flying insects, whilst the spectacle of an insect that generates its own light show is truly amazing. Meet and park in the reserve car park at OS grid reference TM382565 at 9-30pm.

On Saturday 16th July we have a visit to Redgrave and Lopham Fen (OS grid reference TM 052801) in search of Dragonflies from 2pm to 5pm approx. Redgrave and Lopham Fen is the largest remaining valley fen in England and the source of the river Waveney. The reserve includes a mixture of habitats fen, wet heathland, open water scrub and woodland.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Summer Garden Competitions 2011

The closing date for the above has been extended to Monday 18th July 2011 because of the very dry weather.

Entry is free and the competitions will be judged by Martlesham in Bloom committee members by early August.

If you would like to take part or know somebody who would, please contact the Secretary below for further details and an entry form.

Hanging Baskets in the Square and Planted Containers

We have arranged to have floral hanging baskets in The Square for the summer and several containers of summer bedding plants at other locations in Martlesham. They make very colourful displays that are enjoyed by many people and every year the Anglia in Bloom judges have been impressed by the display. We are very grateful to the following who have sponsored the baskets and containers and those who help to look after them:-

Fraser-Hann Financial Services Ltd
Martlesham Heath Dental Practice
Dummett Copp LLP

Speak Easy at Martlesham
Grainger Residential Management Ltd
Martlesham Community Council
Duncan's Butchers and Bakery
Martlesham Heath Surgery
Martlesham Monthly
Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd
Barker Gotelee
The Douglas Bader
S & I Beauty and Tanning
Martlesham Parish Council
Admirals Fish and Chips Ltd
Martlesham Pharmacy
Post Office Stores, Black Tiles Lane
HPE Music
Martlesham & District Flower Club
Martlesham Heath Aviation Society
Martlesham Community Hall
Management Committee
Barton Property Consultants
Anglia in Bloom Competition 2011
The Anglia in Bloom judges will be visiting Martlesham in the morning of Wednesday 13th July. We will be showing them many parts of the parish including Felixstowe Road, the Industrial Area, Eagle Way, York Road, The Green, The Square, Birchwood School, the Western Corridor, Main Road and several other parts of Martlesham en route.

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

ALL ABOUT MALGA

So, what's MALGA? It's the Martlesham Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association. The leisure gardener bit is probably something for the longer-term though. MALGA's main aim at the moment – and indeed the reason it was set up originally – is to find suitable land and help develop allotments for those living in Martlesham village and Martlesham Heath.

Local authorities – in our case Martlesham Parish Council – have a legal duty to provide allotments where there's a demand for them. MALGA has been lobbying and working with the Parish council for a while now, to locate suitable land. A potential site was identified last year, just to the south of BT Adastral Park. It does contain a soakaway for the main road though. The Highways Agency are still part way through a lengthy process of cleaning and inspecting the soakaway, before final approval can be given to use the

land. Nevertheless MALGA are very hopeful the first allotments in Martlesham will be a reality soon. We have a stand at the Music On The Green day (Saturday 9 July) and we would be very pleased to see you, to chat about allotments and gardening in general.

If you'd like to get in touch or are interested in joining MALGA please, either send an email to malga@btinternet.com or call me on 01473 622721.

Ian Read
MALGA

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our demonstrator Mrs Lyn Curtis, now a professional bespoke florist, had at one time four Florist shops in the Bury St Edmunds area. Her subject was "Fun Flowers the Florist's way". The first design was 'a face' made with one hosta leaf, two crespedia and one anthurium. The next a tied bunch of several 5-headed lilies with palm leaves and dracaena leaves. An arrangement of eleven red gerberas all placed at different levels with five fatsia leaves at the base with red wire wound around made a pleasing design. A wedding arrangement in a tall vase so that guests could see underneath was made of leather leaf, eucalyptus, pink roses a dendrobium orchid and a huge pink hydrangea head cut into small pieces. The next a long low textured continental design using dracaena leaves cut into several pieces plaited china grass, liatris orchids and mauve statice. Then followed an arrangement in a square pot. Another in a 'grave' pot and finally another smiley face in a tall black container. A fascinating afternoon with lots of new ideas and tips.

The competition was won by Mrs Ann Chisem and the novice cup by a new member Mrs Joyce Leck.

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 remains at £12.50p with visitors welcome at £2.50p per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

The next meeting will be on the 20th July with a demonstration by Mrs Linda Harman entitled "Summer Splendour". The competition is "A basket of flowers".

Margaret Doveston 01473 624422.

KESGRAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Kesgrave Children's Centre may be in Kesgrave, however it is open to all families living in a wide area, reaching to Martlesham and parts of Rushmere. Parents to be, grandparents, dads, mums and carers are welcome, for all children 0 - 5 years. We have a wide range of practical help and support on offer. Please see our programme or call the centre for more details.

Support can be offered from helping you understand your child protection/child in need plan to getting some timely support for breastfeeding. If you are looking after a child under 5 years and need some support please call us.

Our new timetable is up and running Bumps and Babies, now on a Tuesday afternoon in The Tower Hall at Rushmere, opens from 1.30pm - 3pm We are meeting and supporting many new mums and their babies as well as some parents to be too. We look forward to welcoming you.

Baby Rhyme Time and Tambourine Tots on Wednesdays in Martlesham Heath Pavilion are once again proving to be very popular. These are music sessions open to all. Come and spend some time learning new songs and engaging with your child, supporting his language development and socialization skills.

Please pick up one of our programmes for more information on our services, both universal and tailored to your needs.

We are planning training courses for parents, carers and grandparents, covering subjects such as Home Safety and First Aid, Living with Babies and Living with Children. We will also be running three 'managing behaviour/building self esteem' seminars in September in partnership with one of our local schools. Please call the centre for more details.

Our special summer timetable will be available soon, so please make sure you pick one up so that your family can join in the fun. We have a few special events planned such as a Magic Afternoon, Mini Monsters, a Character Tea Party, these are all special ticketed events.

We are open Monday to Friday so feel free to give us a call or just come in and visit us, our friendly staff are always happy to listen or help.

Kesgrave Children's Centre (CC) contact number is: 01473 636726.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE ORWELL SINGERS - A MUSICAL COCKTAIL

The Orwell Singers will be singing music from Les Miserables, folk songs from around the world and light music, with strawberries and cream in the interval, at their concert on Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm at St Michael and All Angel's Martlesham Heath. Tickets will be available at the door, £6.00 for adults and 50p for accompanied children. For more information please phone 01473 635955.

Black Tiles Lane

"Programmed for the Spiritual ?"

An article in the "Times" a few days ago, reported that a group of Oxford academics have discovered that there is a widespread tendency in human beings to believe in a 'spiritual' dimension ("God", if you like!). The research was carried out internationally, over 3 years and included people of many faiths as well as those with no faith. The tendency is also present in very young children.

Christians are not surprised at this outcome. They have preached for years, that everyone has a 'God-shaped' void within them, that He alone can fill. The book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, puts it this way - "God has set 'eternity' in the hearts of men (Or a desire for the infinite).

The scientists say that their research does not prove the existence of God (The loud voice of creation does that!), - But it does show the deep need of mankind for something more than material things, to satisfy the heart.

David, in Psalm 42 writes - "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God! - My soul thirsts for God, the Living God - When can I go and meet with Him?". He was reaching out to that experience, which alone can satisfy the inner longings of our hearts.

Activities in July

SUNDAYS Worship and Communion

TUESDAY CIRCLE July 12th (From the seat of a tractor!) (By Karen Jack)

WEDNESDAYS House Group - 7.30p.m.

THURSDAYS Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAYS Friends on Friday - 10.00am

For further information ring John Mellen - 01473 624401

MOTHERS' UNION

Reg Bailey, chief executive of the Mothers' Union has been very busy during the past few weeks conducting an

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St John's	Martlesham St Mary's	Martlesham Heath St Michael's
Sunday 3rd July St Thomas's Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45 am All Age Worship 6.30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 10th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity	6.30 pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.45 am Combined Service on the Green
Sunday 17th July 4th Sunday after Trinity	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9.45am Worship and Junior Church
Sunday 24th July 5th Sunday after Trinity	6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 31st July 6th Sunday after Trinity	6.30pm Evening Service		9.45am Benefice Service (Holy Communion)
Sunday 7th August 7th Sunday after Trinity	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship
MIDWEEK SERVICES	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's Bright Stars meet on Monday, 11 th July at 10.30 am in St. Michael's A warm welcome awaits you at all our services		

PRAYER DIARY JULY 2011

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

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| 5 | For the Mums' Club picnic on the Green | | bereavement |
| 6 | For the Parish Council Meeting | 23 | That teachers and children may find refreshment in the summer holidays |
| 7 | For all those living in Digby Close | | |
| 8 | That we may care for our open spaces | 24 | That we may be faithful as we seek to follow Jesus |
| 9 | For Music on the Green | 25 | St James: give thanks for the martyrs of the Christian Faith |
| 10 | Give thanks that we can worship together in freedom | 26 | For grandparents, as we celebrate the parents of Jesus' mother |
| 11 | For Bright Stars | 27 | For all those living in Farriers Close |
| 12 | For School Governors | 28 | For those who are housebound because of ill-health |
| 13 | For all who come to the Lunch Club | 29 | For our Community Police Officers |
| 14 | For all those living in Dukes Meadow | 30 | For those who suffer the indignity of slavery |
| 15 | For refugees and asylum seekers living locally | | |
| 16 | For all being married in Martlesham this year | | |
| 17 | Give thanks for church members working with children and young people | 31 | That we may share our blessings with others |
| 18 | For people of other faiths living among us | AUGUST | |
| 19 | For those still suffering from the effects of earthquakes | 1 | For farmers throughout the world |
| 20 | For all those living in Dukes Park | 2 | For young people awaiting exam results |
| 21 | For Mothers' Union members in Kenya, Australia and the Windward Islands | 3 | For all those living in Felixstowe Road |
| 22 | St Mary Magdalene: for those who feel the pain of | 4 | For peace in the troubled areas of our world |