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Martlesham Monthly Editors

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY MAMMALS

May:- Bank vole (*Ciethrionomys glareolus*). The bank vole is found in hedgerows and woodlands, a small creature with a chestnut brown fur on its back and a greyish underside. They can have 3-4 litters a year of 3-7 young and they build nests from grasses, leaves and bark, sometimes above ground, at the base of trees or in small tunnels.

The Portal Woodlands Conservation Group Nature Watch and Explorer groups have caught a number of them over the years.

POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office—01473 334980

E-mail—richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 7 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield,

Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk), or see our web pages on www.martlesham.org.uk

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

**THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER?
ARE YOU READY? DO YOU
NEED ADVICE?**

If you need to talk to a consultant about the cable disconnection here on Martlesham Heath and about the Digital Switchover, come along for FREE advice and help.

ALSO IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS A PROBLEM OR ANY OTHER TOPIC, PLEASE COME TO THE PAVILION, THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY THERE WHO CAN HELP YOU

IT IS ALL FREE

10 am – 12 noon

**on Saturday 11th June
MARTLESHAM HEATH
PAVILION**

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

There will be a representative from

- The Parish Council,
- Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd
- The Suffolk Constabulary
- District Councillors
- County Councillor
- **FREE ADVICE FROM A SOLICITOR**
- **FREE ADVICE FOR THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER**

So no matter what your problem or your concern is, there will be somebody who can help you on the day.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Following our uncontested elections 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 may be still time! Please contact the Clerk for further details (N.B. it is likely that 2 meetings of

the full Council will have taken place by the time you read this so the vacancy may have been filled but we would still be interested to hear from prospective candidates).

Martlesham Play Areas

By the time this is read our new Centenary Playspace will be open and hopefully enjoyed in the school half-term holiday! The arch climbing frame in the old play area was removed and stored by our land maintenance contractor but is now being given a new lease of life, and new coat of paint, at the Jubilee Playspace, off Carol Avenue. At the same time the benches will be refurbished.

Working Party at Jubilee Playspace, off Carol Avenue, Martlesham – Saturday 4th June

Volunteers will be warmly welcomed to help with the continued tidying up of the Jubilee Playspace on 4th June. Tools will be provided. Please meet at 10 am at the playspace.

Meeting with Tesco representatives

In March two of our councillors met with Tesco representatives to address issues that have been ongoing for some time such as litter, abandoned trolleys, illegal advertising around the Tesco site, lorry parking, particularly in Felixstowe Road, community support, contradictory planning applications and non-adherence to planning conditions. Tesco agreed to take action on a number of issues and advised us of what they are already doing. The Council will continue to liaise with Tesco and hopes to see improvements in issues that concern the parish.

Please report any abandoned Tesco trolleys to their helpline number: 0800 505555.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – 1st June

*Development Plans Committee – 8th June

*Parish Council – 6th July

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 for latest news and events

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

MARTLESHAM/KESGRAVE BMX TRACK

Public Consultation Evening, Monday 6th June, at Martlesham Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB, 7 to 9 pm.

For the past 12 months a working group from Martlesham Parish Council, supported by the Police, Kesgrave Town Council, the Youth Service and members of the public, has responded to the identified need for a sporting activity for young people in the area. This proposal originated from a meeting of the '12 Parishes Together' in 2010. The young people themselves wanted a series of BMX tracks, centrally situated, properly designed and monitored, for regular use by teenagers in Martlesham and Kesgrave.

The research into possible sites is now complete and funding to support this development has been acquired. The group will be mounting an exhibition on 6th June and all members of the public, young and old, are invited to come along to see what is being proposed, talk to group members and take the opportunity to make any individual written or oral comments for us to consider.

This is a much-needed facility and we hope that as many as possible will take the opportunity to support the project.

Tony Green, Chair of the BMX Project Group

For further information please contact:

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB

Tel: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

SWITCHOVER IS COMING AND HELP IS AT HAND

TV is switching to digital all over the UK and soon the traditional TV signal will be switched off in your area. If you don't have digital TV by the time of switchover, you will lose your TV channels.

Most people will find the switchover process easy, but for some the idea of switchover can seem a little daunting. There's no need to worry as help is at hand.

For older and disabled viewers who may find making the switch difficult, the BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme is at hand to provide everything you need to turn one TV set to digital.

Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the standard option of help. This includes:

- easy to use equipment to convert one set
- an approved installer to supply and install the necessary equipment, and
- a 12 month aftercare service including a free helpline

The service is also free for people who are eligible and who also receive pension credit income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance or income-related employment and support allowance.

We can help you convert your TV to digital if you:

- are aged 75 or over, or
- have lived in a care home for six months or more, or
- get (or could get)
 - * Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or
 - * Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or
 - * Mobility Supplement,
- or
- are registered blind or partially sighted

If you are eligible, the Help Scheme will write to you directly and in plenty of time to ask if you want our help. For further information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit helpscheme.co.uk or call 0800 40 85 900. Textphone users can call 0800 40 85 936.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

From Leo Brome, the Independent Candidate. Thanks to all of you who

voted on 5th May in the District Council Election. I believe the turn out was 49% which is very good. Particular thanks go to those of you who gave me your support. I came 4th out of 8 and although not elected this was an encouraging result for a first attempt and as an Independent. Your existing District Councillors John Kelso and Chris Blundell have been re-elected. Please contact either or both of them if you have any District Council issues.

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The results of the Suffolk Coastal Election for the Martlesham Ward held on 5th May were alphabetically as follows:

Chris Blundell (Conservative) **960**

Leo Brome (Independent) **340**

Paul Callaghan (Conservative) **484**

John Forbes (Green Party) **181**

David Keble (Green Party) **193**

John Kelso (Liberal Democrat) **1110**

Adam Leader (Labour) **264**

Howard Needham (Labour) **225**

Chris Blundell and myself were re-elected to serve as your District Councillors.

May I take this opportunity to thank the residents of Martlesham for their support during the campaign and on the election day. I feel very honoured to have the opportunity to once again serve Martlesham as your District Councillor for the next four years and I am looking forward to continued work with Chris Blundell to achieve the best possible outcomes and conditions for all of the residents of Martlesham. There is still much to do regarding the Local Development Framework (LDF), the BT planning application and the Bloor Homes Planning application at Pipe's field and Mill Farm. I will of course keep residents updated of any progress in these matters.

If I can be of any assistance please contact me at 01473 631682 or via e-mail at

john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.
John Kelso, District Councillor,
Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

The Election Results for Martlesham. I feel honoured to have been re-elected by you to serve for another term as your district councillor and I would like to thank all who voted for me. I will do my best to serve and represent the whole of Martlesham as well as I am able. Please see John Kelso's report for the actual results of the election.

What Next? There is still the unfinished business of the LDF and further new tasks that await us in the form an Area Action Plan (AAP) for Martlesham and also the effects of the new Localism Bill which is likely to become law at about the start of 2012. I will continue to resist the damaging effects of the proposed excessive housing development to the south of Adastral Park and also keep an eye on the Bloor Homes planning application for Mr Pipe's field. Both of these planning applications are now likely to come before the Development Control Committee in the not too distant future. Suffolk Coastal DC will continue to work closely with Waveney DC with the objective of continuing to significantly reduce costs for both districts so that if we suffer a further reduction in government grants for 2012/2013 then we will be better placed to absorb them.

I will also continue to make myself available on the first Monday of the month for consultation at St Michael's between 10 am and 12 noon. Also I can be contacted by phone on 01473 613360/622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

We would like to announce that space has recently become available for regular bookings in the Martlesham Community Hall on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday morning and afternoons. We have a special rate for regular hirers and

anyone interested should contact the Booking Secretary (details below) as soon as possible.

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

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Registered charity no. 273769
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who organised/sponsored and donated towards the above event, especially **BARKER GOTELEE** who sponsored the tournament, **ALY and TERESA ANDREWS** for organising the tournament, **KEITH and WENDY JACKSON PALMER** who donated the major prize for the Grand Draw.

Our thanks for donations go to Newmarket Racecourse, Stonham Barns, Orwell River Cruises, Wyevale, Douglas Bader, Deben Inns, Grange Farm Shop, Duke of York, The Sutton Plough, Duncan's and Black Tiles Public House.

We made the magnificent sum of £1137 which will be split between MCC and The East Anglian Air Ambulance.

MCC will be presenting the Cheque to the Air Ambulance representative at the Annual General Meeting on June 13th at 7 pm in the Parish Rooms, Felixstowe Road. There will be a short talk about the Air Ambulance service, and everyone is invited to come.

JUMBLE SALE

Our next jumble sale is on June 18th, 10 am – 12 noon, in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, admission 30p.

BOOK SALE

A book sale is being held at "Jaydene", Main Road, Martlesham

on Sunday 24th July between 12 noon and 4 pm.

CRAFT FAIR

If anyone would like to book a stall at the Craft Fair on the 29th October in St Michael's Church, please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007 for details, etc.

MCC SCRIBE

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LIMITED

New trees have been planted in Lark Rise, Avocet and Lancaster. Also, we have had to remove trees in Lark Rise and Carlford. With the Council's permission we hope to plant new trees, in the autumn, along Eagle Way and, as old trees come down, to replace with more suitable specimens. We have asked the tree surgeon to water the new trees but I know one resident has already been out and watered one tree in Lancaster, for which we are grateful as there has been such an unusual lack of rain.

In the woods some trees have been pruned to improve their shape and some smaller saplings, that were growing too near the specimen trees, have been removed to allow more light and water to get to the trees. Logs placed under the trees, if left in place, form habitat for insects and small mammals.

Please be alert to youngsters (or others) starting fires. There has been a fire near Gorseland already and we have been lucky so far not to have one in the woods. Unfortunately, the fire brigade has confirmed that the majority of the fires have been started deliberately.

If you like living in this lovely environment perhaps you could consider giving some time to join us on the Board of MHHL. We desperately need new directors – young or old, we're not fussy. You don't need any special skills, just ability to get involved and give a bit of time every month. Contact us on 01473 612207, by post at PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB or via e-mail at mhh@martlesham.org.uk. You can attend the next Board Meeting on Monday 20th June at 19:30 in St Michael's Church Centre.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

"That's Entertainment" was the title of the demonstration for our April meeting by Mrs Jacquie Aldous from Dereham. Members and visitors enjoyed a very entertaining afternoon when we were taken on a trip down theatre lane, as well as appreciating six large stunning arrangements. Taking some unusual containers, Mrs Aldous used garden flowers as well the more exotic florist flowers, including lots of different foliage from her own garden. The colours ranged from bright orange, yellow and red tulips, sunflowers and chrysanthemums to delicate pink and white roses, carnations, alstromeras, foxtail lilies and orchids.

The competition was won by Ann Fraser with Norma Jessup winning the novice class.

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30 pm. The annual subscription 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 15th June with a demonstration by Mrs Lyn Tinkler entitled "Flowers for the home". The competition is "Welcome flowers for a guest". All are most welcome.

Margaret Doveston - 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Ipswich has a rich heritage from its Anglo Saxon origins through a prosperous medieval age, an industrial 19th century to today's revival of the historic waterfront. What better way to hear all about it than from an 'armchair walk' with an Ipswich Tourist Guide Ann Day was our speaker and starting at the Tourist Information Centre at St. Stephen's Church she took us through the heart of Ipswich using conversation and slides. Forty-two pieces of sculpture around the town, stone and ironwork at the Old Cattle Market, the Coat of Arms of Charles II at the Ancient House and the columns of Cranfields Mill are just a few of the

many historic features Ann talked about. Apparently there are twelve medieval churches in Ipswich. Six are still used as religious establishments and six have been put to other uses. Of course we all know the Giles Circus statue, the Willis Faber building, the Unitarian church, the Town Hall and many other Ipswich landmarks but we didn't realise that most of them hold a fascinating story. Fortunately for us Ann knew all about them and with her amusing presentation we could have listened to her for hours.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room at 7:30 pm on 17th June when Andrea Keyland will talk to us about birds of prey. 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.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We meet at the Richards Rooms fortnightly on Thursdays 7:30 pm. In May Colin French informed us of the work of Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service and Pip Wright entertained us on Suffolk Witches on the 19th. June 2nd has Gerry Baxter telling us of the Pearly Kings and Queens and our AGM on the 16th June rounds off our year. We will start again on Thursday 8th September with songs from around the British Isles and on the 22nd we have a talk on what makes our brains tick. Wouldn't we all like to know? New members are always welcome. Please phone Doreen Boar for further information on 01473 622768.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

For many years now the Mothers' Union has helped deserving families to have a much needed holiday, as you may imagine the need for these breaks is greater than ever, with the cost of living going up and income not keeping pace. We have named this project AFIA, which stands for "Away From It All". It is run by a volunteer who has families recommended to her by doctors, health visitors or clergy. She then

has to look into the needs of the family and see if they meet the criteria. Sometimes a family just needs transport, or pocket money, but whatever their need we try to accommodate them. Most holidays organised by our volunteer are spent near the coast in North Suffolk or Norfolk. Because of the great demands our fund is running very low, so we have decided to have a Beetle Drive at St Michael's Church Centre on Friday 24th June at 2:30 pm. The entrance is £3 which includes a cream tea.

If you or your friends would like to support this event, you would be most welcome. It will certainly be a fun afternoon.

Our regular meetings are held at St Michael's Church Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm.

For more details about the Beetle Drive or any of our meetings, please telephone Florence Fisher on 01473 631347.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our sponsored Woodland Walk has been a brilliant success with over £720 raised at the last count! Thank you to everyone for raising so much money. This will enable us to finish off our outside area with new equipment and toys.

Plans for this year's Fun Day, which takes place on Saturday July 2nd, are well under way. Our fun day 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 4 pm. Come along for the BBQ and join in the fun and games.

We have organised a trip to Jimmy's Farm in July for our children and parents. There'll be the fun of a coach ride there and back, as well as enjoying everything that Jimmy's Farm has to offer.

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 chil-

dren 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 9 am to 12 noon, and 12:15 to 3:15 pm. Children staying all day are fully cared for from 9 am to 3:15 pm. 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

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Birchwood School's annual Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 2nd July from 12 - 3 pm and all are welcome to come along and enjoy the day. There will be stalls, amusements, entertainment, a bouncy castle, live music and a raffle. We will also be having a second-hand book stall, so if you have any books you wish to donate we would be very grateful if you could drop in to the school office.

We are also looking for any talented face painters, balloon modellers, etc., to make the day extra special and also volunteers to help us run the event. If you can help in any way, please call Jo Hillier on 07879 224488.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

We will be making a splash at the next meeting of the Mums' Club when Kim Bennett of Water Babies East Anglia will tell us about swimming classes for babies and young children. The meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 7th June from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch (served around 1 pm).

We are hoping for good weather for our bring and share 'Picnic on the Green' which will be held on Tuesday 5th July. Just bring along a small quantity of food to share and maybe a blanket to sit on. (Don't forget sun-hats and sun-

screen if it is hot. We will stay in the Church Centre if wet or cold.)

The Mums' Club is a group of mums who, with their small children, meet together once a month to share lunch, friendship and a social time together. For more details please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

KESGRAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We have a brand new timetable with something we hope that will interest everyone with a young family.

Mondays: Monthly Clothes Swap Shop - have your babies/children grown out of their clothes? You can bring an item to swap an item, or make a small donation. First date is 16th May.

Tuesdays: Bumps and Babies - a group for parents and parents-to-be to meet, make friends and share experiences. It is at a new time, in the afternoon at The Tower Hall, Kesgrave.

Wednesdays: Our very popular Baby Rhyme Time (0 - 18 months) and Tambourine Tots, formally Monkey Music, (18 months - 5 years) are back during term time at Martlesham Heath Pavilion.

Thursdays: Our staff attend Tot Rock and Baby Bounce at Kesgrave Library. Bosom Buddies, our support group for breastfeeding mums, is now on every Thursday afternoon at Kesgrave Children's Centre. We also have Movement Matters for children aged 12 - 36 months fortnightly at The Scout Hall Kesgrave.

Fridays: Tea, Toast and Toys - come and have a chat while your children have a healthy breakfast and play with the toys. This is held at The Kesgrave Community Centre.

We have two Infant Massage courses, one in Kesgrave and one in Martlesham, and we will be offering a First Aid and Home Safety course, a Living with Babies course and a Living with Children course - please drop in or call us to book. We are open every day Monday to Friday so come and visit us, pick up a timetable, chat to our staff - we are always happy to listen and help.

Kesgrave Children's Centre

tel. no. is 01473 636726. Also in the area: Caterpillar (Woodbridge) 01394 388276 and Rendlesham 01394 462191.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

The society held its 30th anniversary AGM on Friday 6th May. Our chairman was once again able to report that we have had another successful year. We now have all but one room in the Control Tower and some of our members are busily converting the ground floor to increase the size of the museum. The extra room is also welcome because we have so many parties of school-children visit us because wartime history is an important part of their curriculum. We regard this as most important. Namely, in the words of our constitution, "the advancement for the public benefit by the provision of a museum and providing a learning environment and associated activities."

On April 17th the Douglas Bader pub once again hosted one of their popular quiz evenings. This time Martlesham Heath Aviation Society was featured as the charity to benefit from their generosity, raising £483. We must say how grateful we are to the owner and the manager and staff.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday June 3rd in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and is entitled, "From Crowfield to Cape Town in Fourteen Days". It is the extraordinary story of how Tony Smyth and John Lusher built a 'plane in a garden shed and flew it all the way to Cape Town'. Quite an achievement and Tony Smyth's talk promises to be fascinating.

All meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Don't forget folks, our Control Tower Museum (off Parkers Place) is open on Sunday afternoons from 2 pm to 4:30 pm.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham Historical Society will be Monday

20th June and the occasion is our AGM, followed by the very popular Pip Wright who will be talking to us about The Plague in 17th Century Suffolk.

The AGM will commence at 7:30 pm, followed by our speaker at 8 pm. Meetings as always are held in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath and the entrance fee is £2. We look forward to seeing you for a very informative evening. For further information please contact Dora Kneebone on 01473 623380.

MARTLESHAM HEATH COUNTRY MARKET

What fruit best announces the arrival of warm sunshine filled days and balmy evenings? Strawberries. To herald the thoughts and hopes of such days your local Country Market is holding a Strawberry Day on Saturday June 25th during the usual opening time of 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Kesgrave Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave. Our cooks will prepare a variety of recipes, which will of course include strawberries. Our jam makers are on tenterhooks hoping the weather will provide a bumper crop for jam making. The gardeners will provide fresh fruit to buy, or enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee, and the traditional scone, jam, cream, topped with a strawberry which we invite you to enjoy whilst considering if our ladies have met the challenge of producing a strawberry themed item of craft. Please come and visit us to enjoy what we have achieved, and if you are unable to visit on the Saturday we shall be at The Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 28th June between 9 am and 10:15 am.

Home-cooked, home-grown and hand-crafted items can be found at both our markets, which are held at Kesgrave on a Saturday, and Martlesham Heath on a Tuesday at the venues mentioned above.

Any information required, please contact Margaret Gayfer on 01473 623849.

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Glow Worm Survey and Bat Walk - Friday 24th June, meet by Martlesham Control Tower at 9 pm to start walk at 9:15 pm. Bring a torch and warm clothes. Subject to weather, so check website for up to date details. Come along and find out if numbers of glow worms have been affected by building works and light pollution. Please book a place by sending an email to pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

Come and see us at the Gorseland Primary School's Summer Fun Day on Saturday 18th June, and Birchwood Primary School's Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd July. For 5 to 11 year olds there is the Nature Watch Club this month. Bookings and enquiries for this month can be made by sending an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

Other dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Sunday 19th June, 10 am - 12 noon. Meet at the Education Area, at the Control Tower end of the woods

Nature Watch Club Saturday 11th June, 9 am - 11 am. Subject: Moths

For details of the above and 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.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

As we move through June we should see the emergence of the adult Silver Studded Blue butterflies on our heathland. This butterfly is very characteristic of heathland relying on heather as the larval food plant and having a complex relationship involving ants, which nurture the larva and pupa, with the adults emerging from ant colonies. We would expect to see the adult butterflies emerge some time towards the middle of the month.

We will aim to count the numbers of adult Silver Studded Blues towards the end of June possi-

bly on a Saturday or Sunday if the weather is suitable. Please contact me directly if you are interested in helping with the count on the site of special scientific interest.

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.

Our next work party will be on the western corridor heath site of special scientific interest on Sunday 12th June where we tackle some of the bracken. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or join us on the heath.

Please look out for wildlife and let us know if you see something interesting.

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

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

On Saturday 18th June we explore the flora on of one our local reserves at Hutchison's meadow, Melton. This flower rich grassland, with spring fed wet areas and drier grassland associated with sands and gravels, has an interesting range of flora including southern marsh orchid and is located in the heart of Melton. Meet at 2:30 pm at OS grid reference TM279501 and park in Melton or contact me directly for further details. Admission free - donations welcome.

A couple of weeks later 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 9:30 pm.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

Do you go to meetings?

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club meets on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham. Affiliated to Toastmasters International, it provides members with the opportunity to practice speaking in front of an audience plus be involved in running meetings. Most of us are involved in meetings at some point in our lives whether at work, clubs, charities, schools, etc. Whether these meetings achieve their aims, run smoothly and on time depends on how they are run – having the opportunity to take on roles at a speakers club meeting such as Speak Easy can give valuable experience and confidence in learning how to run and be involved in successful meetings.

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) and meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings:

June 9th and 23rd

July 7th and 21st

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

VILLAGE VIEWS

The chance for you to write in and have your say...

NOISE LEVELS

I would like to point out, through the medium of this publication, that now that we are experiencing warmer weather, and hopefully this will continue for the rest of the summer, it would be helpful if residents could be mindful of keeping noise levels down, particularly when children play outside in their gardens.

I'm the victim of nearby grandparents "sharing" their grandchildren with the neighbours almost every weekend. Do they realise that sound levels are increased on concrete? I am unable to sit in my own garden and read or have my windows open! I moved to this development because I thought it was quiet, having come from a similar environment and been plagued by noisy families.

Whilst it has to be acknowledged that children will be noisy, it should not be allowed to go on all day! We have sufficient recreational greens and open spaces dotted all around the development, and within a few footsteps of most dwellings, which do not appear to be used by children – certainly the one near me is very rarely used, and is within twenty footsteps of the offending party.

Disgruntled, Martlesham Heath

VILLAGE TREES

This being the international year of the tree, I feel the need to say something about our trees in the village. I understand that in 1976 when the trees were first planted, whoever was responsible either knew nothing about trees and their eventual size or simply did not care. So we have many trees in the village that are far too large for their situation. Having said this I do feel it's hypocritical to expect many developing countries to preserve their forests when they need the money from this resource to develop their economies. We all understand the desperate need for trees as they are the lungs of our planet. For us not to value our comparatively small number of trees and to take them down for the most pathetic reasons, i.e., keeping out a little sunlight from our houses, depositing leaves, seeds, pollen and flowers on our cars, blocking or part blocking favourite views. If all of us used most of these reasons we would have a treeless village! How in all honesty can we expect people in the underdeveloped world, who live on less than a dollar a day, to shoulder most of the responsibility of looking after these lungs? We are all dependent on these beauti-

ful structures and should consider the Tesco phrase 'Every little helps'. It is up to us in the west and the developing world, who enjoy most of the fruits from our planet, to set the best example we can.

John Read, Lark Rise

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our AGM will be held in the Community Hall on Tuesday 3rd May commencing at 2 pm. This will be followed by the presentation of cups to the winners of the Club Competitions. We hope that many members will be able to attend as has been usual in the past.

Following the AGM there will be refreshments and an opportunity for a roll-up for those members wishing to stay.

Last minute information; as we were about to 'go to press' we heard that Bramford had lost their match against Nayland and this put us into second place in the League. Consequently we will be going up into the First Division next season.

We now have a few weeks without matches until the Summer League begins so our members can relax and enjoy their roll-ups.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

We held our AGM on Tuesday 3rd May and were very pleased with the turnout, 34 members attending for this occasion.

Our officials and committee were re-elected en bloc with the exception of one committee member.

After the meeting the cups were presented for the club competitions, the winners being as follows: Ladies singles: Winner - Lynn, runner-up - Judith

Men's singles: Winner - Bob, runner-up - Ken

Pairs: Winners - Christine and Dave, runners-up - Margaret and Peter

Triples: Winners - Lynn, Margaret and George, runners-up - Maggie, Oscar and Vic

Fours: Winners - Lynn, Iris, Bob and Vic, runners-up - Margaret, Susan, Dave and Martyn

Club Champion: Winner - George,

runner-up - Bob

The afternoon then continued with a general roll-up.

Maureen Banthorp

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

IPSWICH & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP

The Ipswich & District Support Group of NOS will be holding a **Strawberry Tea & Garden Party** at Lowood, Playford Road, Little Bealings, Nr Ipswich on **Friday 24th June at 3 pm** where we look forward to seeing as many members and friends as possible. The Ipswich Hospital needs to update its DXA scanner and the Group is helping with their funding as much as they can so do support us – **please let Jean know if you can come**. For further information about the Group please contact Jean Nunn on 01473 625246 or Diana Thomas on 01394 277337.

OPEN GARDEN INVITE

Mrs Kelly Shannon is opening her garden on 25th June at 24 Harvesters Way, Martlesham Heath, 10 am until 4 pm in aid of the Tree Tops Hospice.

The small garden is low maintenance with pots and conifers. All welcome but please no dogs.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2011

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this house-to-house collection, and many thanks to all the collectors who made this possible. We have been busy counting the contents of all the envelopes and will have the final total ready for the next issue of the monthly.

We are sorry if we were unable to collect your envelope this year. If you wish to make a donation, cheques can be sent directly to FREEPOST Christian Aid or you can donate online at www.caweek.org

Together we are helping to tackle the root causes which keep so many people trapped in poverty in the world today. On their behalf,

thank you.

Carolyn Smith and Chris Cobb
01473 625630

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Woodbridge Methodist Church will be celebrating their 140th Anniversary over the weekend of June 24th – 26th. Several special events have been planned to mark the occasion.

There will be an exhibition depicting the life of the church over the years. An additional section will feature the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. Entry to the exhibits is free. Opening times are: 2 pm - 4:30 pm on Friday, 10 am - 4:30 pm on Saturday, and 12 noon - 4:30 pm on Sunday. Light lunches and refreshments will be served during these hours, as well.

On Friday evening there will be an Opening Service at 7 pm. Following the service, a Celebration Supper will be held in the Octagon at 7:30 pm.

Come along to be entertained by a Victorian Evening of music, readings and drama on Saturday at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will also be served in the interval.

Sunday Morning Worship will be held at 10:45 am, led by Rev. Glyn Rowlands, and the weekend will conclude with a Songs of Praise Service at 6:30 pm.

Everyone is invited to participate in the celebrations in any way they would like - especially those with a former connection to the church. For more information and tickets for the Friday and Saturday evening events, please contact 01394 460733 or e-mail bermunday@talktalk.net

SUMMER CONTINUES AT BRIGHT STARS

During May at Bright Stars we got creative with songs, activities and crafts, finding out about who met Jesus and where he went after he died and rose again at Easter. If you are a pre-schooler, toddler or baby who enjoys singing, listening to stories and being creative, why not come along with your parent(s) or carer(s) and join us at Bright

Stars? They are fun children's worship and activity sessions held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The half hour Bright Stars sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Why not come and visit us this summer?

The remaining dates for our Summer sessions are:

June 13th, June 27th, July 11th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon on 01473 622160 or Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

THE FESTIVAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - June 24th, 25th and 26th

It seems but a little time since we last celebrated our Patronal Festival but the year seems to have flown by and we are again working hard toward this year's event. We open with a concert at the church with the Decibelles, a group of lady singers well worth a look and with tickets at just £7 for the concert, with strawberries and cream in the interval, this represents our usual value for money product. Do take the opportunity to see this entertaining group. The weekend continues with a Festival of Flowers at the church, open from 10 until 6 each day, with other stalls and refreshments available. We conclude with a Songs of Praise on Sunday evening at 6:30 pm. All visitors welcome.

Thank you to Judith Stinson for taking the Chair at our PCC meetings during the vacancy and we hope that we can make her stay "in power" a successful one.

Men in Sheds meet in June on Thursdays 9th and 23rd at the Church Hall and we welcome all men to this informal and relaxed gathering of wise men. If you are thinking of joining us please do not be hesitant - it really is the best gang in town.

For any enquiry about the above please contact 01473 624130.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
brightwellchurch@btinternet.com

www.achurchnearyou.com

ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

On Sunday 12th June the Church celebrates Pentecost – the day when the first disciples received the Holy Spirit. Since Jesus said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit", God has come into the lives of every Christian, giving us strength and love, and many other gifts, to help us in our everyday living.

God also calls some to a particular Office in the Church, and 29th May will have seen two of our members commissioned at St. Mary's as Lay Elders. Liz Welham and Lynn Wilder have been chosen by our Church, and authorized by the Bishop, for this work. Whenever God calls anyone, He does so with a promise: "I will be with you". We may be sure that God the Holy Spirit will be with Liz and Lynn in all they do for Him.

Being an "Elder" has nothing to do with age! In churches throughout Suffolk, Elders do a variety of things, depending on their own particular gifts. Liz Welham is a leader in the Junior Church at St. Michael's, and Lynn Wilder assists with the organisation of services at St. Mary's, and she is also Treasurer of Martlesham Mothers' Union. Both are among the group who prepare the monthly "Prayer Diary". What the future holds for them in their work for the Church remains to be seen, but God will show them the way ahead, and we hold them in our prayers.

ANNUAL CHURCH FETE

Saturday 18th June in the gardens of The Old Rectory by St. Mary's Church, Martlesham. Gates open at 2:30 pm for cream teas, ice creams, cake stall, games for children and adults, raffle, music and much more...

HELPING OLDER PEOPLE STAY INDEPENDENT IN SUFFOLK

A local charity has announced that it can offer more help to older people in Suffolk who want to remain living independently in their own homes. Age UK Suffolk has recently re-launched its successful Independence Advisors Service as a result of a new partnership with Supporting People Suffolk.

"The Independence Advisors Service offers a home visit from a friendly, well informed advisor" said Independence Advisors' Manager, Marsha Janssens, today. "We can visit anyone over 60 wherever they live in Suffolk and the visit is free. Our Advisors are able to discuss any issue that is affecting someone's daily life and give accurate information and advice about services available to help people stay independent." Mrs Janssens continued, "We can also help people take action on the information and access local services if they wish, or to consider other housing options if their home is not meeting their needs."

To request a visit from an Independence Advisor call Age UK Suffolk on 01473 288048, or email marsha.janssens@ageuksuffolk.org or write to Age UK Suffolk at 14 Hill View Business Park, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon, Ipswich, IP6 0AJ.

Age UK Suffolk is a local independent charity working with and for older people and their family carers in Suffolk. It provides a range of services and support including information help desks, benefits advice, an independent advocacy service, befriending, support for people with dementia and their family carers, day centres and home helps.

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 5th June 7th Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 12th June Pentecost	6:30pm Evensong	11am Family Worship	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 19th June Trinity Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9:45am Worship and Junior Church
Sunday 26th June 1st Sunday after Trinity	6:30pm Songs of Praise	11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 3rd July St Thomas' Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's.
 Bright Stars meet on Mondays 13th and 27th June at 10:30am in St Michael's
A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.

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

5 for a sense of God's presence	29 for the residents of Denham Court
6 for the opportunity to serve everyday	30 for heart patients
7 for those who will not ask for help	JULY 1 for the unemployed
8 for the residents of De Brink on the Green	2 for the Churches in our Benefice
9 for the troubled countries of the world	3 for those who don't know Jesus
10 for respect for everyone	4 for those facing the challenges of ageing
11 for the Summer Fayre at St. Michael's	
12 for this time of Pentecost	
13 for premature babies	
14 for Christ-like humility	
15 for the residents of Deben Avenue	
16 for new parents	
17 for those rebuilding after disaster	
18 for St. Mary's Church Fete	
19 for fathers everywhere	
20 for those living with chronic pain	
21 thank God for everyday acts of kindness	
22 for the residents of Demesne Gardens	
23 for children with disabilities	
24 for those fearing the future	
25 for Alzheimer's patients and carers	
26 for those who long for a Bible	
27 for those seeking justice	
28 to apply God's word in our lives	