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and afternoon sessions are available. The  
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For any queries or bookings please  
contact 01473 623655.

**THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH**

This month's poignant photograph is  
The Green in the snow by Alan Powel.

If you have photographs of interesting  
views around the Parish, or of your  
group's activities, please send them  
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the page.

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Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham  
Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and  
Brightwell, in support of and until the  
arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details contact, Paul Stockdale  
01473 621225 (e.mail:  
paulstockdale@btinternet.com)

**POLICE**

Community Police Officer PC 1732 Rachel  
Cable

In case of emergencies please always call  
999.

In non-emergency situations call the the  
new number 101.

E-mail: the Safer Neighbourhood Team  
kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

**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 the  
booking secretary on 07732 199 712  
Alternatively, you can book on our website:

**http://www.martlesham.org.uk/  
pavillon/index.htm**

which also contains details of our current  
rates and hiring conditions

**GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM**

For all NEW enquiries to join Guiding as a  
young member or adult volunteer, please  
visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) or  
call 0800 1 69 59 01.

For general enquiries about Guiding in  
Martlesham, please contact  
Hannah Panting( Martlesham District  
Commissioner Or Chris Cooper Martlesham  
District Wait List Coordinator 01473  
626024,

**1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS**

For all enquiries regarding joining the  
group, becoming a helper or hiring of the  
Scout HQ please contact Rachel Pennick  
01473 610437

**MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES**

The mobile library is expected to visit on the  
following days/times in the next three  
months, on the same Tuesday/Thursday 4-  
weekly schedule.

**TUESDAYS:**

02 December, 30 December

2015: 27 January

Angela Close: 1:35-1:50pm

Redwold Close: 1:55-2:10pm

Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2:20-2:50pm

Douglas Bader: 3:00-4:30pm

**THURSDAYS**

18 December

2015: 15 January

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

**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](mailto:martcomhall@btinternet.com)

# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Please note that our office will be closed from **Monday 22– Monday 29 December.**

## Parish Councillor needed

Essential requirement: an interest in looking after our parish for the benefit of the community. Training & support provided. Sorry, no pay but out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.

If you would like to know more, the best way is to come along to a full Council or committee meeting, as listed below. The Clerk is also happy to provide information or put you in touch with a councillor to get first-hand knowledge!

Your parish councillors represent many walks of life and their work experience and local knowledge is invaluable in advising others and ensuring that the interests of the Parish are taken into account. We need input from both young and old, irrespective of gender, employment status or race. The Council's current activities include:

- maintenance of footpaths and the Common
- provision and maintenance of bus shelters, litter and dog-dirt bins and seats
- maintaining four play areas and bike trails
- grass cutting and maintenance of the Green and Recreation Ground
- major challenges at this time include Neighbourhood Planning, the BT & Bloor Homes developments, proposals for housing development in the north of the parish.

## What have we been doing recently?

- Reviewing and deciding on grants for 2015/16
- Budgeting for 2015/16 financial year
- Checking condition of street furniture, carrying out or scheduling repairs as needed
- Liaising with MHHL to improve the path to the Centenary Playspace
- Reviewing our Land Maintenance contract and appointing a contractor for 2015 - 2018
- All Martlesham footpaths walked by volunteer councillors; task list produced so work can be undertaken by volunteers or Suffolk County Council Rights of Way
- Keeping up to date with changes in government legislation for town & parish councils

## Forthcoming meetings:

No full Parish Council meeting in December

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 03 December 2014

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 10 December 2014

Parish Council –

Wednesday 07 January 2015

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.

## Recreation Ground Working Party on 5 October 2014

Many thanks to those who took part and helped fill a skip.

Coffee & biscuits were enjoyed as well as hard work taking place to tidy up areas of the Recreation Ground.

Unfortunately, after the event, this was spoilt a bit by people who chose to dump their dog dirt bags and other rubbish in the skip, which was for green waste only. This could have created a significant increased cost to the Parish Council (and therefore parishioners) but fortunately Suffolk Coastal Services chose to waive it.

## Contacting the Council

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

01473 612632

e-mail: [clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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.

## JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

### Community Enabling Budget (CEB)

Please note I still have funds available to distribute to Martlesham organisations that have any new projects planned over the next few months. Any unspent funds will be returned to the Suffolk Coastal coffers. Please contact me or visit [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) as soon as possible to see if your project meets the required criteria.

### Refuse Bin collection arrangements

New refuse bin collection arrangements were put in place back in July and I am aware that some teething problems occurred. If any problems are still occurring in your area please contact me so that I can get any issues dealt with.

### Search for Suffolk Coastal unsung heroes

Do you know any local unsung heroes who go the extra mile or make our community a better, safer or more pleasant area to live in? For more information or to make a nomination please visit [www.scba.co.uk](http://www.scba.co.uk). If you don't have access to a computer please contact me on the telephone number below. The closing date for nominations is 5th January 2015

### Just a reminder about Individual Electoral Registration (IER)

With Parish, District and General elections being held in May 2015 can I remind people that a new electoral registration system is now in place. If you are already an elector within Suffolk Coastal and have not moved house since June your electoral details should have been transferred automatically. If you have moved house or moved to Martlesham since June 2014 you will have needed to register under the new system of IER. You can register on line at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). In order to register you will need to supply your National Insurance Number and date of birth. Please remember that each person over 18 in the household will need to apply individually. You can also apply on a paper form which Suffolk Coastal can send to you pre-filled with the information they already know – you can contact them on 01394 444685 or via email at [elections.scdc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:elections.scdc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

I can be contacted by email [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or by telephone 01473 631682

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward.

## CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT DECEMBER 2014

### The 'SHLAA'

At an early stage in the creation of the new Suffolk Coastal's Local Development Plan an invitation went out to land owners to ask if they might wish submit all or part of their land to be included in a document to be known as 'Site Specific Allocations & Policies'. The resulting document which listed and showed all the sites submitted was published in December 2008. Based on that publication, Suffolk Coastal District Council has now published its '**Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**' otherwise referred to as the 'SHLAA' report.

A Disclaimer is also issued with the report that says that the '*SHLAA does not allocate sites for development. It assesses sites across the district in order to establish realistic assumptions about the availability, suitability and the likely economic viability of land to meet the identifiable need for housing over the plan period. .... Therefore, as the SHLAA is not a development plan document or a supplementary planning document, it should be given limited weight in the assessment of planning applications.*'

So far as Martlesham is concerned I feel sure that everyone will be pleased to learn that at this period of time there is no inclusion for further major housing developments other than those already provisionally accepted; i.e. land south of BT; Bloor Homes off Main Road, and The Woodbridge Town Football Ground.

### The SCDC Leisure Strategy

SCDC has been reviewing and assessing the Leisure Strategy for the district and in particular the sporting facilities both in terms of what is currently available and possible predictions for future requirements. A consultation was undertaken earlier this year and that yielded some useful comments and ideas. This report was considered alongside a demographic approach to the possible movement of residents and the probabilities associated with an ageing population. The 'Policy and Development Task Group' of SCDC, of which I am a member, has considered this policy update and as I have a strong interest in this subject I shall study this report with great interest. This topic seems to me to be an ideal subject for eventual consideration by our Neighbourhood Planning Team.

Finally, as this is the last report that I know you will see prior to Christmas I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2015. If you would like to discuss these or any other matter with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at [www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

### MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

John Naylor who has performed many years of tree maintenance for MHHL has recently announced his retirement. The MHHL team would like to thank him and wish him a long and happy retirement.

I am pleased to report that the installation of the Bollards to protect the Green and Northern Green has been completed. This was necessary to prevent incursion by travellers.

I attended an open meeting with the Safer Neighbourhood Police team to ask that Martlesham Heath be treated as a priority after the recent vandalism, I am pleased to report that it would appear that request was agreed at a recent strategy meeting.

We have had reports and the volunteers and directors have also noted ourselves, that there has been fly tipping of garden waste in Birch Woods and also in the woods at the top of the Northern Green, which also showed evidence of trees being cut back. This is unacceptable and illegal under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. We would ask that if anyone sees this happening that they report it to the police at the time on 101.

We can be contacted on 01473 612207, or email [mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk) our website is <http://martleshamheathhouseholdersltd.onesuffolk.net>

## 1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

Invite you to join them for

### Homemade Soup

in

St Michael's Church Centre

After

Carols in the Square

Thursday 18th December 7pm

All profits will be split between Unit funds & a charity of the Rangers' choice.



## 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT POST 2014

25th November – 10 December

### 25pper card

**Delivery area IP1 – IP5 including Martlesham Heath and Martlesham village**

The following villages are also included: Grundisburgh, Great and Little Bealings, Claydon, Bramford, Sproughton, Tuddenham, Barham, Westerfield, Henley, Playford, Culpho, Somersham, Great and Little Blakenham.

### The Boxes are located at:

1st Martlesham Scout Hut

Duncan's Butchers

Black Tiles Post Office

BT Hub.

Please include your contact details and your money in a separate envelope within the pack.

Many Thanks for all your help.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me on -01473 612410 after 5pm.

Simon Smith

1st Martlesham Scout post co-ordinator.

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group is a small informal group run by Mums, we meet every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Pavilion in Martlesham, near The Douglas Bader pub.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Parties to round off a wonderful term at our Toddler Group, parties will be held on 10th and 12th December from 9.30am.

There will be lots of fun and games and a fabulous raffle for the grown ups! There will, of course, be a visit from Father Christmas and our lovely photographer will be around to capture some lovely moments. And did we mention cakes and mince pies? Why not come along and see us for some festive cheer?

We will then be closed over the Christmas period, reopening from Wednesday 7th January 2015. Hopefully we will see some new faces in the New Year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year big and small!

We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk or find us facebook and Netmums.co.uk

Sam Whitehouse

## **CHRISTMAS AT BRIGHT STARS**

We would like to invite all babies, toddlers and preschoolers to bring their parents and/or carers to a Christmas session at Bright Stars on Monday December 8th. We meet 10:30am on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month during term time at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL. Each session is full of fun children's activities, singing and worship. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play. Why not come and visit us? We look forward to welcoming you!

The last session date for the autumn term 2014 is:

**December 8th**

**See January magazines for our 2015 Spring Term session dates**

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jennie Fidler Tel.07584 420729,  
Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196  
or Sue Lambert Tel.01473-624130

**CALLING ALL MUMS** ..... It is Christmas party time at the next meeting of the Mums' Club which will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 2nd December between 12.45 and 2.30p.m. After a Bring and Share Lunch there will be stories, crafts and music and all Mums, Grans and Carers with babies and toddlers are invited to start their Christmas celebrations with us. Just bring along a small quantity of food to share and join in the fun!

**The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe** will be open at St. Michael's Church Centre between 10a.m. and 12.noon on Thursdays, 4th and 18th December. This is a drop-in for the 'Buggy Brigade.' Join us for refreshments, friendship and toys. All welcome.

For more information about the Mums' Club or the Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe please feel free to ring Sue on 01473 624130.

## **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**



Our fundraisers are busy organizing our Christmas craft items for this year which the children will have great fun making and take home before the Christmas holidays. We are busy learning our songs for our Christmas concert for our parents and carers at our party.

Our normal sessions finish on Wednesday December 17th and on Thursday the 18th we shall be holding our Christmas Party and Concert.

As well as taking part in a short concert, the children will be enjoying party games and a party snack. Our parents and carers will be able to watch the concert and enjoy refreshments. There will, of course, be a visit from an extra special person dressed in red ! We would like to remind our parents that we return to playschool on Monday January 5th 2015.

We are open 9 to 12 in the morning and 12.15 to 3.15 in the afternoon. Our Ofsted report rates us good or higher in all areas. So, if you're looking for a popular playschool serving Martlesham and Kesgrave give us a call. 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](http://www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk) or contact me on 01473 621315. We are registered to take children from 2 years. Our children move on to all the primary schools in the area and further afield.

**\* Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone at Martlesham Playschool \***

Caroline Swale Martlesham Playschool

## **THE SAPLINGS Baby Room, Preschool, Breakfast Club, After-School Club & Holiday Club**

"Jingle all the way!" In December, Manager Jo and Assistant Libby will be helping our littlest learners in our Baby Room explore Christmas music: jingling bells and listening to Christmas songs.

Our Preschoolers will be singing Christmas songs, dressing up in the Christmas Nativity Play and having fun and games at our Christmas Party. After School Clubbers will be busy creating Christmas cards and decorations.

Our Cracking Christmas Fair is on Saturday 6th December 10am - 12pm Join us in our winter wonderland for festive crafts, gift ideas and Santa's Grotto!

We are now taking bookings for our Christmas Holiday Club (29th December - 31st December and 2nd - 5th January), please see our website for details: [thesaplings.org.uk/holiday\\_club.php](http://thesaplings.org.uk/holiday_club.php)

We have spaces in all our rooms and funded two and three year olds can use their funded sessions throughout our opening hours and 'stretch' funding across Holiday Club.

The Saplings is open Monday - Friday, 7.30am - 6pm for children aged 3 months -11 years, offering term-time and year-round care, with a Baby Room, Preschool, Breakfast, After School and Holiday Club sessions and a 'Walking Bus' to Birchwood Primary School.

For more information, please call: 01473 614753, email: [news@thesaplings.org.uk](mailto:news@thesaplings.org.uk), or visit our website: [thesaplings.org.uk](http://thesaplings.org.uk)

**If your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, you must apply for a full-time school place by Thursday 15 January 2015**

You must make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or children's centre To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissionstoschools](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissionstoschools)

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981
- Your local school

## 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

We are expecting there to be changes taking place at the Scout HQ as it is due to be re-roofed and fitted with new heating this month.

Thanks to all those who have supported our fundraising efforts for the roof appeal this year. We are almost there!

Last month several volunteers were involved in a clear up operation of the exterior and interior of the HQ .

The cubs and scouts have been busy assisting customers at Waitrose & Morrisons by packing their bags for them this autumn. Their efforts have helped to swell the coffers.

The last big push for this year will be the proceeds from the Scout Christmas post. You'll read about this elsewhere in the magazine and your support is much appreciated.

## PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

On the October workday, the group members cleared some of the brambles, bracken and scrub in the Hazel area, to allow the Hazel trees more space to grow. We hope this will slowly become a wildlife haven and a good wildlife habitat, as we monitor it through the years. So far, the Nature Explorers have done some small mammal surveying and live trapped a few species such as wood mice, bank voles and common shrews which was very interesting.

New Wildlife News: Members of the group have found signs of badger activity in the woods. If they are not disturbed, hopefully the badgers will become regular visitors to the woods; we will keep watch and update you in future newsletters.

At the last Nature Watch meeting of the year in October, the topic was Owls and other birds of prey - we looked at owl pellets and found out what the owls had eaten, we learnt how these birds live, what habitat they need to survive and also saw some taxidermy examples. Nature Watch will start up again next spring, please look out for next year's dates for your youngsters, it's good fun, you get to spend time outdoors and learn about nature in our local area. The sessions are all free and some weeks you get to make fun stuff to take home.

The members of the Group's committee would like to thank our volunteers for their hard work and support during the year and wish them and the users of the woods a Merry Christmas.

The Group email has temporarily changed to [pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com](mailto:pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com), unfortunately the old one had attracted a lot of spam emails, we hope to find a more secure email system very soon and will update you when we do.

Our next Volunteer Work Morning is on Sunday 21st December (this is a change from the previously published date of 14th December). Please meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods), 10:00am until midday.

The first Volunteer Work Morning in 2015 is on Saturday 17th January 2015, please see our website for details: <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/>

New and existing volunteers are all welcome.

Sam Alexander PWCG Committee (Youth member)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM 1ST BRIGHTWELL GUIDES

Brightwell Guides have now started their second year. 9 new members started in September, taking our Company up to 20 girls. The Guides have been out & about on the Heath, doing a Treasure Hunt, playing games on the Green, working towards their Teamwork Go For It, Confectioner & Chocolate Badges, making cakes, running a meeting & will be finishing this term with Christmas craft & a party. The Guides attended the Remembrance Parade & they will be running a stall at the BT Market & helping the Scouts bag packing, to raise funds for the Scout Hut roof.

We still have some spaces available at our Unit, if you would like to come & join the fun.

We say a fond farewell to Maddie who will be standing down as 1 of our Young Leaders at Christmas. Good Luck with your exams, we will all miss you.

Happy Christmas to you all & looking forward to a busy & productive 2015.

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

**DEBEN**, reg. Charity 1151275, will be coming round the following areas of Martlesham on the dates shown with the Santa Sleigh collecting for Rotary Charities. Like all Rotary Clubs throughout the World we use the money collected for local, National and International projects. If you would like to know more about these collections, Rotary International, it's membership etc. please contact Rotarian M. Ian O'B. Baker, Home Meadows House, Top Street, Martlesham, IP12 4RD or 01394 382419 [ian@meadhome.demon.co.uk](mailto:ian@meadhome.demon.co.uk).

**Tuesday 2nd December** Bugress Place, Lark Rise, Swann Close, Avocet Lane, Coopers Road, Lancaster Drive, York Road, Birch Grove.

**Wednesday 4th. December** Mayfield, Mayfield Lane, Heathfield, Heathfield Mews, Heather Close, Digby Close, The Oaks, Pinebank, Holly End, Harvesters Way, Forest Lane

**Tuesday 9th. December** Warren Lane, Westlands, Broomfield and Mews, Whinfield, Parkers Place, The Grove, Demesne Gardens, Squires Lane, Stable Court, Park Place, Peelyard.

**Wednesday 10th. December**, Manor Road, Carlford Close, Saddlers Place, Valient Way, DeBrink-on-the-Green, Farriers Close, The Chase, Hunters Ride.

Start at 6p.m. end 8p.m. the roads are in the order we travel. Subject to weather, there could be alterations or cancellations.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Home-Start Suffolk Coastal has had a good year. We are continuing to support families for whom the pressures of daily life have become too great to cope with alone.

Fundraising has been successful with many events including: a pamper night, pudding night, quizzes, Pig Racing, Come Dine with Me and Disco Cabaret night. We are pleased to say that from this we have raised in excess of £8,700. Please look out for our events in 2015.

Whilst Christmas is generally a cheerful time for many families for some it can be a very difficult time. January is one of our busiest times as the stress of Christmas can lead to an increase in family breakdown. If you are interested in volunteering to support a local family please contact us: tel. 01473 621104 or email at [office@homestartcoastal.co.uk](mailto:office@homestartcoastal.co.uk) We are extremely grateful to all the local organisations that provide families with food and gift hampers over the Christmas period and we would also like to thank everyone who has supported us during 2014.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Home-Start Suffolk Coastal.

Ella Heeney

## **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS**

As we approach the end of the year we are about halfway through the Winter League programme. We have played 5 matches so far winning 3 and losing 2, one of those just on shots.

We sent 2 teams to the Heritage League Charity Fours in October. One of these teams got through to the knock out stage but then fell at the next hurdle. The event was finally won by our friends and competitors from Old Felixstowe. A vast amount of money - almost £1000 was raised on the day for The East of England Air Ambulance.

We were sad in November to lose one of our stalwart members, Kelly Shannon, she and her husband Pat were a mainstay in the formulation of the Club, (Pat was a founder member) and at 90 Kelly was still showing us all how to play the game up to a few short weeks before her death. Our condolences to her two daughters and large extended family.

At the beginning of November we had an enjoyable friendly game against The United Reform Church of Felixstowe. This is an annual event and although we managed to win all 4 games there were only a few shots in it.

We have again entered the Joe Rice Cup Competition and look forward to those matches, home and away, at the end of November.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year and let's put 'our best foot forward' for 2015 and the rest of the Winter League

Judith Longman

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our meeting on Friday, 7th November was a moving account by Clive Stevens of a very black week suffered by the USAAF heavy bomber offensive during WW2.

Clive, who is an hon. vice president of our society, has meticulously researched the air war over Europe by the USAAF daylight offensive. His illustrated talk highlighted one week, in October 1943, when American losses were particularly heavy. He talked about a raid on Stuttgart which resulted in unacceptable losses and another to the town of Munster when because of dense cloud cover the lead bomber took the whole bomber force in a half hour detour in the hope that conditions would be clearer. This resulted in many bombers ditching in the North sea because of shortage of fuel. The British air sea rescue service did a remarkable job in saving all the crews.

The finale of the week was a disastrous second raid on the ball bearing factory at Schweinfurt. Largely because no fighter cover was possible at that range, of the 291 B17 "Flying Fortresses" 60 were lost outright and a further 17 damaged beyond repair. 650 men were lost. The raid was carried out in two waves but the second wave was delayed and the German aircraft had time to land and refuel before the second wave came in. A vote of thanks was given by Alan Smith.

Our next meeting will be on 5th December at the Community Hall, Felixstowe road as usual. Meetings start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break. Members £2 and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £3 at the door. The subject will be an illustrated talk by Mr Steve De Roeck, an ex RAF fighter pilot and airline pilot.

Once again we were lucky to have brilliant weather with wall to wall sunshine for our annual Remembrance service on the Barrack square.

The service was taken by Rev. Tricia Schuler. The number attending was slightly up on last year with all the usual ex military personnel however, two of the invited guests included two old friends, Wing Commander Phil Nicholson RAF and Col. Mark Ciero, Col. Ciero flew in from Germany to attend the service, both have been present on a number of occasions in the past.

A special thanks was paid to Richard Barker who paid for the four corner stones of the memorial plinth to be repaired and to Andy Hunt who handed over a substantial cheque from 'Industrious' who manage the area that the Barrack Square sits on.

Following the service tea and coffee was served in the church hall.

Many thanks to all who turned up to support us.

Alan Powell 622458

## **MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

An enjoyable and successful week was had by all members from Martlesham Bowls Club who took part in competitive bowling in October on a bowling holiday at Potters Leisure Centre.

Two of the five teams they had entered, got through to the quarter finals and one team to the semi-finals. A bonus came when Martlesham were awarded a trophy for winning most successful club of the week.

Although the outdoor bowling season is over, work continues to maintain and improve our bowling green to a high standard in preparation for the new season in the spring.

We welcome new members with or without experience of bowling so if you are interested and would like more information please contact the secretary on 01473622598

### **ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS YET?**

#### **COUNTRY MARKETS ARE HERE TO HELP!**

I'm not ready either but I know where to find delicious home-baked cakes and unique hand-crafted gifts - at our local Country Markets. If you like to plan in advance, you can order baked savouries and cakes, jams, chutneys and Christmas puddings from our Christmas table. There's still time now to talk to one of our knitters or craft-makers for an individually designed jumper, hat or scarf, or perhaps an attractive bag or purse or why not a shimmering beaded necklace? There are lots of other gorgeous goodies that you definitely won't find on the High Street and they won't burn a hole in your pocket, either. More good news is that, if you can't make it to November's markets at Kesgrave or Martlesham, there is a special Christmas market at Kesgrave on Tuesday, 23 December, 9:30 - 11:30am, where you can make sure your friends and family find something sweet or a treat under the tree or on the table.

Did you know that we can make special food orders (and large ones, if you are throwing a party) and you can collect them or we can deliver at a small charge?

Come and find some bargains at Kesgrave Market - Saturdays, 9.30 - 11.30, Scout H/Q, Twelve Acre Approach, near Tesco; Martlesham Heath Market, behind the Douglas Bader pub - Tuesdays, 9.30 - 11.15. Tea, coffee and something eat at both venues.

Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

## **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

As I write this at the beginning of November, after a record breakingly warm October, it is hard to believe that Christmas is round the corner. But by the time you read this in December the festive season will already be upon us. We normally meet on the third Friday of the month, but in December we meet earlier, so our Christmas meeting will be on Friday, December 12th, when we shall be entertained by David Padwick, with his presentation titled "Christmas Special". This promises to be a good evening with festive refreshments, so an excellent time to come and meet members. That's at 7.30 in the Richards Room on Old Felixstowe Rd (behind Tesco). Our secretary, Ann Bennett, on 01394380110, will be able to give you more information. All welcome, we are a friendly bunch!

Well. That's all from me for 2014 – where did the time go?? 2015 is a big year for the W.I., so watch this space for more news. Meanwhile, a very Happy Christmas to everyone.

Susan Cunliffe

## **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Our Harvest Supper in October was very enjoyable with delicious refreshments. Simon Daws, with his guide dog Lennox, told us more about the aims of the East Anglian Sailing Trust (our charity for next year)

We have one meeting in December – our Bring and Share Christmas party. There will be carol singing, a Christmas competition and our version of pass the parcel.

Our first meeting of 2015 will be on 8th January when Mr C. Hopper will talk to us about the History of Magic.

Our meetings are held on alternate Thursday evenings in the Richards Room at 7.30pm. For more information contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

Wishing all our members, past and present, a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

## **KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS**

Sunday Crafts 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon - The following activities will be taking place in the library during craft sessions in December:

Sun 7th – Christmas Fayre – Christmas Treasure Hunt;

Sun 14th – Make a multi-coloured scratch art Christmas magnet to hold up your Christmas list;

Sun 21st – It's nearly Christmas! Make a handprint Santa card;

Sun 28th – Brighten up your room with a 2015 animal calendar.

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights. There's no need to book – just turn up and have a go.

BookStart – every Thursday

These are free activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Why not come along and join Emma every Thursday for songs, rhymes and stories.

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 10.30am – 11.00am.

Can you help? – The Community Group is planning to run a teddy tombola at our forthcoming Christmas Fayre. If you have a soft toy in good condition that needs a new home, please pop into the library, as we would love them for our stall.

Christmas Fayre – Sunday 7th December 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. There are loads of stalls with fun games and ideas for Christmas including a free treasure hunt for the children, a visit from Father Christmas and a raffle. First Prize is a Christmas food hamper donated by library staff and the community group members.

Outside in the gazebos stalls will be selling handmade jewelry, Pampered Chef cooking utensils, Usborne Books, Sugars Nails, Tropic Skincare, Handmade Walking Sticks, Soaps, Candles, Key Rings and handmade knitted and crocheted items, Christmas decorations and much more. Refreshments are available and there will be homemade

## **MARTLESHAM AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

The final meeting of the Martlesham & District Flower Club was held as a gratis luncheon for members, followed by a wonderful demonstration with an 'old favourite' and friend of the clubs, Mrs Brenda Tubbs, as a celebration of many happy years with a very special hobby. I am sure all those who attended this last meeting, sad as it was, enjoyed the day.

Margaret Doveston

## **MARTLESHAM ART GROUP**

Martlesham Art Group is made up of a number of Senior Citizens of all abilities who for the last 20 or so years have met every Wednesday morning in the St Michaels Church annexe to practice our love of art and to support and help each other in a social as well as an artistic sense.

The annexe has been of ideal use due to its lighting and size beneficial for drawing and other art work. It is also used by Martlesham Brass Band for practise purposes.

All this is now under threat due to the Parish Minister's intention to turn it into a coffee shop for the benefit of the community which seems a little counterproductive as she will deny the present community groups its use which on a general consensus of opinion says is not needed or warranted especially as there are several good coffee facilities already available, ie. Tescos, M&S. Next. The Douglas Bader public house, also the church offers coffee mornings for mothers etc. within the Church itself.

As I live in the Parish and am a member of the MAG we object to the proposal not only because we, as members of the community, will lose an ideal meeting place, but that we sincerely believe the coffee shop will not thrive and our loss will, therefore have been in vain. Also, we have found it impossible to find another suitable hall in the area which is free on Wednesday mornings, indeed most are fully booked for the majority of the week, therefore as the annexe is an ideal space for many groups to use it would seem far more beneficial to both the Church and the community to actively offer it for hire.

Note the minister has not taken the time to formally sit down with the Art Group to explain the reasons for her decision to deny the community groups who use this facility on a regular basis.

Don.ilsley@btinternet.com

### **THE MOTHERS UNION MEETING**

On Wednesday January 7th at 2.30pm

At St Michael's Church Centre.

Annual General Meeting followed by service of Holy Communion.

All welcome.

### **AGM OF THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION COMMITTEE.**

8pm, Tuesday 2nd December, 2014 at the Pavilion.

All welcomed and light refreshments provided.

Come and have your say on this well-loved facility.

### **MODERN PATCHWORK AND QUILTING CLASSES**

Not long to go now until Father Christmas starts his journey southwards so its a good opportunity to spend a moment thinking about next year. If you would like to try something new (or not so new!) then why not come along to one of my classes? The classes are small and friendly so its a great way to spend a relaxing day meeting like-minded people.

On Wednesday 7th January we will be making a block called the New York Beauty, this is probably more suitable for slightly more experienced sewers.

On Wednesday 14th January we'll be making a chevron-pattern cushion cover. This is very suitable for beginners and all materials will be provided.

There is still time to book on the class to make a Christmas Wreath on Wednesday 3 December or the Beach Huts and Boats wallhanging on Saturday 6 December.

I will also be starting a fortnightly evening quilting group where you can bring an unfinished item you would like help with or start something new or just come for a chat. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January, 6.30 to 9.30pm, £5, including refreshments. You don't have to have been to my classes to join in!

If you would like further details then please contact me, Gillian Strange. There are some photos of the projects on my web site.

Tel: 07708258765

Email: gillian\_strange@talk21.com

Website: <http://busybeestitching.co.uk>

### **MARTLESHAM BRASS 'Making Music Fun In East Anglia'**

Martlesham Brass are preparing for playing lots of Christmas music this December - you will often find us playing outside supermarkets, both in Martlesham & Ipswich, raising money for our nominated charities, which this year are:

- A wheelchair for Miles - a pupil at Farlingaye High School
- Cancer Research UK
- St Elizabeth Hospice

Don't forget to join us for 'Coffee and Carols' on Saturday 13th December at 10am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, when you can hear our Intermediate Band. There will be refreshments, cake & craft stalls and a Christmas Hamper raffle - admission is free.

On Thursday 18th December we will be taking part in 'Carols in the Square', Martlesham Heath at 7pm.

Our Christmas Concert will be on Saturday 20th December at 7pm, also at St Michael's Church Centre. Tickets are £3 (Primary School children free). You can get your tickets by phoning 07802 868924, visiting our website [www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk) or by visiting the 2nd Stop Charity Shop next to Tesco in Kesgrave. This concert is often a sell-out, so do get your tickets early!

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 Howard. (Publicity Officer)

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### **JUST A MINUTE!**

Learning to speak well in a public forum can take many guises. It can be in the form of a serious presentation or even a humorous speech etc.

It all depends on the audience and the purpose of your speech.

At SpeakEasy at Martlesham the Club meet on a fortnightly basis to help and encourage members to get up to speak either off the cuff or on a specific subject on a prepared basis.

Once a year we run our own version of the BBC Radio program Just A Minute.

When I first took part I mistakenly thought this is going to be easy.

In fact I was hopeless and lasted less than 10 seconds at each attempt. I now do the timings as I watch others struggle to survive the one minute whistle on the subject chosen for them.

One thing is for sure we all have a hilarious evening seeing how Club members and guests perform against the clock.

You are most welcome to come along on the 18th December at 7pm to observe and if brave enough join in the fun. You will also be given an outline on how we run Club meetings for the benefit of those who want to improve their public speaking skills.

The motto of the whole worldwide organisations is WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE, if you come along as a guest you will see the benefit of joining us on a regular basis.

Please give Brian Wilcox a call any evening 7/7 to be put on the guest list.

### **WEDNESDAY WOOLLY WONDERS**

welcome all knitters whatever your level of ability! We meet every other Wednesday morning 10.30-12.20 @ Scout HQ, Martlesham Heath.

£1.50 inc.tea/coffee & a chat. Bring your own or join in with a group project.

### **WOODBIDGE FRIENDS OF EACH**

(East Anglia's Children's Hospices) invite you to a Carol Concert at St John's Church, St John's Hill, Woodbridge on

Tuesday 9 December at 7pm.

All welcome.



**The Roger David Burrows Music Fund**  
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**Christmas Concert  
of Light Music**

by Helen Ellison and Students

**3.00 pm**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014,

The Richards Room, Felixstowe Road,  
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Light refreshments

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**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Applications for a grant are welcome from individuals and from groups.

Application forms should be submitted to the address below by 1st January 2015.

Grants will generally be of up to £150, e.g. towards the cost of instruments, music, equipment and musical activities.

Further information about the above events and grant application forms can be obtained from the website

[www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk](http://www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk)

or from – The Roger David Burrows Music Fund

c/o The Burrows family,

17 Squires Lane,

Martlesham Heath,

Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 3UG.

Tel. 01473 625196

## A Costly Christmas

A survey reported that last year the average spend on presents reached £600 per family and that almost half of us take on debt to pay for Christmas - and of those who do about one in eight is still paying off by the time the next Christmas comes round.

That's your clue now see if you can solve this!

My first is in RICHES and seen in great PRICE.

My second's in JOHN and heard in his VOICE.

My third is in TREASURES - at least FRANKINCENSE.

My fourth is in GIFTS and the wise men's PRESENTS.

My fifth is in CHILD as well as in ONLY.

My last is in MARY, found also in HOLY.

My whole is a word that should help us to know

The love God has given and the love we should show.

*(Answer at bottom of the page)*

Few would disagree that Christmas can be a costly time in the sense of money spent on food, decorations, presents and parties but if we look at the first Christmas it involved a different sort of cost. It involved cost to Mary as her Son's destiny unfolded, it involved cost to the wise men as they brought treasures in homage, it involved cost to God in offering his only Son and it involved cost to Jesus himself as he was born to die. Each showed a willingness to give, even to the point of costly sacrifice. As we share gifts this Christmastime let us remember how much it cost for Christ to come among us and let us consider our response to such awesome love.

Tricia Shuler

Vicar

### THE ORWELL SINGERS

The Orwell Singers will be holding their

#### Christmas Concert

on

Saturday 6th December

**7.30 pm**

at St Michael and All Angel's Church,  
Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL.

The choir will sing well known carols and a selection of Christmas number one chart hits over the decades.

Back by popular demand, their guests this year will be Jenny's accordionists.

Entry at the door will be £7.00 for adults and 50p for accompanied children and will include sherry and mince pies.

For more information please telephone

01473 635955 or email

[d.sharman@btinternet.com](mailto:d.sharman@btinternet.com).

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

#### FEATURING THE IPSWICH COMMUNITY WIND BAND

St Michael and All Angel's Church,  
Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL.

conducted by Tom Rumbold.

Saturday 13th December

Start 7.30 pm, tickets £7.00 and £5.00 concessions.

Price to include drink and a mince pie. A raffle will be held and with the monies collected will be donated to a charity.

For tickets please ring 01473 421237.

*Answer to puzzle: COSTLY*

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
<b>Sunday 7th December</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14th December</b>	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	<b>3pm Carol Service</b> <i>NB No morning service</i>	6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
<b>Thursday 18th December</b>	<b>7pm Carols In The Square with Martlesham Brass</b>		
<b>Sunday 21st December</b>	<b>9am Breakfast @9 with Nativity</b> <b>6pm Carol Service</b>	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.45am All Age Celebration</b>	11am Holy Communion <i>Refreshments from 10.30am</i>	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28th December</b>	9.45am Benefice Holy Communion		
<b>Sunday 4th January</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
<b>Midweek Services</b>	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. <b>A warm welcome awaits you at all our services</b>		

**November Prayer Diary** Please include the following as an addition to your daily prayers

5. Pray for Alzheimers patients and Carers.

6. For The Church Mission Society.

**7. For those exploring Faith.**

8. For prisoners of conscience.

9. For racial harmony.

10. Alban Square.

11. For those affected by domestic violence.

12. For the discovery of a safe vaccine for Ebola.

13. For children bereaved.

**14. Give thanks for Gods unconditional love.**

15. Pray for respect for everyone.

16. That we all may care for Gods beautiful creation.

17. Angela Close.

18. For those who do not ask for help.

19. The Salvation Army.

20. For forgiveness for the foolish things we do.

**21. To apply God's Word in our lives.**

22. For happy family life.

23. For the Homeless.

24. Avocet Lane.

25. Give thanks for the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

26. Pray for Christlike humility.

27. Pray the the world's resources may be fairly shared.

**28. The First Sunday of Christmas.**

29. For Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

30. For World Vision.

31. Bader Court.

**January 1st 2015.** For a Peaceful Future for Mankind.

2. for those who do not know Jesus.

3. For children going back to school after the Christmas holiday.

**4. For the Churches in our Benefice.**