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FEBRUARY:- KESTREL (Falco tinnunculus)

This raptor is often seen hovering in
the sky in search of prey such as small
mammals, birds, lizards and insects.
There is a pair of kestrels which hunt
around the common area of the Parish
and can be seen during early Summer.
Kestrels are in decline because of loss
of habitat and can live up to 15 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 5 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.

We now have our own website, which is
updated regularly. Why not have a
look at the site

www.martleshamcfr.co.uk

For further details contact, Paul and
Claire Stockdale 01473 621225.
e.mail:paulpstockdale@btinternet.com
or see our web pages on
www.martlesham.org

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

Your Problem is Our Problem

If our wish to discuss a problem
or any other topic

Please come to The Pavillion
and there will be somebody
there who can help you

IT IS ALL FREE

10.00am – 12.00pm.

SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 2012

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
Barker Gotelee,

FREE ADVICE FOR DIGITAL TV .

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES: FEBRUARY

Tuesday 14th & 28th Falcon Mobile
Park 2.15-2.45pm Douglas Bader
2.55-4.30pm,

Wednesday 8th & 22nd Angela Close
1.40-1.50pm Redwold Close 1.55-
2.05pm

Thursday 9th & 23rd Douglas Bader
10.20-11.45am

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2012/2013 Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)

The Parish Council has agreed a precept of £99,900, against a budget of £89,243 for the financial year 2012/2013. This maintains the precept at the same level for the third consecutive year and helps to rebuild the general reserves, which had been reduced in order to keep the precept lower. The Council is mindful that, under the new Localism Bill, it may feel it necessary to take on more responsibilities with regard to planning and amenities for the benefit of the parish. In the future it is possible that a referendum may be required to increase the precept by any significant amount, and this could be a costly process. The Council therefore felt it wise to keep the precept at the current level even though the 2012/13 budget is set slightly lower than 2011/12.

Martlesham Megabash

A day of practical wildlife conservation in Martlesham on Saturday 25 February 2012, 10am – 3pm. At the time of going to press it is not possible to confirm the location of the Megabash this year so please book the date in your diary but keep an eye on our notice boards and website for further details nearer the time. Tools, gloves & training provided, as well as tea, coffee and

biscuits. Please wear suitable clothing & stout footwear. Join in for as long as you like. If coming for the day, please bring a packed lunch. Please contact the Greenways Project, who organise the day, on 01473 433995, or the Clerk, as below, if you wish to know more.

Disconnection of Martlesham Heath Cable TV: Redundant Street Furniture

The Council has been communicating with BT and Virgin Media to have the street furniture associated with the cable TV removed. Much of it is damaged and an eyesore in the village. Virgin Media has now confirmed that they are responsible for the pillars and cabinets and we will be working with them to resolve the related issues.

Objects thrown from road bridges

Motorists travelling on the main routes through Suffolk are being asked to report any suspicious activity following a series of incidents in which objects have been thrown from road bridges..Posters should have appeared on a number of bridges over the A14 and A12 bearing the message: Spot Anything Suspicious? Call 999. The posters also have a bridge reference number to help the police arrive quickly on scene. The emergency services, local councils and the Highways Agency are working together to tackle the issue. Extra patrols are taking

place in areas around bridges on the key routes in the county. An investigation has also been launched to catch those responsible.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 01 February 2012

Development Plans – Wednesday 08 February 2012

Finance & General Purposes – Wednesday 22 February 2012

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 07 March 2012

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.

Contacting the Council

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council,
Parish Room, Felixstowe Road,
Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB
01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk
website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

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

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FEBRUARY 2012

The Localism Bill The recent passing of this new parliamentary bill into law with its implications on the way local authorities such as SCDC relate to local communities has been occupying a significant amount of council officer time. The net effect of this new act is to encourage the authorities to both work in more efficient ways and be able to respond to perceived community needs. An important feature of the Act is that it gives councils more freedom to offer business rate discounts and that should help the local employment situation. This facility does not however apply to major companies such as Tesco and BT. Another important part of the Act is to empower communities to bid to take over local amenities such as a local library or post office that may otherwise be threatened with closure.

Probably the most significant part of the act is reform of the planning system. For Martlesham and the immediate neighbourhood there is now a development plan contained in the LDF core strategy that is seen by many as damaging to the local environment. It is a plan that will require a massive expansion of local infrastructure and services and see the creation of a whole new community and the influx of new businesses. One of the aims of the act is: *“to allow communities, both residents, employees and business to come together through a local parish council or neighbourhood forum and say where they think new houses, businesses should go and what they should look like”*. * Let us hope that we can influence the planners and developers when detail development is taking place. * Extract from ‘A plain English guide to the Localism Act’.

If you would like to discuss this or any other matter with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Also you can join me for a chat and a ‘cuppa’ at St. Michael’s Church hall on Monday 6th February 2012 between 10.00am and 12.00noon.

JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework (LDF)

Another consultation exercise is due to commence on January 23rd for a six week period to consider the soundness of the Councils Pre-submission document. Guidance notes on how to respond to this consultation will be available on the Councils website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Responses made to this exercise providing that they relate to the soundness of the document will be placed before an Independent Government Planning Inspector at the examination in public which is likely to be held sometime during the summer.

The Bloor Homes Planning application at Main Road

The latest information that I have received regarding this application is that it will be going to the Development Control Sub-committee in the spring for a decision to be made.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues or any other District Council matters please email me at john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephoning 01473 631682

John Kelso District Councillor, Martlesham

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Making a Difference Together

Police are reminding parents, and others who regularly drop off children at local schools, of parking restrictions and warning that officers will be taking a zero tolerance approach in future.

Officers are distributing a letter to make drivers aware of the legal meaning of road markings that are in place to make it safer for children attending schools following complaints about driver behaviour and from those who ignore the markings and are then ticketed.

It is recognised that it is necessary for many parents and guardians to drive to schools but, with large numbers vehicles and limited space for parking, some are committing parking offences in trying to get as close to the school as possible. Despite having advised drivers of the offences they are committing, we are continuing to find people parking in this manner. We have therefore now commenced a 'zero-tolerance' campaign to enforce these regulations. Drivers committing these offences may now be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice instead of being given words of advice.

For example; Zig Zag lines in yellow can be found outside the school entrance, and Zig Zag lines in white at Zebra Crossings. It is not permitted to park, stop or wait on these lines. You cannot stop on these lines to drop off or pick up children. Blue Badge holders are not permitted to park on these lines either.

Restrictions also apply via single yellow lines, double yellow lines and keep clear markings.

For further information please see <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/index.htm> or visit the Suffolk Police website at www.suffolk.police.uk.

Sergeant 733 Peter Street, Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team
Tel: (01473) 613500 Kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SUFFOLK COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

The Suffolk Foundation, a leading grant maker in Suffolk, is seeking applications to its main grant giving programmes.

Grants are available for Community and Voluntary groups including Social Enterprises of up to £5,000 from the Transforming Suffolk Community Fund and the Improve and Prove Fund.

Other amounts are available from the Suffolk Fund, Port Community Fund, Safer Suffolk Fund and the Disability Care Fund. Up to £25,000 is available from the Creating the Greenest County Fund for carbon reducing projects.

Typically grants are given to help with social cohesion, build communities, and support a range of activities and projects that strengthen the voluntary sector in Suffolk. Some funds support core costs.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity No 273769

JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK SALE

ON SAT 18TH FEBRUARY 2012

IN THE

PAVILION

MARTLESHAM HEATH

10.00AM-12.00NOON

ADMISSION 30P

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

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who saved their used stamps over Christmas and posted them through my letter box. I've been able to take five carrier bags full of stamps to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, which is a fantastic response to my appeal. The stamps will be sorted and sold to dealers in order to raise much needed funds.

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

Bev Read 15 Demesne Gardens
01473 622721

Further information and all application forms, guidelines and closing dates are published on The Suffolk Foundation's website www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk

If you wish to discuss your idea or potential application request, please do not hesitate to telephone Sue Wright on 01473 734127 who is also happy to help with form filling and advice as to which fund would suit your organisation's needs best.

CALLING ALL MUMS

The February meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 7th February from 12.45 to 2.30p.m. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch which will be followed by a presentation by Jane Cole from 'Pyjama Drama'. Learn how young children can gain confidence and benefit from play, drama and pretending. Join us to find out more.

Looking further ahead, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th March, same time and place. On this occasion the after lunch talk will be on Baby and Toddler First Aid.

The 'Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe' will be open in the St. Michael's Annexe between 10a.m. and 12.noon on Thursdays, 2nd and 16th. Join us for friendship, refreshment and toys. This is a drop-in for the Buggy Brigade - why don't you come along ?

For more information please ring Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169

SPRING AT BRIGHT STARS

Bright Stars began the spring term by finding out about the Wise Men, who journeyed to find baby Jesus over 2,000 years ago by following a star.

If you are a preschooler, toddler or baby we would like to invite you and your parents or carers to come and enjoy singing, stories and crafts at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play. Why not come and visit us this spring

The dates for our Spring 2012 sessions are:

February 27th

March 12th

March 26th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon Tel.01473-622160 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We had a wonderful Christmas party on the last day of term in December. The children took part in our little concert, followed by lots of party games and food. Father Christmas also made a visit and the children took home a present. The children had great fun doing tile handprints which made great presents for their families. Thanks to our parents for purchasing these, plus taking part in the hamper raffle and all the fundraising activities last term.

We are now part way through the spring term and hope that our new children and their families are settling down and enjoying the fun and activities we have to offer.

If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please visit our website for more details :- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We urge you to do this as soon as possible as we are now full and have a long waiting list. We shall not have any spaces at all until September. The younger you register your child the better. We are registered to take children from 2 years. Our children move on to all the primary schools in the area and further afield.

Caroline Swale

Business Manager

THE SAPLINGS

Martlesham Heath

We are so pleased to welcome our new full-time Manager of The Saplings, Irene Greenfield. Irene is a highly qualified, experienced child care practitioner, and has taken over the day to day running of the Saplings. Although Sarah Tait will now hand over the administration role to Irene, we delighted that she will remain involved with the Saplings in her role as Trustee.

Our friendly, fun-filled SAPLINGS PRE-SCHOOL welcomes children from Martlesham and surrounding areas, and they then leave us to go onto all the local primary schools including Birchwood, Gorseland, Cedarwood, Waldringfield and Little Bealings.

We would love to hear from any of our parents who may be interested in joining our committee. Its a great way to get involved in the running of the pre-school and you would be made very welcome.

Our 'SAPLINGS BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB' is open to pre-school and primary school children from 7.30am with breakfast and a walking bus to Birchwood Primary School, (price: £3.90). The After School Club runs from 3.30pm till 6pm, includes a pick up from Birchwood Primary School and a light meal (price: £9.50).

We also run the 'SAPLINGS HOLIDAY CLUB' during every half term and school holiday, for children aged from 2 years old up to age 11. Term time flies by and its never too early to make a booking for your child's place at the holiday club.

For further information on any of the above, please call us on 01473 614753 or email news@thesaplings.org.uk.

1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our soup & a roll event in St Michael's, after Carols in the Square, at Christmas. Your donations on the night raised £65.16 for our Unit funds. We look forward to a busy Guiding year in 2012. I currently have several spaces available in the Ranger Unit for any young women aged 14-25, who would be interested in joining, please contact me on the number below, for further details.

Jo Dixon 01473 622160

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET.

We all hope spring is just around the corner when we enjoy snowdrops in plenty, but wait what can our cooks conjure up for this rather dull period of the year. To encourage their thoughts we shall be celebrating Valentines, and Pancake days. Brave the weather, visit the market at Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 14th, and 21st February between 0900 and 10.30 to enjoy the goodies prepared for you on these celebratory days.

Throughout February at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach Kesgrave we shall try tempting you to buy our home-cooked items themed to recognise the month of February.

Normal opening times for Kesgrave 9.30 to 11.30am, but on February 18th we shall join the Community Market and their extended opening time of 12.30pm. All enquiries to Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

MARTLESHAM WI

Our last meeting was a social evening when members were asked to bring along a photograph of themselves as a child and we all had to decide 'Who was who'. Heather Richards was able to recognise many of the faces and was congratulated on her cleverness. We also had a quiz with questions connected to the festive season and several members read a favourite poem or story many of which were very amusing. We then enjoyed some good food, good drink and good humour.

We were sad to hear that Sylvia Harris will no longer be able to join us at our meetings for health reasons. Sylvia has been a member of Martlesham WI for almost 53 years and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best for 2012 and hope that she may be able to come along to an occasional meeting. We certainly have a great selection of speakers lined up for this year.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road at 7.30 p.m. on 17th February. Paul Sawyer will give an illustrated talk on 'Wild Life in the Masai Mara'. Do feel free to come along either as a visitor or with a view to joining our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our Christmas Party was held on the 15th.Dec. and was attended by 38 members who all bought in their share of food which was more than plentiful. A live duo supplied the music and we were invited to sing along! With pass the parcel, the Hooky Kokey (for those who could) and a special raffle, (with proceeds going to our charity), a good time was had by all.

February meetings are as follows:-
9th.Eccentric Parsons, a talk by Roy Tucker
23rd. Our Bring and Buy with proceeds to our charity.
Further details of our fortnightly meetings in the Richard's Rooms can be obtained from our Chairman on 01473 622768

JUST GOOD FRIENDS

Just Good Friends (JGF) is a Friendship Club that has been running in the Ipswich/Woodbridge/Felixstowe area for several years. It is a non profit making Club that aims to provide a social scene for like minded, mainly single people, in the East Suffolk area.

Members range from about 40 years to 70+ years of age. We like to think we are a Club that will allow you to make new friends and allow you to kick-start a social life that for a variety of reasons may have stalled.

Our current programme includes meals out, cinema and theatre trips, games and quiz evenings and bowling. Members are welcome to suggest events to add to the programme. For more information please email: jgfsuffolk@gmail.com or visit us at: <http://sites.google.com/site/justgoodfriendssuffolk/>

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

It has been said that "feedback is the breakfast of champions" and so following on from this at Toastmasters everyone is evaluated on their speaking skills. To many newcomers the thought of being publicly evaluated seems terrifying, however it isn't anywhere near as scary as you might think. The aim of the evaluations is to help you by giving you the chance to hear how well you have achieved your speeches objective, the skills that you used to perform well plus show you areas for improvement for your next speech. Most people feel great after evaluations and appreciate the advice they are given by fellow Speak Easy members. Many novice members are amazed at how soon they are asked to evaluate speeches and are often surprised how much they learn about their own speaking skills through analysing how others approach their speeches. So why not come to Speak Easy for a free trial one Thursday evening? You'll be warmly welcomed.

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. Guests are always welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings 2012:

(February 2nd club's award night, venue to be confirmed)

February 16th, March 1st, March 15th, March 29th

Further details can be found at www.speak-easy.org.uk (Please note the new website address)

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE.

prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia.

At St Michael's and All Angels Church
Martlesham Heath

on March 2nd at 10.30am.

Speaker Mrs Di Barker.

Theme for service --"Let justice prevail"

Everyone welcome --men women and young people.

There will other services locally, details in March Martlesham Monthly.

PORTAL WOODLAND CONSERVATION GROUP

Over the Christmas period some people were seen cutting and taking some holly from the woods. This has been reported to the Police and we thank them for their help with this incident. Trees and shrubs, dead or alive, in the woods are protected under a Tree Protection Order (TPO) and must not be removed or moved around without Local Authority approval. Furthermore, the land is private property and anything removed is considered theft. If you see anyone taking, damaging or disturbing the trees and shrubs then we would appreciate it if you would let us know. This will help us protect the woods as a public amenity for the future.

On the theme of protection, you may have noticed 2 raised areas of land in the woods. These are Bronze Age burial mounds. Following a visit from an English Heritage representative, we were excited to learn that as scheduled ancient monuments they are afforded the same protection as Stonehenge. We have been given guidance on their proper maintenance which includes, subject to receiving permission from SCDC under the aforementioned TPO, clearing the trees from them over a period of time to create 2 new glades.

Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 3rd March, 7:30pm at the Martlesham Parish Room. We will be voting in the committee for the next year. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, then please send an email to pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning

Sunday 19th February 10:00am-Noon

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

Dates for 2012 work mornings, Nature Watch and Nature Explorers are now available at <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/>

For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY IPSWICH & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP

The Ipswich & District Support Group of the NOS will be holding a Quiz evening at the Woodbridge Football Club, Fynn Road, Woodbridge on Friday 2nd March starting at 7.30 p.m. Whether you are good at answering Quiz questions or not don't worry. Just come along and support us. Teams will have a maximum of 6 people and tickets are £5 per person. The bar will be available and you can bring along your own snacks. Our last Quiz night was great fun and very successful so make a note in your diaries now and bring along your friends. Tickets are available from Chris Mattison on 07763934614 or alternatively just turn up and pay at the door. We look forward to seeing you.

A BOOK FAIR AND ART EXHIBITION

is being held on
Saturday 31st March 2012

**in the "VILLAGE HALL"
TOP STREET, MARTLESHAM,
IP12 4RD**

from 10.00am to 4.00pm,
Admission Free

VALENTINE'S DANCE IN AID OF LOCAL RSPCA

Enjoy an evening of fun and dance and support your local RSPCA at a Valentine's dance on Saturday 11 February at St Clements Social Club, (St Clements Hospital), Foxhall Road, Ipswich. Local band 'The Invited' play a popular mix of covers – pop, rock and Motown from the 60s up to present day. Songs to sing along and dance to! A finger buffet is included and there will be a raffle. This event is in aid of the RSPCA Suffolk East & Ipswich branch whose work helps local animals. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £10 for adults; car parking is available. Please contact Kate Grimwood 01449 614057; katebranchadmin@talktalk.net. Visit the website for further information: www.ipswich-rspca.org.uk

HOLD A FISH AND CHIP SUPPER TO HELP SPINAL CORD INJURED PEOPLE LIVE FULL AND INDEPENDENT LIVES.

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 18th May 2012

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk/ fishandchips

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event:- Jumble and Plant Sale on Saturday 18th February 2012, 10.00 am to Noon in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath

(jointly with Martlesham Community Council)

Trees for the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's Reign

Martlesham in Bloom is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's accession to the throne by planting three commemorative trees in the parish. One tree has been sponsored jointly by the Girlguiding Martlesham District and 1st Martlesham Scout Group, the other two by local residents and Martlesham In Bloom; the planting date is being planned for late February, look out for posters nearer the time.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact

J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 6th January and our first meeting for 2012 was a slide show by Mr Ronald Godbold entitled "Between the Skylarks".

Over the years Ron has photographed many aircraft, both on the ground and in the air. His 50 minute slide show was set to a synchronised sound track of sound effects and music and much appreciated by the knowledgeable audience. Aircraft from the Great War through to those engaged in the Falklands conflict were shown. Ron was accompanied by Pauline, his assistant. A vote of thanks was given by our President, Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 3rd February. Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Archivist, Mr Alan Smith will give an illustrated talk entitled, "The Lives of Some Who Served at Martlesham Heath". Stories of pilots, boffins and others who have served at and contributed to the aviation history of this famous Heath from 1917 until 1963. People like the late Sir Henry Tizzard who was appointed chairman of the Aeronautical Research Committee in 1933.

All meetings are held in the main Community Hall on Felixtowe Road, (behind Tesco's) and commence at 7.30pm with a mid session break for tea and coffee.

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

ALAN POWELL 622458.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS.

First of all, for reasons we won't go into, my apologies for there having been no Newsletter last month. The festive season is all over once again and may I wish all a healthy and happy 2012.

As far as the bowls are concerned, the early part of the season is best forgotten because we are at present sitting firmly at the bottom of the league. The New Year has not started off too well with defeats at home to both Tuddenham and Belstead. However, we have played more away matches than at home so hopefully things will improve.

The optimists amongst us say the only way is up, whereas the pessimists use the 'R' word. Either way, I am sure that games will not be any less enjoyable.

Maureen Banthorp

2012 – THE YEAR OF THE ALLOTMENT

MALGA – the Martlesham Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association - held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10 January, at St Michael's Church Centre. A new committee was elected for 2012 – actually last year's committee en masse, plus a few new faces! So, welcome and thanks to our new volunteers!

Karen Kenny, the local representative of the National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners, attended the AGM and gave a number of suggestions and pointers to help make the allotments a reality sooner rather than later.

Frustratingly we are still waiting for Suffolk County Council to draw up the lease for the intended allotment land, to lease the plot to Martlesham Parish Council (who will then lease it to individual allotment holders). However we are actively working with Parish Council representatives to push this forwards. The land in question is located near to the A12, just south of BT Adastral Park (past Barclays Bank at the end of the 'old' road)

The Parish Council has set up a working group with two Council members and two MALGA reps, to work through the detailed planning and organisation needed. The intention is (ultimately) for MALGA to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the allotments.

So whilst it's still 'watch this space' currently, we're confident Martlesham will have its first allotments very soon.

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 HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 20th February 2012

The History of Butley Priory ~ Sheila Harrison. Deep in the sandy heath lands of east Suffolk, close to the river Butley is the gate house of Butley Priory, virtually all that remains of the Augustinian Priory founded here in the momentous 1171. It was the year when the Christian country was rocked by a clash between Church and State which culminated in the murder of Thomas Becket. Want to know more, come along and find out about the history and archaeology of the Augustinian priory of Butley.

Meetings are held at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 and start at 8.00pm. Admission is £2.00 and newcomers are always welcome.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the group, becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Sarah Cooke on 01394 387858.

MAKING THE WOODBRIDGE SOLDIER

On the 23rd February 2012 at the Woodbridge Community Hall the ROTARY CLUB of WOODBRIDGE are presenting the Annual Notcutt Lecture in aid of the Woodbridge Soldier a charitable organization designed to look after the injured and wounded Soldiers who are based at Rock Barracks together with caring for the bereaved of those who have been unable to return.

The Notcutt Talk will be given by the Officer Commanding the 9 Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers and other Officers talking about their experiences in a theatre of war the highs and lows of every day living in an active danger area this Event will I feel sure will be an evening to remember.

The cost of admission, including wine and nibbles, is £10 and the lecture starts at 7pm.

Tickets are available from

The Town Council, Shire Hall, Market Hill
Woodbridge, 01394 383599
Houchells Grundisburgh Road
Woodbridge 01394 383838 and
Hamilton Smith Estate Agents Church
Street
Woodbridge 01394 386688.

POPPY COLLECTIONS AT TESCO MARTLESHAM

Once again, my most sincere thanks to those who come forward each year to collect for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This lasts for 8 days from 9am to 6pm and many of the collectors work for more than one session a day.

Sadly, this year we lost ten of the past collectors. Mr Hillyard, of Bader Court, died in August. He had been a collector for the last 12 years and was an elegant gentleman, who always wore his medals with pride. He will be missed. His medals were worn in his honour by his granddaughter, Claire, who joined by her daughter, Jade, as a new collector.

Due to ill health, Mr Horace Sainsbury, a collector for over 42 years, decided to step down and will be greatly missed, as a well decorated, retired service man.

Mrs Joyce Moore, a collector for over 30 years and also a retired service lady, took a rest from collecting this year, due to serious ill health. We all missed her and wish her well.

After many years as active collectors at Tesco, Mrs Linda Smith, House Manager of Bader Court, due to pressure of work, had to work from home and her husband, Mr Alan Smith, also a valued collector for several years, as well as collecting in his workplace, helped his wife, when off duty.

Mr and Mrs Simpson, collectors for 5 years, have now retired to the Lake District. Five other collectors, due to illness or other commitments, were unable to join us this year. However, we were delighted to welcome eight new collectors.

Thank you all for your help and time so generously given in such a great cause. Mrs Patricia Harris, Collectors coordinator

MARTLESHAM BRASS MUSIC FUN IN EAST ANGLIA

We had a very successful Christmas carolling season - thank you to everyone who generously dropped pennies and pounds into our buckets! The grand total was £1683.08 which means we can present cheques for £561.03 to each of the following local charities - the Teenage Cancer Trust, Out & About

(helping disabled children and young people to access everyday leisure activities in Eastern England) and EACH (the East Anglia Children's Hospice). Please remember to get your tickets NOW for our concert with David Thornton (solo euphonium player with the world famous Brighouse and Rastrick Band) on Saturday 25th February, David is regarded as one of the foremost euphonium players and teachers of his generation and has a global reputation. His work as a soloist, conductor and educator is renowned throughout the brass playing world and we are also looking forward to learning as much as we can at the workshop he is running for us during the day.

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

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"The value of the Old Testament"

The New Testament of the Bible confirms that all Scripture is profitable for us. Many people, however, neglect to read the Old Testament. Put off, no doubt, by scenes of violence and lists of genealogies.. The Old Testament is full of exciting historical narratives (Well attested by archeology), inspiring Poetry and Prophetic Insights, largely fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ.

Three religions, at least, acknowledge the importance of characters like Abraham, Moses and Daniel. The life history of people like Joseph, King David and Samuel illustrate lives lived in faith, yet with a mixture of successes and failures - ie Real human dramas.

Women have their place too! - Have you ever read the beautiful song of Hannah? (I Samuel). Have you appreciated the courage shown by Esther or Deborah? - What about the exquisite love story of Ruth set in the pastoral scene of a barley field, in the time of harvest?

The Old Testament is redolent with the involvement of Almighty God. not only with the nation of Israel, but with the lives of ordinary people as well. - It is a good read!

ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE

February 14th - The Prison Fellowship

WEDNESDAYS

House Group - 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00a.m.

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00 a.m.

For further information contact John or Ruth Mellen at 01473 624401

MARTLESHAM CHURCHES

When the Revd. Tricia Shuler is licensed on 19th March, at 7.30 pm in St. Michael's, it will have been a year since Ian Naylor left. A one-year vacancy is long, especially for those who have had the responsibility of maintaining our programme of services, looking after our church buildings, and keeping all our other activities going. Our thanks to all those who have worked very hard to do so. Now we are ready to welcome Tricia to lead us on, and we look forward to her arrival.

However, it won't be a time to sit back, as if we could then leave everything to her. Church life is a matter of teamwork. Tricia will be licensed as "Priest-in-charge" – that's the legal term – but she really comes to be our Team Leader. There will still be plenty for all of us to do, if our church life is to grow and prosper.

When Jesus was ready to begin His work, He went into the desert to pray. He spent 40 days there. "What do you want me to do? How do you want me to do it?" That will have been the essence of His prayer.

Each year in Lent we remind ourselves of this, in the 40 days leading up to Easter. This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, and in preparation for the new chapter in our church life in Martlesham & Brightwell, each of us could well spend time in prayer asking the same questions: "What do you want me to do? How do you want me to do it?"

Some of our church members have already begun asking such questions, wondering whether God might be calling them to offer to train as an Elder, or as a Reader, or as a Priest. Perhaps you have been thinking about this? Or perhaps you can think of people who could fulfil these roles well? Why not ask them?

For others, there are a lot of tasks to be done, and they need willing hands to do them. Why leave them to others? There's nothing like a willing volunteer. Could you be that volunteer? "What do you want me to do? How do you want me to do it?" Put that question to God this Lent.

Then we shall really be ready to welcome Tricia when she comes to be our Team Leader. And always remember that when God calls, He makes a promise – "I will be with you". He makes that promise to each one of us

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

TEN MEN, TWO HOURS, TWENTY BOXES. The Brightwell Men in Sheds Team, in a frenzy of well controlled and directed activity, built 20 Bird Boxes on the morning of 12th January, and we even had time to stop for a coffee break! The boxes are intended for sale and for placing around the Brightwell Churchyard. If you would like to purchase a box or sponsor a box for the Churchyard £5 each will secure. Please contact me or Churchwarden Marjorie Manning.

In March we look forward to welcoming our new Priest in Charge, Tricia Shuler who is currently in ministry at St. John's

Church, Woodbridge but in the meantime Services continue at Brightwell as always, but please note that as we enter Lent we join churches in the Waldringfield Benefice for Lenten Evensong, the first at Hemley Geoff Lambert PCC Secretary brightwellchurch@btinternet.com www.achurchnearyou.com

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S 2011

We would like to say a big thank you to Martlesham Monthly for sponsoring the Christingles at our service this year.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM Charity Number 1009602

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Alternatively E-Mail the new E-Mail address martcomhall@btinternet.com

or write to: The Booking Secretary , Martlesham Community Hall , Felixstowe Road, Martlesham , Ipswich, IP12 4PB

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St John's	Martlesham St Mary's	Martlesham Heath St Michael's
Sunday 5th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship 6.30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 12 February 2nd Sunday before Lent	6.30 Evensong	11am Family Worship	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 19 February Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	9.45am Worship and Junior Church
Sunday 26 February 1st Sunday of Lent	6.30 Evensong	11am Matins	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
	6.30pm Combined Lent Service at Hemley		
Sunday 4 March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am All Age Worship
	6.30pm Combined Lent Service at Newbourne		

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's.

Also on Ash Wednesday (22 February) 7pm at Brightwell

Bright Stars meet on Mondays 13th, and 27th February

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

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

5th a sense of God's presence.	20th those who feel unloved and forgotten.
6th that God will heal emotional and physical wounds.	21st that the worlds resources may be fairly shared.
7th those suffering financial hardship.	22nd the residents of Park Close.
8th the residents of Nunn Close.	23rd forgiveness for the foolish things we do.
9th those who do not know Jesus.	24th we may be custodians of God's earth.
10th the unity of all Christian people.	25th World Vision.
11th CMS projects.	26th the Churches in our Benefice.
12th those questioning the Christian faith.	27th The Womens Refuge.
13th The East Anglian Childrens Hospice.	28th The Open The Book Project.
14th democracy in the Arab world.	29th the residents of Parkers Place.
15th the residents of Milano Avenue.	
16th the opportunity to serve God in every way.	March 1st. those facing the challenges of aging.
17th the Homeless.	2nd The Womens World Day of Prayer.
18th those seeking justice.	3rd our new Priest-in-Charge.
19th Give thanks for God's unconditional love.	4th those preparing for the Season of Lent.