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If you would like to be part of the Talking Monthly team please give me a ring.

Janice Barter, 01473 625384.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP Christmas Post 2012

The countdown to Christmas begins this month with the Christmas Post boxes for the scouts going out around the village.

The Cost this year is 20p per card and boxes will be out from November 25th.

The closing date this year is December 11th. At time of writing the location of the boxes is not confirmed but I hope to have them in the usual places.

As ever the main postal area for delivery is IP1-IP5. However we have added some of the outer villages to this. These are Grundisburgh, Great and Little Bealings, Bramford, Sproughton, Tuddenham (Ipswich) Westerfield, Henley, Great and Little Blakenham, Barham & Playford.

If anyone has any questions on this then please phone Simon on 01473 612410 and watch out for the advert in next month. Thank you all for your support.

Simon Smith Scout post coordinator

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MARTLESHAM BIRDS

November:- Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

The Barn owl is one of the most loved owls in the UK and their numbers are on the increase in Suffolk. There has been a barn owl recorded in the parish, in the Fynn valley area and once near the Police HQ sports field. You may be lucky to see their ghostly presence in flight. The owl lives 5 to 10 years, will nest in barns and buildings, laying 4-7 eggs in a brood.

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 or the new number 101.

You can also contact PC Wright for non-urgent matters:

Office: 01473 334980

E-mail:

richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Or the Safer Neighbourhood Team

kesgrave.snt@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:

paulstockdale@btinternet.com) or see our web pages on

www.martlesham.org.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

New Parish Councillor

We welcome Anna Thomason to the Parish Council. She was appointed by co-option on 03 October 2012. Many thanks to those who expressed an interest in the vacancy. Please do not be deterred from applying again should another vacancy arise.

Suffolk Coastal's Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy Public Examination

The hearings, being held by the Government Planning Inspector on the soundness of the LDF, commenced in October. The major significance for Martlesham is the inclusion in the Core Strategy of a development of 2,000 homes south of the BT Adastral Park site. A number of parish councillors are attending the hearings to present the Parish Council's case against the development.

Disconnection of Martlesham Heath Cable TV: Redundant Street Furniture

We are pleased to report that most of the damaged pillars/cabinets have now been removed by Virgin Media. Any remaining street furniture will be removed in due course.

Fellxstowe Road picnic site: removal of logs

On either 09 or 10 October a pile of logs belonging to the Parish Council was taken from the picnic site. These had been placed in readiness for a council working group to carry out improvements to the car park area. We would very much welcome their return!

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 07 November 2012

Recreation & Amenities Committee –
Wednesday 14 November 2012

No Parish Council meeting in December

Finance & General Purposes Committee
Wednesday 05 December 2012

Development Plans Committee –
Wednesday 12 December 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,
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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.

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION – AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the

Martlesham Heath Pavilion Committee

will be held at

8pm on

Tuesday 11th December, 2012

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

There will be an opportunity to make any comments or ask any questions about the Pavilion at the meeting.

Aldwyn Jones – Chairman
Email: chairmhpc@gmail.com

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

We have rearranged the cancelled meeting on Tree Maintenance & Policy for Monday 19th November at 7:30pm in the Church Centre Extension.

Maintenance charge – A reminder to all householders that the annual maintenance charge became due on 1st October, and can we ask anyone who hasn't yet paid to send payment to our PO Box address or pay online as soon as they can. Many thanks to all members who paid so promptly and for attending our successful collection days.

Unfortunately flooding at the control tower has not been totally resolved and we understand that there has been some flooding again after heavy rain. We are looking into how to tackle the problem so please bear with us.

As mentioned last month we have several properties being sold/transferred without the necessary legal process taking place. Could we please remind all members again to ensure that their potential buyers are aware that they will need to become members of MHHL and pay the annual maintenance charge? We are currently trying to resolve this issue by working with the Land Registry to ensure the restriction is in place and cannot be missed by solicitors during the conveyancing process. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

To contact MHHL please leave a voicemail on 01473 612207, send an email to mhh@martlesham.org.uk or write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 9PB. Volunteers always welcome to help MHH maintain and improve the village.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Caring in the Community. Although it was not a District Council event I thought I would like to comment on the appearance of the Suffolk Family Carers at St Michael's on Friday 12th October 2012. Caring for others is a multifaceted activity and it was pleasing and interesting to find that this organization was prepared to come to Martlesham and discover if they could be of help to any of our local carers. Bloor Homes Application. The meeting to determine this application was deferred due to the non-appearance of a Habitat assessment document. That consultation has now been completed so it is likely that a special meeting of the planning committee will be called sometime in the near future. The Planning officers are recommending approval of the application (At the time of writing this consideration date is unknown to me).

The Local Development Framework. (LDF) The government Inspector Mr. Moore who is determining the soundness of the Core Strategy part of the LDF will have resumed his public hearings at Stratford St Andrew by the time you read this article. Just to remind everyone that the timetable of examination hearings in November is as follows:

Tues 6th November	10am All day	Biodiversity and the Environment
Wed 7th November	10am to 1pm	The Local Economy
	2pm to 5pm	Eastern Ipswich Area
Weds 14th November	10am to 1pm	Felixstowe, Walton and the Trimleys
	2pm to 5pm	Hierarchy Market Towns, Villages & Countryside
Thurs 15th November	10 to 11.30am	Retail provision
	11.30am to 1pm	Affordable Housing
	2 to 3.30pm	Energy, Sustainable Construction & Design
	3.30 to 5pm	Travellers

If you would like more information on any of these or other issues you can contact me at any time on 01473 622716 or by email to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI

The management of the SSSI on the Western Corridor is controlled by Martlesham Heath SSSI Ltd. This is a company wholly owned by MHHL and operated by volunteer directors in the same way as MHHL itself. Without maintenance the land will become colonised by trees and scrub and lose its heathland character. If this were to happen there is a chance that it would lose its SSSI status and the protection against development that comes with it.

MHHL recognised this but wanted to avoid the cost of such work falling on members, and therefore entered into an agreement with Natural England (the public body responsible for improving the natural environment) to fund the work. The agreement has a 10-year plan to restore the heathland habitat by reducing the tree coverage from around 25% to below 15%, keeping gorse below 25% and increasing the area of heather. The main work is carried out over winter to avoid disturbing nesting birds. This year there will be five main areas of activity including,

removing gorse from behind Westland

removing some trees from the area towards Dobbs Lane also behind Westland

removing further trees and scrub from the area in front of Sorrell Walk

taking out some old burnt gorse from the centre of the Western Corridor

removing scrub and mowing heather in the SW corner of the Western Corridor

If anyone would like further details, the information is posted on the SSSI website <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/ssi> and is on the Company notice Board in The Square.

There is also an interest group which operates by email to keep people in touch with plans for the SSSI. If you would like to be added to the circulation please send an email to mh.sssi@btinternet.com with your name and indicate whether you are a member of MHHL.

'MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**are looking for a
MINUTES SECRETARY
for their meetings.**

We meet approx every 6 weeks (the next meetings are 22 November 2012, 31st. January and 31st. March 2013)

The meetings are held in the Parish Council Room and start at 7.0p.m. and usually finish about 9 to 9.30 p.m.

All we ask of the Minutes Secretary is just that.; take the minutes and write them up and E-Mail them to the Chairman. The Chairman arranges for the distribution.

Either phone the Hall Telephone and speak to the Booking Secretary on 01473 623203 or contact Ian Baker, Chairman 07747 610 894. Home Meadows, Martlesham IP12 4RD

Ian Baker, Chairman
Martlesham Community Hall
Management Committee.

Thankyou

to everyone who supported the recent garage sales in Deben Avenue.

The sun shone & a good time was had by all- as well as the chance to pick up a bargain or two.

The hope is to make this successful event an annual feature.

THE SAPLINGS

Martlesham Heath

As we welcome all the children back into pre-school, breakfast club and after school club following the half term break, we are looking forward to lots of festive fun with the children enjoying a range of christmas crafts and getting ready for their Christmas play. We are holding a Christmas Fayre Evening on Tuesday 27th November at the Saplings, and would like to invite the parents, friends and families of all our children to come along and join us. Craft work created by the children will be available, along with cakes, treats and a fantastic raffle, so please do come along to enjoy a lovely evening and help us fundraise.

The Saplings offers a full range of flexible child care from 7.30am until 6pm for children from age 2 up to age 11. Located in spacious, well equipped premises in the heart of Martlesham Heath, we pride ourselves on our excellent standards of child care and our highly qualified, welcoming staff. As well as our very popular pre-school, we also run a Breakfast and After School club, both of which include a 'walking bus' to Birchwood Primary School.

For further information on any of our child care services, please call us on 01473 614753, email us at news@thesaplings.org.uk or visit our website www.thesaplings.org.uk

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We are holding a Christmas Fair on Tuesday November 27th at St Michael's Church Hall, Martlesham Heath from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Tickets purchased before the night cost £2 and include a complimentary drink plus raffle ticket. There are lots of stalls selling gifts for Christmas plus some pre-Christmas pampering. Come and treat yourself ! Tickets are available from playschool. All profits will be split between Martlesham Playschool and "Magic Moments" – a charity which sends families with terminally ill children, or families having lost a child, to Disneyland Paris. Please help us support this great cause.

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 are a popular and well thought of playschool and have a long waiting list. We are registered to take children from 2 years. We are situated next to Gorseland School and serve families in Kesgrave, Martlesham Heath, old Martlesham as well as all surrounding areas.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

CALLING ALL MUMSThe Mums' Club meets on Tuesday, 6th November between 12.45 and 2.30 p.m. at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch and then to meet our local police community officer, Sally Thomas, who will talk and answer questions on 'keeping small children safe'.

Looking ahead - our December meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th December and will be a 'bring and share' Christmas Party.

The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe will be open in St. Michael's between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon on Thursdays, 1st and 15th November for refreshments, toys and friendship. This is a Drop-in for the Buggy Brigade.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Thank you to all our families who came along to our Halloween Parties and supported our Strawberry Mountain Photography session. Hopefully you had a good time at both! Once again we'd like to take this opportunity to thank our mums, dads and carers for supporting our events and for making it just so much fun to run this group!

November means it's not long to wait for our fantastic Christmas Parties which we'll be having on Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th of December and will end our sessions for 2012. But before we bring out our tinsel, we have lots of dates throughout November to plan activities around including Remembrance Sunday and Thanksgiving.

If you have a baby or toddler but have never visited us before, we'd love to see you Wednesday or Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am in Martlesham Pavilion. We're a very relaxed group who like a nice cuppa and a bit of a singalong at 10.30, so if you need somewhere to take your child, why not give us a try? Email mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk or find us on Facebook if you need further information!

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT BRIGHT STARS

Rain and rainbows provided a great theme for fun with songs, crafts and activities during October's sessions based on the story of Noah. All babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome to come along, with their parents or carers, to 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 at our next session? We look forward to seeing you.

The remaining dates for our Autumn 2012 sessions are:

November 12th

November 26th

December 10th

If you would like any further information please contact:

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

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

In the first half of November we plan to hold our AGM. Please watch out for the notices that will be coming out with the exact time, date and venue. We will be reviewing the activities of the Group over the last year and reporting on the results of the various surveys undertaken by the Group.

As we move through the Autumn and the weather becomes damper we can expect to see more of the fruiting bodies of fungi commonly known as mushrooms or toadstools. Fungi unlike plants lack chlorophyll and are thus unable to build up carbon compounds in the same way, but instead draw their nutrition from living or dead plants and animals. Consequently they are often associated with particular plants or habitats. A striking example being the white-spotted orange-capped Fly Agaric that is associated with Birch trees. The Parasol mushroom is less specific being associated with open woodlands and grasslands. Both often come up at this time of the year on our heathland.

As temperatures drop please spare a thought for the birds and stock up bird feeders to help them survive the cold spells when food will be difficult to find.

The next working party for Martlesham Conservation group will take place on Sunday 11th November at 10 am when we will aim to clear scrub on the southern area of Martlesham Heath. This action should clear areas and allow more heather or acid grassland to establish, to the benefit of a wide range of heathland wildlife. Through the rest of the autumn and winter period we will continue with tasks aimed at supporting or improving heathland wildlife.

Please contact me for further details.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Congratulations to all our members who received awards at our recent 16th Birthday Concert. Our next event is 'Tea and Tunes' on Saturday 10th November when our Preliminary Band showcase their talents at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath starting at 10am. Refreshments and craft stalls are available all morning - please come along and support the Preliminary players.

Two other advance notices to put in your diaries - Coffee and Carols on Saturday 8th December and our Christmas concert on Saturday 22nd December both at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath.

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.

Liz Benyon. (Publicity Officer) liz.benyon@btinternet.com 01473 623276. Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk

SANTA TO VISIT MARTLESHAM HEATH!

The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben will be bringing Santa around Martlesham Heath in December just as we did last year. We will be Starting at 6 p.m. each night and finish at 8 p.m.

The list of roads below are the order we will collect in.

Tuesday 11th. Burgess Place, Lark Rise, Swann Close, Avocet Lane, Coopers Road, Lancaster Drive, York Road, Birch grove.

Wednesday 12th. Mayfield & Lane, Heathfield & Closes and Roads off, The Oaks & Roads off, Harvesters Way, Sorrel Walk, Forest Lane.

Thursday 13th. Warren Lane, Westlands, Broomfield & Whinfield, Parkers Place, The Grove, Parkers Place, Demense Gardens, Squires Lane & Roads off.

Friday 14th. Manor Road, Carlford Close, Saddlers Place, Valient Way, De Brink, Farriers Close, The Chase, Hunters Ride.

Any queries Rotarian Ian Baker, Home Meadows, Martlesham IP12 4RD.
07747 610 894.

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

As this article is being written the trees are turning beautiful shades of reds and yellows to welcome us into autumn.

This is one of the best times of the year to be planting trees. We have been lucky enough to have been given a large number of trees, providing a variety of berries and fruits for wildlife, by the Woodland Trust as part of their Community Trees campaign. They will be planted throughout the wood this and the coming months by the Nature Explorers and the adult volunteers. The trees include a Royal Oak grown from an acorn from the Sandringham Estate to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee which will join our avenue of oaks and the number of hazels in the hazel area will be boosted.

The recent Nature Watch activity included tracking and trapping small mammals in the new traps which were gratefully funded by a grant from County Councillor O'Brien's locality budget. The Nature Watch in October was the last this year but they will start again next April if there is sufficient interest.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Explorers
Saturday 17th November 9.00-11.00am

Woodlands Work Morning
Saturday 17th November 10:00am-Noon

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

Be sure to book your place for Nature Explorers by sending an email to pwcg.naturewatch@martlesham.org.uk

Information and 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

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM PARISH COMPETITIONS 2012 RESULTS

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

(A) Most Attractive Summer Front Garden

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

Silver Gilt – Mr & Mrs Michael Gardiner and M A Morphy .

Silver – Mr & Mrs Powell, L J Lawley and Mrs Ann Price.

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

Gold – Peter Couch (Winner of the Meadhome Cup), GL & M J Waugh and Mr & Mrs Michael Gardiner.

Silver Gilt – Mrs Jean Connors and L J Lawley.

Silver – Derrick Dawdry, Mr and Mrs Powell and M A Morphy.

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

Gold – The Black Tiles (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Commercial Cup)

Silver Gilt – Rhymes Nursery

(D) "Your Back Garden"

Gold – Mr & Mrs Powell (Winner of the Martlesham in Bloom Shield).

Silver Gilt – Peter Couch and M A Morphy.

Silver – Mrs Patricia Harris and L J Lawley

Further details on the above or if you are interested in helping or being involved with Martlesham in Bloom please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM WI

We were delighted to see so many visitors from other local WIs at our Open meeting when Dr. Geoffrey Kay gave an illustrated talk on 'The Story of the Crystal Palace & Great Exhibition'. Dr. Kay explained the origins of the exhibition and told us that it was Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert who talked about and planned it in 1851. It was held from May to October with an estimated 12 million visitors attending. Nothing like it had ever been seen before and the exhibition was an enormous success with people attending from all over the world. Dr. Kay had many slides to show us and talked to us about the various exhibits which were fascinating. It was nice to hear that many of the exhibits can be seen today in the Victoria & Albert Museum.

We meet in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road at 7.30 p.m. Our next meeting will be our AGM on 16th November. We are a small and friendly group and would welcome new members and visitors so do feel free to come along and join us. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.

MOTHERS UNION

Each year the Mothers' Union has a theme and this year it has been "Your Gifts- Discover and Celebrate" What a challenge! Of course, we don't always see our own gifts, and often it is other people who notice what we have and sometimes point them out to us. I think the list is never ending, it is not only the obvious ones, like our senses, which are certainly gifts, but the more hidden, like wisdom, supporting, nurturing, generosity and many more. Then there are the active ones, like cooking, sewing, gardening and so on. During September, Ann Berg demonstrated one of her gifts when she showed members of the Mothers Union how to make an Advent/Harvest ring with lots of greenery from her garden plus a few visual aids.

Next month on Wednesday 3rd October at 2.30pm, members will be enjoying a "Beetle Drive" to raise funds for MU projects. Why don't you come along and enjoy this afternoon of fun, fellowship and faith?

If you would like to know more about MU activities, please talk to Florence on 631347

Do discover and celebrate your gifts, you will realise that God is indeed gracious and generous!

MARTLESHAM LADIES' CLUB

A good evening was had by all at our Harvest supper evening back in early October, with a talk by Pam Findlay on the Work of the Town Pastor at the following meeting

November meetings continue with a talk on the 15th, finishing with a talk on the history of the Citizens Advice Bureau on the 29th. Our friendly and informal meetings are fortnightly, and include guest speakers, raffles, "bring and buy" table, quizzes and refreshments. Next month sees us celebrating the season with our Christmas Party on the 13th. New ladies always welcome Further details on 01473 622768.

YOUR LOCAL WEEKLY COUNTRY MARKET.

CHRISTMAS, Christmas, Christmas with less than 8 weeks to go I am sure that no reminder is needed. However, I would like to bring to your notice that we shall be offering good quality, and different items for you to consider as presents for your family and friends. Gift wrapped preserves, homemade shortbread, sweets, and other cooked items will be on show to delight you.

The craft ladies will do their best to bring to this festive time home-crafted knitted, wooden, and fabric items you would like to give as presents, and special hand-crafted cards made to order especially for those very people you want to remember at this time.

Two markets weekly – Saturday at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach 9.30 to 11.30 am, and at the Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath 9.00 to 10.15am. Refreshments available at both venues

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 5th October and this month we hired the Thomas Theatre at Kesgrave High School for a double bill evening. This is the second year we have held a meeting in the Thomas Theatre and as last year we were entertained by two very knowledgeable speakers.

Clive Stevens lives in north Suffolk and has widely researched the "friendly invasion" of the United States Army Air Force who arrived in 1942 until the end of WW2. The whole enormous operation involved firstly the construction of dozens of new airfields across, mainly, East Anglia. At one time a new airfield construction was being started every three days. Codenamed "Operation Bolero" the whole subject is a fascinating one and his illustrated talk was well told by Clive, who was accompanied by his wife, Susanna.

After a coffee break the second speaker entitled his talk, "Spitfire Heroes". Ken Ellis is a past editor of "Flypast" magazine and now a contributing editor. His illustrated talk concentrated mainly of the life of RJ Mitchell, who designed the Spitfire and of Alex Henshawe. RJ Mitchell became chief designer for the Supermarine Company at the age of 24. The ungainly but extremely practical Supermarine Walrus, of whom up to seven were based at Martlesham for air/sea rescue at one time in WW2 was one of his designs. However it was firstly the Supermarine S6B seaplane that won the Schneider Trophy outright for Britain in 1931 that Mitchell became famous for. This was of course followed by his design of the Spitfire, One of the most iconic aircraft of all time. RJ Mitchell died of cancer in 1937, aged 42. Supermarine had been bought out by the Vickers Company and became Vickers Supermarine. Alex Henshawe became chief test pilot and it is estimated that he flew no less than 10% of all the 220000 spitfires built.

Altogether a most fascinating evening. The popularity of aviation topics is undiminished and our attendance for that evening was just over 200.

Our meeting on Friday 2nd November is entitled "A Year With Vintage Fabrics". Clive and Linda Denny run a successful company rebuilding and re-covering vintage aircraft. Clive is also a busy display pilot and will deliver an illustrated talk. Come and hear about their latest triumphs and adventures.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a coffee break half way through. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell 622458

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Mrs Judy Barham commenced her demonstration entitled "Childhood Memories" taking us back and reminding us of nursery rhymes and fairy tales. A traditional triangle of purple iris, orange lilies, green chrysanthemums and curled aspidistra leaves was her first design for 'Mary Mary' to which she added pretty silver bells and cockleshells. Cascading down from a tall stand came hosta leaves, yellow broom, orange gerberas and white alstroemeria for 'I had a little nutmeg tree'. Judy then filled a crib overflowing with light grey foliage, white carnations and large pink hydrangeas depicting 'rock-a-bye baby'. Following on orange mesh was put into a tall glass tube which was then topped with bright sunflowers, fatsia and white alstroemeria with 'Incy whincy spider' climbing down the side. Next came a giant shoe filled with mixed foliage, red freesias and hanging Chinese lanterns for 'An old woman who lived in a shoe'. To end our entertaining trip down childhood memory lane Judy then arranged large white oriental lilies, aspidistra leaves and pink roses around a black candelabra holding nine pink candles. Below sat a silver slipper ready for 'Cinderella' to try on.

The competition was won by Margaret Forbes (Senior) Florence Fisher (intermediate) and Margaret Doveston (Novice)

The Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

The next meeting will be on 21st November when Mrs Sandra Price will give a demonstration entitled "Christmas Greetings". The competition is "Decorated Christmas Parcel". It most welcome.

Margaret Doveston 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

will be holding their annual Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November at 3pm. This will take place on the Barrack Square

ATC cadets and Army cadets will be on parade. Representatives from the Royal Air Force, the United States Air Force and the Suffolk Aircrew Association will be present. The Salvation Army Band will attend and the service will be taken by the Rev. Tricia Shula.

We look forward to seeing you for this important once per year event.

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 19th November 2012.

Edith Cook: An Almost Forgotten Aviatrice ~ Martin Atkinson

Edith Cook was an early British parachutist, balloonist, and aviatrix, who was born in Ipswich in 1878. She was reputed to have made over 300 parachute jumps in a career spanning over 10 years and was reported in the newspapers to carry a small revolver with her as she could never be sure where she might land! Edith was a pupil at the Blériot flying school in 1909 or early 1910, where she learnt to fly and according to journals of the day became the first British woman to pilot a plane.

Meetings are held at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 and start at 8.00pm. Admission is £3.00 and newcomers are always welcome

Jumble & Plant Sale

10.00 am to 12.00 noon
Saturday 17th November 2012

in

The Pavilion
Martlesham Heath

If you have any jumble/ bric-a-brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007

The above sale is being held jointly by Martlesham In Bloom and Martlesham Community Council.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE WARM WELCOME AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM DEBEN

Since the start of the Rotary year, 1st July, the Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben has been very busy. As well as the club's regular Monday evening meetings at Ufford Park, our members have been out and about undertaking various activities. Several speakers have been to our club and a donation was made to the Alzheimer's Society following a talk by Wendy Chard from the charity. We have also provided a cheque to Headway. Other Monday evening activities have included visits to the Tide Mill and Sutton Hoo and a walk round Framlingham Castle which all finished with a meal at a local hostelry to round off an enjoyable day.

At the recent Music on the Green event at Martlesham Heath the club had two sites, on one of which a Shelter Box was on display which Rotary sends to various parts of the world when disasters occur. On the other site a coconut shy was erected which provided great entertainment for both the general public and club members.

We continue to be involved with the Memory Café where sufferers from dementia and Alzheimer's disease are able to meet on the last Wednesday of the month at Woodbridge Football Ground. Several of our nautical members are assisting at Wolverston with the "Sailability" project helping disabled people to sail.

To know more about the activities of our club please contact Rotarian Monty Guest on 01473 625838, email westlandrm@aol.com.

Temperatures are dropping as we head through Autumn towards winter but one place where you are sure of a warm welcome is Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club. The club's members come from all walks of life including teaching, the NHS, IT consultancy, telecommunication work and landscape architecture to enjoy evenings of speaking to improve their skills and confidence within a friendly, sociable and encouraging atmosphere.

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club is a Toastmasters' International affiliated club providing educational programmes in communication and leadership. The meetings are held fortnightly on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham IP12 4PB (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:

November 8th

November 22nd

December 6th

Further details can be found at www.speak-easy.org.uk

Or call Dave Nightingale Tel. 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473 62519

NEWS FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE AND DISTRICT

We are now 4 months in to the Lionistic year and what a busy time it has been for Lion President Peter See . The Club needed to set about raising funds for its Christmas parcel campaign as well as ongoing requests for help in the community. In this short period the Club has organised two car boot sales, had a stall at the Royal British Legion Fete, put on an electric pig race at Hatcheston and in conjunction with Woodbridge Rotary staged the cycle extravaganza on Kingston field on a glorious Sunday in September! This was followed in October by a record breaking Martlesham Heath 10KM and Fun Run.

The Lions Club of Woodbridge and District is a community services organisation which likes to have fun and make it happen. We are always looking for new members and those who have joined us recently have already made a significant contribution. So if you would like to get involved and make a difference in your community give us a ring on 0845 866820 or contact us through www.woodbridgelions.org.uk

Village Views

Conservation or Devastation?

Sir,

I wonder how many people on The Heath realise that there are plans in place which will have a major impact on the beautiful heathland area in our village known as the "Western Corridor". This area stretches from the back of Westland to the perimeter fence behind Heathfields and is a popular amenity area, especially with dog walkers. Did you know for instance that the plans include felling nearly half the trees in this area, thus destroying the habitat of hundreds of birds? I'm guessing that this may come as quite a surprise to you as there has been little information

available to residents even though it is us, the residents who own the land. It is only in the last few weeks that details have emerged and as the work is to begin in November it appears that we, the land owners, have not been given the chance to voice our opinions about the future of our heathland. The announcement of a Western Corridor SSSI Interest Group in September omitted to describe the plans, and is likely to have come too late as the work is about to begin. In fact the small group of people appointed by MHHL to decide what should happen to our heathland have done this without reference to those who own and use this amenity

area. They have decided to involve an organisation called "Natural England". This organisation has recently caused devastation on Sutton Heath where their work has been described as "ecological vandalism" in a BBC report and has caused outcry amongst local residents with a petition of over 1200 names asking for the destruction to be stopped. If you are as concerned as I am about the future of our beautiful heathland then please contact me so that I can collate your views and pass them on to MHHL.

Peter Loosemore
peter.loosemore@btinternet.com

Memories and Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday is a day to remember, a day for memories. Memory is a precious gift but, in itself, is neutral. That is to say it's a vehicle to recall the past but whether it is a pleasant experience or not depends of course on what the memories are. Almost certainly even the happiest memories bring a sense of nostalgia because they recall a particular joy that can never be repeated. Memories are personal, my memories are different from yours and although we can tell each other about them we can't share them unless we experienced together the actual events creating the memories.

Remembrance though is more than memory. It is recalling the past in order to affect the future. On Remembrance Sunday this is something we do corporately. We recognise that we are more than individuals with personal histories, we belong together and have a corporate and national history. We belong to society, to a nation and we come together to celebrate our common memories, our memories as a nation and the things that have shaped us into the people we are.

The Bible is full of instances where God calls his people to remember, to recall the past in order to affect the future. One of those occasions is recounted in Luke Chapter 22 verse 19 at The Last Supper when Jesus broke bread and said to his disciples, "This is my body, do this in remembrance of me." Christians remember not only Jesus' death but the whole person he was and is, his selfless giving of himself for the whole of human society, each time they take bread and wine at the Holy Communion service. Remembering the past to affect the future.

Tricia Shuler

Vicar

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Black Tiles Lane

THE "VARIETY" GOD!!

My son, who has an orchard, recently gave a talk about apples! - He estimated that there are some 5000 known varieties of apples and 9000 unknown! New varieties are being produced constantly. It made me wonder about the varieties of other natural things. There are 20,000 varieties of butterflies, worldwide, and 32000 species of fish. 500 different birds have been recorded in the U.K. - Not to mention snowflakes, or stars in the heavens!

What wisdom, power and inspiration lie behind these myriad wonders of creation!

The old book of Ecclesiastes puts it so neatly;

"God has made everything beautiful for it's own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work, from beginning to end"

You, who read this article are also a unique individual, one of God's endless variety of humans who people this planet. - Have you reached out to Him yet? - This all wise, all loving God, waits to welcome you into His Family.

ACTIVITIES DURING NOVEMBER

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY CIRCLE - November 13th

A Musical Afternoon
with the Possley Family

WEDNESDAYS

House Group - 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers - 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 1.00 a.m.

(For further information contact John or Ruth Mellen on 01473 624401)

THE ORWELL SINGERS - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Orwell Singers' Christmas
Concert will be held on

Saturday 8th December at 7.30 pm
at St Michael and All Angel's Church,
Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL.

Tickets will be available at the door,
price £7.00 for adults and 50p for
accompanied children. If you would
like more information please
telephone 01473 635955 or email
d.sharman@btinternet.com.

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

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM DISTRICT

For more details about Guiding in
Martlesham, please contact the
following:-

Jo Dixon Martlesham District
Commissioner 01473 622160

Chris Cooper Martlesham District Wait
List Co-ordinator 01473 626024

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

The Pavilion is a great location for a
children's party at weekends.

If you want to book the Martlesham
Heath Pavilion or need more
information please call Becky on
07732 199 712

Alternatively, you can book via our
website: [http://
www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/
index.htm](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/index.htm) which also contains details
of our current rates and hiring
conditions.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

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

Alternatively E-Mail the new E-Mail
address martcomhall@btinternet.com
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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 4th November All Saints Sunday	9.45am All Age Worship	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th November Remembrance Sunday	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	10.50am Remembrance Service	6.30pm Remembrance Service
	2.30pm Remembrance Service on Barrack Square		
Sunday 18th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion (CW)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th November Christ the King	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday	All Age Worship	Holy Communion (BCP)	8am Holy Communion
Midweek Services	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. Bright Stars meet on Monday, 12th & 26th November		

November Prayer Diary

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

- 5th Bonfire Night – Pray for Christian unity
- 6th US Presidential election
- 7th The residents of Warren Lane
- 8th Peace in Syria
- 9th Kesgrave High School
- 10th Coalition for Marriage (c4m.org.uk): may God's will be done in the debate on redefining marriage
- 11th Remembrance Sunday - Pray for those scarred by war**
- 12th Gorseland School
- 13th Diwali – pray for our Hindu neighbours
- 14th The residents of Westland
- 15th Islamic New Year - Pray for our Muslim neighbours
- 16th The United Nations International Day for Tolerance
- 17th Pray for a solution to the economic crisis in Greece *et al*
- 18th The congregation at MCF**
- 19th Prisons Week see: <http://www.prisonsworld.org>
- 20th Birchwood School

- 21st The residents of Whinfield & Whinfield Court
- 22nd Pray for Christian relief organisations
- 23rd Pray for Coptic Christians in Egypt facing harassment
- 24th The congregations at St Mary's, St Michaels & Brightwell
- 25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**
- 26th Doha Climate Change conference begins
- 27th Beacon Hill school
- 28th The residents of Woodside
- 29th Those with mental health issues
- 30th St Andrews Day – Pray for the people of Scotland
- December**
- 1st Pray for God's blessing on the Talitha Koum project (www.talithakoum.org.uk)**
- 2nd Advent begins – pray for a renewed understanding of the Christmas message
- 3rd. Preparations for Waiting for Christmas: see <http://www.waitingforchristmas.org.uk>