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*****EDITORIAL*****

I'd like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very happy New Year on behalf of everyone involved in the putting together and distribution of the Martlesham Monthly.

Neal Goldsmith

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Now that the continued production of the Talking Monthly is assured, please contact the Editors if you, or someone you know, would benefit by receiving one of the monthly audio tapes. These are available free of charge and are delivered by Royal Mail, normally on the second Saturday of the month. When the recipients have finished with the tape it can be returned to Graham Downing post-free merely by reversing the address label and dropping the package in a letter box.

Martlesham Monthly Editors

THE MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

The Martlesham Monthly magazine is a free publication distributed to all residents in the parishes of Martlesham and Brightwell. However, the "Monthly" doesn't just happen - it takes the efforts of over **100 volunteers** to edit, print, assemble and distribute the publication every month. We deliver 2850 copies to all of Martlesham and Brightwell, including the premises on the Business Park. In addition, The Talking Martlesham Monthly for the visually impaired has a team of **12 volunteers** to read, record and distribute the audiotapes. It can also be read online at www.martlesham.org.uk

The Martlesham Monthly is completely self-sufficient and receives no grants or awards; all funding is raised from the sale of advertising **any profits from which are donated from time to time to local organisations and deserving causes.**

These are some of the local projects, which the Martlesham Monthly has been pleased to support in the past few years.

The Martlesham Community

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Responders (local paramedics), Martlesham Milestone project, The manufacture and erection of one of the village signs, the restoration and maintenance of the windsock, Martlesham Old Boys FC, Martlesham Indoor Bowls Club (mat roller), the Christmas Tree in The Square every year, one of the main sponsors of "Music on the Green", hats for Martlesham Cricket Club, a hanging basket in The Square, the Martlesham website, Brian the milkman's Retirement Party, Darren the postman's Retirement Party, printing of "Martlesham The Good and Bad Old Days" and "Martlesham Memories", provision of a garage for community storage, supplied and fitted plaques to all the furniture in St Michael's Church which were made by David Goldsmith, donation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, musical instruments for Birchwood Primary School, paper for printing requirements for the local Church, Martlesham Village Directory, contributed towards benches around the Village Green in memory of local people, Martlesham Indoor Bowls - kit for all the players, Playford FC kit and end of year trophies, purchased various memorabilia items for Martlesham Aviation Society.

This Christmas we have sponsored Music on The Green 2011, £2500 with £1000 going directly to EACH Treehouse Appeal, paid for the Scouts Raffle Tickets, given all the residents of Bader Court a gift voucher to be spent in the Village and given the three Primary Schools in Martlesham £500 each.

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY MAMMALS

January:- Grey Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*). A species which was introduced from North America in 1876 approximately to a number of sites, since then it has spread throughout the UK and indirectly affected the decline of the Red Squirrel. Grey Squirrels can live to approximately 6 years, many die in the first years of life as victims to vehicles, dogs and birds of prey. They build a drey made from stripped bark, moss and twigs which is like a nest built in the forks

of tree branches but can be found living in buildings. The squirrels can produce two litters a year, one in spring and another in summer months. A litter can have 1-7 young. They can be seen all months of the year but winter time they are seen on the woodland floor digging up food stashes which were hidden in autumn. Can be seen all over Martlesham where there are trees.

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 PARISH COUNCIL

Happy New Year to all parishioners.

Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework - Consultation on the Reviewed Draft Core Strategy

This significant planning consultation was issued on 29th November and the deadline for responses is **23rd January**. The most important issue for Martlesham is on housing. Housing numbers have been revised to some extent but there is no alteration to the proposals for 2,000 new homes on the land south of BT.

You may view the document online: <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/796E8962-3E7A-4D03-BE7A-B16E7C9408B9/0/RevisedCoreStrategyFINAL-Nov2010.pdf>

The Parish Council holds a hard copy, please make an appointment to view.

If the Core Strategy as it stands is ultimately agreed it will have a major impact on the future of Martlesham so the Council urges you to respond to Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC). You may do so by post: Melton Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 1AU or via their online consultation system: <http://suffolkcoastal.jdi-consult.net/ldf>.

For any queries contact their Planning and Policy Team on 01394 444761.

Please copy your comments to SCDC to us too.

Parish Councillors will have been busy over the Christmas period putting together our response and the full Council expects to agree this at its meeting on Wednesday 5th January.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 5th January

*Recreation and Amenities Committee – Wednesday 12th January

*Parish Council – Wednesday 2nd February

*Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 9th February

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

Parish Office (at above address)
opening times: 9 am – 12 noon,
Mon – Fri, excluding public

holidays, but please book an appointment in advance if possible.

RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

This article explains the work of the Recreation and Amenities Committee (R&A). It is responsible for allocating over 60% of the Parish income on land maintenance, footpath rights of way, recreation and play areas and amenities such as bus shelters, public seating, litter and fido bins. Within that fairly short list there are some very important and highly visible projects.

The R&A manages the Council's land maintenance contract which includes grass cutting of The Green, Martlesham Heath, and maintenance of other parish land assets, such as the Recreation Ground, Martlesham.

We look after 4 play areas: "Harry Higgins", beside the Pavilion; "Centenary", opposite Gorseland School; "Jubilee", off Carol Avenue; "Kronji's Piece", at the Recreation Ground. The Centenary Playspace is due to have a major facelift with the provision of new equipment specified by the young people themselves thanks to a project led by a local resident as part of an R&A working group.

The parish has a large number of permissive footpaths and a particularly good circular walk, details of which can be obtained from the circular walk information boards, our website and the Parish Office. We work with the County Council & landowners to maintain the paths.

The Common is designated a County Wildlife Site and is managed by the committee, with the help of the Greenways Project. Consideration is also being given to provision of a BMX track, and efforts are being made with MALGA to establish allotments.

The Portal Woodlands Conservation Group, a working group of the R&A, has achieved the Anglia in Bloom Best Conservation Project. Excellent work has been done by engaging young people in two projects: Nature Watch Club for 5 – 11 year olds covering wildlife education and Nature Explorers for

10 – 16 year olds giving practical conservation skills.

Working parties involve parishioners and councillors in clearing vegetation, managing our open spaces and litter picking.

This committee works hard to keep our local amenities in good order, maintain our open spaces and keep our environment special.
Duncan Sweeting
Chairman - Recreation and Amenities Committee

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

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

Alternatively, e-mail the new e-mail address
martcomhall@btinternet.com or write to The Booking Secretary, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich, IP12 4PB.
Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Firstly may I wish everyone a happy new year and hope that you all had a good Christmas.

The Local Development Framework (LDF) Consultation

Hopefully most residents will now be aware that Suffolk Coastal is in the process of reviewing their LDF document and reconsidering the number of new houses to be built within the district. Unfortunately the new proposals are still requesting the provision of 2,000 new homes in the area adjacent to Adastral Park. The full document is available for viewing at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review. For those residents who do not have access to email the documents are available at Suffolk Coastal offices at Melton Hill Woodbridge or by prior arrangement with the Parish Clerk at the Parish Council Office at Felixstowe

Road. It is important to note that if you have responded to the previous consultation exercises it will be necessary for you to reiterate your comments again. **Please note that the final date for receipt of any consultation responses is 23rd January.**

Bloor Homes planning application

At the time of writing this report I have no further update as to when this application will be considered by the Suffolk Coastal Development Control Sub Committee. Officers are still awaiting responses from the developer to questions raised concerning certain aspects of the application.

Proposed mobile phone base station installation at Eagle Way

I have recently received correspondence from Babcock International Group acting on behalf of O2 and Vodaphone advising that they are in the process of identifying suitable sites within the Suffolk Coastal area to provide radio base stations. The site identified at Martlesham Heath is at Eagle Way near the footpath to Demesne Gardens opposite Carlford Close. The proposals include the erection of an 11.8m pole, cabinet and meter pillar. At the time of writing this report I am trying to ascertain the planning requirements for this equipment. I will be contacting those residents most directly affected.

If any residents wish to discuss any of the above matters please e-mail me at john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephone after 6 pm on 01473 626308.

John Kelso, District Councillor,
Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Local Bus Service: I have now received more definitive information on the proposed revision of the local bus services to and from Martlesham and Martlesham Heath. It would appear that decisions are being taken primarily on economic factors. The 172/173 service is clearly very important to a number of our residents, unfortunately, there are insufficient users of the service

to justify it continuing to travel around Eagle Way. The service is set to continue but will only call in at the bus stop at the mini-roundabout opposite the BT entrance. In order to help make a case for keeping the full service I have placed a petition in Duncan's shop in the Square that I hope many users will sign. We have only got a few weeks until mid-January available to us to obtain sufficient signatures. Alternately you can e-mail the County Council Bus Transport department at smpt:david.gibbs@suffolk.gov.uk and give your views direct.

Local Development Framework:

There is only a short time left until 29th January for you to give your vote on the revised core strategy. It is worth noting that a new feature has appeared in the revised edition, namely that five 'Area Action Plans' (AAP) boundaries have been introduced. The one of most interest to us is that which covers Martlesham, Newbourne and Waldringfield. I shall take an interest in what these plans entail for the future.

The coming year 2011 is likely to see a number of new developments that I will be following closely and I trust and hope that they are to everyone's benefit and that everyone will have a successful and healthy new year. If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively you can join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St. Michael's Church hall on Monday 10th January between 10 am and 12 noon.

NANT UPDATE

Revised Planning Framework goes to public consultation

Suffolk Coastal District Council recently announced a review of the Local Development Framework (LDF). The revised document is currently out to public consultation for 8 weeks from 29th November to 23rd January. When approved, the LDF will set the planning policies for the whole District for the next 20 years.

A spokesperson from local

opposition group NANT (No Adastral New Town) commented "We are pleased that in the light of the new government's emerging planning policies, SCDC has announced that it has revisited some aspects of the Local Development Framework. Whilst welcoming this news, we think that allowing only 8 weeks, which includes the Christmas and New Year holiday period, is wholly inadequate. This vital consultation process will influence the framework for developments that will be here for generations to come. The council seems to be pressing ahead with undue haste, perhaps mindful that there is a council election next May. In addition, the coalition Government will soon be publishing details of its Localism Bill which promises more community involvement in development decisions affecting their area."

"Although the revised LDF shows a reduction of approximately 10% in the total number of houses needed across the district, it still includes a site specific allocation of 2000 houses at Adastral Park (the site of the BT planning application). It appears that the relevant policies in the LDF were written specifically to dovetail with BT's planning application. In other words we won't have a plan-led strategy (which is what we are supposed to have), we will have a BT-led strategy. If this version of the LDF is adopted by the council it will almost certainly lead to the approval of the BT application to build the new housing estate of 2000 houses and tower blocks.

The Government and SCDC have promised to attach great importance to the views of local people and grassroots organisations in the decision making process. It is hoped that SCDC Councillors and planning officers will live up to this promise and respond to the strength of feeling of local people when making important decisions on housing in the district, in the context of both the LDF Core Strategy (currently under review) and the BT planning application."

The public consultation period is the opportunity for the public and local communities to make their

comments directly to the council and to influence the decisions on the future character of this area. These views have to be fully taken into account before the matter goes for debate to a full council meeting.

Don't lose your democratic right to voice your opinion. Comment on the LDF and the future of our district. You must respond before January 23rd.

For more information on responding to the consultation please visit the NANT website at

www.noadastralnewtown.com

and the Suffolk Coastal District Council website at

www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

In addition, NANT will be holding 2 public meetings in January to discuss the progress of the campaign and advise on the consultation process. Supporters are invited to attend whichever is the most convenient of the following dates:

*Monday January 10th at 7:30 pm at Waldringfield Village Hall

*Wednesday January 12th at 7:30 pm at St Michaels Church Hall, Martlesham Heath.

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

Do you know what your maintenance charge is spent on?

Have you ever attended a MHHL AGM?

If there were not enough volunteers to be on the Board of MHHL do you know who would take care of all the green areas around the village?

If you answered no to any of the above questions perhaps you would like to attend the AGM in February (Thursday 10th) or come to a Board Meeting where you would be entitled to ask any questions and find out what we do. Please also read the AGM document which will be delivered to every household in a few weeks.

On the subject of the Western Corridor, we have word from Natural England that it is looking promising for government funding to maintain and improve this area. On the subject of a new name, we had one suggestion of "Sheep

Walks" or "The Walks", which was based on the history of the area. Any more suggestions?

There will be a Megabash on 19th February on the Western Corridor. This is organised by our local conservation group with Greenways and is to clear some of the gorse and trees from the Site of Special Scientific Interest. All are volunteers and anyone can join in. Drinks are usually provided but bring your own food. Stay as long as you like and do whatever you are capable of. All tools are provided by Greenways. Look out for signs giving more details.

A tree surgeon has been given the go ahead to deal with several trees around the heath, either for crown lifting, removal or pruning. Also the pathway between Manor Road and Carlford, to the north of the North Green, will have the vegetation cut back from the path, making access better for disabled vehicles as well as walkers. The weather has had an impact on starting this work. Our next meeting in St Michael's Church Centre is on 20th December at 7:30 pm.

The next Board Meeting, to which anyone is invited, is on Monday 17th January at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre. Don't forget the AGM on 10th February. You can contact us on 01473 612207, e-mail to mhh@martlesham.org.uk and write to MHHL, PO Box 897, IP1 9PB.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Craft Fair held on Saturday 20th November was very successful. Our thanks for donations for the raffle prizes go to:- The Douglas Bader, The Red Lion, J's Fish & Chips, Olav's Hairdressers, Tesco's, Sainsbury's, Roselea Nursery (Kirton), Colchester Zoo, Ipswich Regent, New Wolsey Theatre, River Deben Crafts, Home Meadows Nursery.

Our next fundraising event is on Sat 19th February from 10 am – 12 noon in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. If anyone has any bric-a-brac, jumble, etc., but not electrical items, newspapers or magazines. Please contact Jackie Bear on

01473 623007.

We are in the process of organising a Golf Tournament at Waldringfield, in order to raise funds for replacing the Village Hall and The East Anglian Air Ambulance. Details will be following.

We are also hoping to organise a fashion show at Wyevalles plus other events such as "A Book Fair", jumbles sales, table top sale, dog show, etc.

The Community Council would like wish everyone a happy New Year.

If anyone has any queries please contact Jackie Bear on the above number.

ANGLIA DIGITAL SWITCHOVER DATE

Switchover starts in the Anglia TV region in March 2011 and ends in November 2011.

There are 3 transmitter groups in the Anglia TV region that will switch from analogue to digital TV at different times. The time at which you switch depends on which transmitter group you receive your signal from.

The Sudbury transmitter, serving parts of Suffolk and Essex, including the Martlesham area, will switch on 6th July 2011.

If you're eligible for the Help Scheme, we'll be in touch in plenty of time before switchover to ask if you want our help.

Contact information

If you need any more help or information, please get in touch.

- Call us free on **0800 40 85 900**. Our phone lines are open 8 am-8 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am-6 pm Saturday and Sunday. Calls from mobiles may be charged depending on your network provider.
- Contact us free via fax on **0800 40 86 045**
- Textphone users call us free on **0800 40 85 936**.
- e-mail info@helpscheme.co.uk
- Send a text message to 80002
- By post - freepost

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

We welcomed back Mrs Penny Stone with her demonstration entitled "Dear Father Christmas". Six

large arrangements all with a bright Christmas theme. Penny likes to use garden plant material as much as possible and also includes dried flowers in her arrangements. The first design was in a black open container with fir cones, gladioli and roses in bright orange and gold denoting a log fire, whilst the final arrangement representing decorations featured gold sprayed and curled aspidistra leaves made into a large bow together with pink lilies and small pink roses wrapped in tinsel. Added to this were some fairy lights making a very festive display.

The competition was won by Margaret Perry with Kate Burrows winning the novice class

Our Christmas sales table was a huge success.

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 £12.50 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 19th January when Mrs Pat South will give a demonstration entitled "It's a Wonderful World". The competition is "Illustrate a country"

The following meeting on the 16th February will be a hands-on workshop when Mrs Deborah Cutts will demonstrate how to make a Valentine ring. All are most welcome.

Margaret Doveston - 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next events:-

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 19th February
10 am to noon

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath
(jointly with Martlesham Community Council)

An evening about recycling

Tuesday 15th March
in St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

There will be more information about the above events in the February issue and on parish notice boards.

Looking forward to later in the spring, we will be holding our AGM event Tuesday 10th May in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath; this will include a talk of local interest and there will be more details nearer the time.

Anglia in Bloom

We will be entering Martlesham in the Anglia in Bloom 2011 competition.

Martlesham in Bloom wish everybody a Happy (gardening) New Year.

If you would like to know more about our activities or are interested in joining please contact the Martlesham in Bloom secretary, J Maureen Burrows on 01473 625196.

M.A.L.G.A. ALLOTMENTS

You're welcome to our **AGM** which is due **Tuesday 11th January**.

Please put this in your diary and attend as we need your votes, support and company.

Venue:-

Annex, St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath at 7:30 pm, with refreshments.

If you want allotments then please attend, if you have some spare time we could do with a little help and some new ideas.

We apologise for being off line for a while, we've been working in the background and there's not been much progress to talk about, the land that we have been working on with the Parish Council has been delayed due to some difficulty getting the soak-aways examined and the weather has not been helping, so hopefully more progress in the new year.

WEB...www.malga.co.uk

Please e-mail me:-

malga@btinternet.com

Thanks.

Paul Day, Chairman

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Our last meeting was our AGM when our President Mrs Audrey Burnell and our Secretary Mrs Susan Cunliffe were both re-elected. The

existing Committee was all re-elected and was thanked by Mrs Betty Darke for their work throughout the year. Members had been asked to bring along any treasured souvenir and to give a brief reason why it was special to them. There were a number of very diverse items among which was a small Canadian jug, an antique locket, an African figure, an extremely colourful tiny silk lantern from Singapore, a small shell from the Caribbean and a teddy bear given to a member by her daughter. The two favourites of the evening were a family photograph dating from the late 1800s and a dainty wooden Advent collection made from thorn carvings which had been brought in Nigeria many years ago. With advent just around the corner it was very apt that this was much admired.

We meet in the Richards Room on the third Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be a talk on the Mary Rose given by Mr Philip Roberts. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Martlesham Ladies Club will have had their Christmas party on the 16th December with invited entertainment to set off the festivities. They will resume their fortnightly meetings at the Richards Room 7:30 pm on the 13th January when the Town Pastor Colin Howe will tell us of his very interesting job. New members are always welcome. For further information telephone Do-reen Boar on 01473 622768.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

A Happy New Year from all at Martlesham Mums Club. We start 2011 with an important meeting on Tuesday 11th January at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. Steve Dayman, Chief Executive of Meningitis UK, will give a talk on 'Meningitis - The Facts'. This is an Open Meeting to which ALL parents are invited. There will be no lunch provided but all are welcome

to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available from 12:45 pm. Admission is free and small children are welcome with their parents. Steve's talk will start at 1:30 pm. We hope everyone will take this opportunity to learn more about this devastating disease.

Our February meeting will revert back to its normal format. It will be held at St Michael's Church Centre from 12:45 to 2:30 pm on Tuesday 1st February. Our after-lunch speaker will be Sarah Tait from St Michael's Pre-School who will talk on Pre-School Education.

All mums with babies and toddlers welcome.

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

MENINGITIS - THE FACTS What You Need To Know

**A talk by Steve Dayman
Chief Executive, Meningitis U.K
at St Michael's Church Centre
Martlesham Heath
on Tuesday 11th January
at 1:30 pm**

**Bring a packed lunch at 12:45
pm - tea/coffee available**

**All welcome - toys available
for small children**

Organised by Martlesham Mums
Club

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Each week in the Mothers' Union Prayer Diary, we are given a short report on countries with membership in the MU. Lesotho is one such country. It is surrounded by South Africa, and relies heavily on that country for job opportunities. Many of Lesotho's villages are only accessible by foot, horseback or light aircraft. Resources are scarce, partly a consequence of the limited space for agricultural development. Mothers' Union is helping to find work locally, manufacturing chairs, rearing pigs, sewing and planting trees. Members are also working to tackle the

domestic violence and abuse which affects many of the countries women and children. This is the Mothers' union at work worldwide. Why not join us at one of our meetings and find out what is happening locally?

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at St Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm. For more details 'phone Marion Davies on 01473 624196.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We held our Christmas party on Friday 10th December, which was a great success. Santa made a special journey to see the children. We hope that all the children who came had a good time.

We would like to give our thanks to all the organisations that supported the group by donating items for our raffle. These include Black Tiles, The Douglas Bader Pub, Identity, Amanda's Beauty, Co-op, Woodbridge Complementary Health Centre, Easton Farm Park, All Fired Up and Strawberry Mountain Photography.

We would also like to thank Millie's family and friends, for raising the most money in our sponsored toddler.

We start again for the New Year on Friday 7th January.

For anyone who would like to join us, our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great activity table for the children. Refreshments are included.

Our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am during term-time. Our members pay just £2 per session for the first child and only £1 for each additional child attending. If the first child is under 6 months old you pay a reduced rate of £1 for them. There is a one-off joining fee of £6, to help cover administration costs. However, there are no session charges when you pay the joining fee. Please note that our play sessions are unsupervised and the children do remain in the full care of the accompanying adult at all times.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to call Catherine on 07515 435876 or e-mail martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm.

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Happy New Year from all at St Michaels, and WOW what a fab year 2011 looks to be. We have lots of exciting things to do at Pre-school and a few trips for the children again this year, plus a few 'after hours' activities to include the adults. All details will be published nearer the event happening.

Everyone would like to wish Becky Singleton good luck in her new role at Birchwood. She will be hugely missed by children, staff and parents alike.

New for 2011, Holiday Club! We are going to be starting a holiday club this year, watch this space and others for more information.

We are a registered charity and therefore rely on the support and help given by parents/carers and families. We are currently looking for new committee members, so if you would like a say in how your children's pre-school is run, come and join us at our monthly meetings.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

Christmas Post 2010

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who wrote and posted cards in the Scout post boxes this year. Your efforts have meant that we sent out 1920 cards to the other groups, whilst retaining about 220 for our own area. Martlesham, as a whole, received in 1867 cards from the other groups. As yet, I don't have the amount of money actually raised for the group, but I will let you know. A huge thanks also to all the helpers during the week. I know it is a big job and it was really good to see so many folk willing to help out.

Thanks again and let's go for 2000 next year!!!

Simon Smith

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

My thanks to all the stalwart poppy collectors who can be relied on, every year, to give their time to be collectors for the donations given by customers visiting Tesco's at Martlesham, for the Poppy Appeal, and in recent years has been generously supported to help our service men and women in Afghanistan, as some return badly injured, needing complex medical help, increasing the collections vastly.

This year we were allowed, by Tesco's store manager Mr Simon Thomas, to collect from inside the store, which was much appreciated by us, as several of us are now quite elderly.

I also express our appreciation that, when the two minute silence on November 11th was announced, all the managerial staff stood in a line, together, as this was the very first time it has occurred.

A letter of thanks for this has been sent to the store manager. In the nine days, from 9 am to 5 pm daily, amazingly, between all our 27 collectors, the collection were credited with £6,145.29.

Also at the initial count, the collections from Martlesham schools, businesses, door to door and Tesco's petrol station and Tesco's customer service desk added a further £4,052.27 to the amounts collected in Martlesham.

On behalf of the British Legion, thank you all.

Sincerely

Patricia Harris

MARTLESHAM HEATH

AVIATION SOCIETY

We were defeated by the weather on Friday 3rd December and were obliged to cancel our advertised meeting. Every effort was made to inform everyone and we wish to apologise to any hardy souls who turned up hoping to enjoy our advertised programme.

The first of our monthly meetings for 2010 will be held as usual on the first Friday of the month. Our member, Jim Empson will give an illustrated talk entitled "Aeroplanes and Me". Jim has been a keen

aviator for 40 years and has owned and flown his own vintage WW2 Piper "Grasshopper".

The meeting is on 7th January and will start at 7:30 pm with a coffee break half way through. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

The members of MHAS wish everyone a Happy New Year.
Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

"HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR"

everyone. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and Santa got you all you wanted.

Thanks are due to the Woodland Trust for their supply of saplings of various species. Fortunately, with the help of Nature Watch, Nature Explorers and our Volunteers, we managed to plant more hazel plants just before the cold snap arrived.

Maybe your New Year's resolution could be to come and join us one Saturday or Sunday during 2011. It would be good to see you sometime. Work day dates are listed on our website (address below). Questions and suggestions about the work of the Group are always welcome.

We would like to say a big 'THANK YOU', to all volunteers for their contribution over the past year. A thank you too to our wonderful cake maker Jan (hmmm... maybe the Christmas excess is not my trouble after all!)

WILDLIFE NEWS FLASH – redwings and gold crests have been visiting the wood.

The dates for the 2011 **Nature Watch Club** meetings are on the website now. We are continuing with the new club for 10+ years too, **Nature Explorers**, which had 4 successful meetings in 2010. Booking and enquiries for these can be made via the website (address below).

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting 2011 dates are now on the website.

Nature Explorers Club Saturday 15th January, 9-11 am.

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 15th January, 10 am - 12 noon

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.

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

At our AGM which took place in early November our Chairman and founder of the group Ron Manning decided to stand down. Ron started the group in about 1984 and has been our Chairman ever since. It is with great gratitude we thank him for all that he has done for the group and wish him well on his retirement from the committee. Ron will still be very much involved as he is still keen to join us on our working parties. Your new committee will be Phil Smith - Chairman, Chris Mulvey - Minutes secretary, Carolyn Smith - Treasurer, and Mike Hall - events. We will aim to move conservation in Martlesham forward based on the foundation inspired by Ron.

Our next work party will take place on Sunday January 9th. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am. The work party will either take place on the northern part of the heath SSSI or in the woodland at the bottom of the green depending on the weather conditions. Please contact me nearer the time for a more accurate location.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM - NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

Many people make New Year resolutions, with getting fit always a popular one, resulting in a sudden increase in zealous gym users. As the year progresses there can be a tendency for these visits to become further and further apart. Why not make a New Year's resolution with a difference, to keep your mind fit? A great way to do this would be to join Speak Easy at Martlesham

Speakers Club. Here you will be challenged to improve your confidence and ability to speak in public, along with the opportunity to have a go at turning your mind to a variety of meeting roles, as well as be informed, challenged, entertained and inspired by the wide variety of subjects you will hear about in members' prepared speeches. The club aims to support members and encourage them as they progress, within a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club meets on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham. Guests are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings. There is no pressure to speak and you will be made very welcome.

Future Speakeasy at Martlesham 2011 meetings:

January 6th and 20th

February 3rd and 17th

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

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

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

So far this season we are doing very well, at present being top of the league, and we hope that this situation will continue in the New Year.

By now all our festivities will be over but we will still have our Annual Dinner to celebrate later this month or early February. Arrangements have yet to be made.

I feel I was a little remiss in not wishing our members a very Happy Christmas in the last edition of Martlesham Monthly, but am not too late in wishing them a healthy and happy New Year.

Maureen Banthorp

TABLE TENNIS

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

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

The Martlesham Heath Pavilion has the following time slots available for bookings:

WEEKLY

Thursdays 12 pm-6 pm

Fridays 8 pm-11 pm

FORTNIGHTLY

Tuesdays 7:30 pm-11 pm

Thursdays 9 am-12 pm, second and fourth Thursday of each month.

MONTHLY

Thursdays 9 am-12 pm, third Thursday of each month

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> which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"The heart of the matter!"

It is salutary, from time to time, to set down clearly, the essentials of the Christian Gospel. The Apostle Paul's testimony furnishes a good example. He was a zealous keeper of the Law, an Israelite through and through and he lived a strict way of righteousness. When he became a Christian he concludes - "All my past achievements, in my desire to become righteous before God, I now count as nothing! - I have gained Jesus Christ, and now have a righteousness of my own, not through my own efforts, but that which comes from faith in Christ" (Phil. Ch 3). Paul expands on this in his letter to the Romans. We are justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood.

The prisoner in the dock, who is pardoned by the Judge, because someone has paid his debt, goes on his way rejoicing, full of gratitude to his benefactor. So may we, when we understand all that God has done in Christ to deal with the debts of all our weaknesses.

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

SUNDAYS - Worship and Communion, 10 am

TUESDAY CIRCLE - 11th January

WEDNESDAYS - House Groups, 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS - Mums and Toddlers, 10 am

FRIDAYS - Friends on Friday, 10 am

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

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM BRIGHT STARS

We would like to invite all pre-schoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers who enjoy singing, stories, crafts and having fun to join us at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session 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.

Last term we found out about Samuel, who was a prophet in Old Testament times, through singing, making puppets and crowns, plus other activities. Our Christmas themed sessions followed, taking us into December. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Why not come and visit us in 2011?

The dates for our Spring 2011 sessions are:

January 10th, 24th, February 14th, 28th, March 14th, 28th

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon on 01473 622160,
Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196
or Rev. Ian Naylor on 01473 622424

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

***Sundays 2nd and 16th - Holy Communion, 8 am**

***Sunday 9th and 16th - Evensong, 6:30 pm**

A Happy New Year to all!

As we enter a new year we look forward to a new initiative commencing in Brightwell. The first open meeting of the Thursday Men's Group is planned for Thursday 13th January- The Church Hall will be open from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm for fellowship and men of all ages are welcome. The Group will hopefully follow the theme of 'Men in Sheds' and the Group will determine its own function in due course but will initially be steered by Brightwell PCC.

People often say to me "there is a lot going on in Brightwell" but please remember that what we do is for YOU and your presence is very welcome at anything that we do. We have resources that we want to share with YOU and that a welcome awaits anyone who likes to visit.

For a new look at the Church visit www.youtube.com - input "Brightwell Church" in the search box.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
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ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to uproot a time to search a time to build" Ecclesiastes ch. 3

During 2010 circumstances have combined to reduce the monetary and management resources of St Mary's and St Michael's Churches in Martlesham and recently Ian, our Priest-in-Charge, has felt God calling him to new work elsewhere.

Seven years ago, when last without a priest-in-charge, we set out a vision for the church in Martlesham which included an emphasis on youth. We worked toward that vision by employing a Youth Worker with three other local churches. Whilst our work continues to move forward the means of achieving this needs to be restructured.

The Church in Martlesham wants to review its goals and the ways to achieve them and would like to do this as a whole community. Our program of review will centre around a special service on January 2nd where we will commemorate the good work done in God's name in Martlesham and Brightwell since the churches were first built, celebrate our continuing activities and discuss God's way forward for us. This will be done briefly in small groups to enable everyone to contribute to the debate. After the service we will have the opportunity to continue our discussions over a Bring and Share 'New Life' meal at St Michael's.

We would welcome the views of anyone in our community with an opinion about our church either at this service or by contacting any of our Ministry Team or PCC members.

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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 2nd January Sunday after Christmas	8am Holy Communion		9:45am Service for New Year
Sunday 9th January Baptism of Christ	6:30pm Evensong 11am Family Service	8am Holy Communion and Junior Church	9:45am Family Communion
Sunday 16th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion (CW)	11am Holy Communion	9:45am Worship and Junior Church
Sunday 23rd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 30th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	6:30pm Evening Service	11am Benefice Service	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 6th February 5th Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
<u>MIDWEEK SERVICES:</u>	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars meet on Mondays 10th and 24th January at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.		

Please use the following suggestions as a basis for your thanksgiving and intercessions:

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| 5 the residents of Angela Close | 27 Holocaust Memorial Day - Pray for God's special people |
| 6 wisdom to understand the Epiphany | 28 the United Nations: International Year of Forests (2011) |
| 7 peace in Afghanistan | 29 those with mental health issues |
| 8 Karen Turnbull in her new work at CRBC | 30 other Christians within the parish |
| 9 the congregations at St Mary's and Brightwell Church | 31 Gorseland School |
| 10 local government | FEB 1 the extension of God's kingdom |
| 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day | 2 the residents of Birch Grove |
| 12 the residents of Avocet Lane | 3 problems in North Korea |
| 13 Kesgrave High School | 4 the homeless and charities which minister to them |
| 14 the United Nations: International Year of Youth (2010-11) | |
| 15 those struggling with debt | |
| 16 the congregation at MCF | |
| 17 Martin Luther King Day- pray for race relations | |
| 18 National Government | |
| 19 the residents of Bader Court | |
| 20 Birchwood School | |
| 21 those who have lost their jobs | |
| 22 prisoners and prison chaplains | |
| 23 the congregation at St. Michaels | |
| 24 those struggling with addictions | |
| 25 the residents of Bealings Road | |
| 26 Australia Day | |