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For any queries or bookings please contact 01473 623655.

**THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH**

This month's photograph of the stained glass in St Michael's church is, by Alan Powell January's photograph of John Naylor's retirement was taken by Peter Davies. If you have a photograph of Martlesham that you would like to see on the front cover, you can send it to me at the e-mail address **martmonthly@btinternet.com**. It should be landscape, and high enough resolution to be enlarged.

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**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/pavillion/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** 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**

24 February, 24 March, 21 April  
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**

12 February, 12 March , 9 April  
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**

# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## **2015/2016 Budget/Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)**

The Parish Council has agreed a budget of £102,962 for the financial year 2015/16 which commences on 01 April 2015. To cover anticipated expenditure and maintain reserves the Council has set a precept of £103,000, which represents no increase in your Parish Council tax with an expected charge of £49.58 per annum for Band D equivalent properties.

Full details of the budget setting process and risk assessment on the level of general reserves are available in the minutes, which are published on the website as below.

## **What have we been doing recently?**

Working on Management Plans for the Recreation Ground & Common.

Holding an extraordinary meeting of our Development Plans Committee to consider our response to the application for a TK Maxx & Home Sense Store on the Retail Park (Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC), as the planning authority, will make the decision on planning permission). The Council has already expressed serious concerns about traffic congestion, parking issues and pedestrian access.

Working with the Neighbourhood Plan team to get the Neighbourhood Plan boundary out to consultation by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

## **Suffolk Coastal Local Plan: Site Allocations & Area Specific Policies**

Suffolk Coastal District Council is inviting comments by 5pm on 27 February 2015 on two Local Plan Documents:

- Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Issues & Options Documents (December 2014);
- Felixstowe Area Action Plan Issues & Options Document (December 2014)

The Local Plan Development Plan Document was adopted in July 2013. It sets out the broad scale and distribution of development across the district from 2010 – 2027. These consultation documents now consider on a more detailed site by site basis where the development, particularly housing and employment, should take place.

Copies of the documents are available on SCDC's website:

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/>

Hard copies are also available at the Melton Hill Council Offices and in libraries.

For any queries, ring:

Site Allocations & Area Specific document – 01394 444761 (Hilary Hanslip)

The areas shown as suitable for development in Martlesham, apart from the 2,000 homes on the land south of BT which are still part of a Judicial Review, are at Bloomfields Farm (potential for 9

houses) and land at Woodbridge Town Football Club site (72 – 112 houses). We would be very grateful if any comments to the District Council are also copied to us please. Thank you to the many people who have already sent us their comments on Hopkins Homes proposals for the Woodbridge Town FC site. We will discuss our response at the Development Plans meeting on 11.02.15.

## **Forthcoming meetings:**

Parish Council – Wednesday 04 February 2015

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 11 February 2015

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 25 February 2015

Parish Council – Wednesday 04 March 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.

## **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.

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## **CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

### **The local Plan:**

In January's Martlesham Monthly magazine I referred to the current SCDC consultation on the second phase of the Local Development Plan, namely, the Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies that is centred on Martlesham and the Felixstowe Peninsular Area Action Plan which as its title suggests is focused on Felixstowe. The consultation is from 15th December 2014 to 27th February 2015.

The Martlesham Retail and Industrial area currently employs between two and three thousand persons on either a full time or part time basis which is very welcome. Unfortunately little provision was made to accommodate vehicles associated with such a large daily influx of working personnel both in terms of private and industrial vehicles.

Given that many traffic related issues have now been identified and on which evidence has been gathered I would like to encourage all interested parties to get together and present

to SCDC through possibly an open forum meeting as strong a case as possible to recommend some sort of order to the apparently random and uncontrolled parking in the Martlesham Industrial and Retail area. Probably the greatest problem in and around the Martlesham community is traffic congestion both at peak and popular shopping times. Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Team have worked consistently over the last two years to gather and analyse evidence that could influence the writing of the policies in the Site Allocations and Area Specific Policy document that will help shape the Suffolk Coastal District Council's decisions both in planning and environmental terms.

This current consultation is Martlesham's opportunity to influence the Local Plan Policies by presenting to SCDC that evidence of the issues that markedly affect the Parish. If you would like to discuss these or any other matters 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 PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Forthcoming Martlesham Parish Council Election - Your Council Needs You!**

Parish Council elections will take place on the same day as the General Election this year on Thursday 07 May 2015. We encourage you to consider taking an active part in the way Martlesham Parish Council makes its decisions and spends your money. Since 2003 the Parish of Martlesham has had three wards and electors will vote for candidates within their own ward. Martlesham Parish Council has 15 councillors in total and has always sought to function on behalf of the whole of the parish despite the fact that it covers three electoral wards. Ballots will only be held if more candidates than are required for each ward stand for election.

The roads/houses in each ward are described in alphabetical order below, together with the number of councillors who will represent the ward & names of current councillors:

**MARTLESHAM WEST WARD: 1 councillor**

Current councillor: Matthew Percy

*Deben Avenue; Dobbs Lane - even numbers: 60-74; Gayfer Avenue - odd numbers: 9-15, even numbers: 10-14; Main Road - odd numbers: 339-349*

**MARTLESHAM NORTH WARD: 1 councillor (2 councillors until May 2015)**

Current councillors: Pat Lisseman, Ian O'Brien Baker

*Borrett Place; California - all odd numbers; Clayton Court; Crane Close; Dukes Meadow; Dukes Park; Fynn Road; Ipswich Road - up to the junction of California with Old Barrack Road; Sandy Lane - Creek Bungalow, Telegraph Cottage, The Lions, The Timbers, Troutbeck & White Heather (Note: Fieldviews, Sluice Farm Cottage, Sluice Farm & The Roost are in Martlesham Ward); Seckford Hall Road - all houses on the southern side; Turner Gardens*

**MARTLESHAM WARD: 13 councillors (12 councillors until May 2015)**

Current councillors: Mike Irwin (Chairman), Jackie Bear, Chris Blundell, Leo Brome (Development Plans Committee Chairman), Laurence Burrows (Finance & General Purposes Committee Chairman), Stephen Denton, John Forbes, John Kelso, Richard Staines, Wally Welch (Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Recreation & Amenities Committee), Howard Woldsmith

*All other addresses in Martlesham excluding the houses and roads listed above.*

Detailed information on how to stand for election is on Suffolk Coastal District Council's website: <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/elections/townparish/>

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, please see our regular article in this newsletter for details. The Clerk is also happy to provide information or put you in touch with a councillor to get first-hand knowledge!

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 such as Neighbourhood Planning, the BT & Bloor Homes
- developments, proposals for housing development in the north of the parish, the development of the Martlesham Heath Retail Park.

**JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**The Suffolk Coastal Issues and Options Consultation**

Have your say and help shape Martlesham.

Suffolk Coastal Planning Department are carrying out a consultation exercise on site allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan Document which will be the next phase in the production of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. The documents involved in this consultation are intended to stimulate discussion in relation to how the growth of housing and businesses within the district should be distributed.

The documents can be inspected at the Council offices at Melton Hill, at the Parish Council offices by prior arrangement with the Clerk, at Public Libraries or on line at [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review). The closing time and date for your comments to be received is 5.00 p.m. Friday 27th February 2015

**YOUR PLACE, YOUR FUTURE**

Suffolk Coastal has produced two Local Plan documents -Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan Document, and Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan, covering a range of topics including housing, employment, community provision and the environment.

This is your first opportunity to influence the preparation of these documents which once adopted will be an important part of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, as they will direct future development into the most suitable locations over the next 10-15 years.

The Council will be holding a series of informal drop in sessions that are planned to take place across the district, to enable as wide an audience as possible to have their say on the Issues and Options consultation documents. Officers will attend these drop in sessions to discuss the documents and how to respond to the consultation. The sessions have been arranged at a variety of locations and times across the district.

| Location                        | Date                         | Time        | Address   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall | Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> January | 14:00-17:00 | High Road, Trimley St Martin, Felixstowe, IP11 0RJ    |
| Kesgrave Community Centre       | Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> January | 14:00-17:00 | Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF               |
| Walton Community Hall           | Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> January | 10:00-13:00 | High Street, Walton, IP11 9DS                         |
| Saxmundham Market Hall          | Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> January | 14:00-17:00 | Station Approach, Saxmundham, IP17 1AF                |
| Felixstowe Town Hall            | Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> February | 17:30-20:30 | Town Hall, Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe, IP11 2AG |
| Riverside Centre                | Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> February | 17:00-20:00 | Great Glemham Road, Stratford St Andrew, IP17 1LL     |
| Council Chamber                 | Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> February | 10:00-13:00 | SCDC, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 1AU               |

Suffolk Coastal launched this consultation on Friday 15 December 2014, comments on the Issues and Options documents can be made until Friday 27 February 2015 at 5.00pm.

As this is the first consultation stage in the preparation of the documents, the Council wants the views of everybody, including town and parish councils, residents associations, businesses, land owners, service providers and other stakeholders before any decisions are made. So get involved and help us shape the future of Suffolk Coastal.

Copies of the documents along with draft Sustainability Appraisal information is available for inspection on the Council's website as well as at the Council Offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 1AU or public libraries during normal opening hours.

For further information relating to the Issues and Options consultation or any other aspect of the work and timescales for the Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan Document and the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan, please contact the Planning Policy and Delivery Team on 01394 444558 or 01394 444761 or via email to [suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

**My Community Enabling Budget**

Please note that, due to electoral rules, I am unable to deal with any further grant applications until after the District Council Elections which are due to be held in May.

**Possible TK Max development**

Residents may have been made aware of a proposal to develop a new TK Maxx and a new Homesense store at Beardmore Park. The planning application necessary to agree this proposal has yet to be decided by Suffolk Coastal Planning Department. I have been advised that the application is not likely to go to Committee until 5th March at the earliest. Please let me have your views on this proposal.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above or any other District Council matter via email [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or by telephone 01473 631682

John Kelso  
 District Councillor Martlesham Ward

## 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 February:

Sun 1st – Aha! Oho! Prints in the snow! Whose are these footprints? Where do they go? We're making a Gruffalo Child;

Sun 8th – Make a 3D heart decoration for a loved one for Valentine's Day next week;

Sun 15th – 2015 is the Chinese Year of the Sheep. Make a sheep paper plate rocker to celebrate;

Sun 22nd – It's St David's Day next week. Make a daffodil plant poke

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

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.

National Libraries Day - Saturday 7th February. During the day, free refreshments and cake will be available as well as 'Frozen' craft activities for the children. Why not pop along and join in or if you are not a member – come along and sign up! All you need is some paperwork with your name and address on it and you can borrow books, DVDs, CDs, audio books or ebooks.

Services Available – Don't forget that the library now sells first and second class stamps. We are also able to laminate both A4 and A3 items. This is a fantastic way to ensure a special picture or certificate doesn't get damaged. Don't forget, Kesgrave Library has a Tassimo Coffee Machine. We sell a range of cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate as well as tea at £1.00 each.

Maggie Lusher  
Kesgrave Library Manager  
Tel: 01473 626103  
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Kesgrave Library, Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave

Tuesday 9am to 12 noon, 2.30pm to 5pm  
Wednesday 2.30pm to 8pm  
Thursday 2.30pm to 8pm  
Saturday 10am to 5pm  
Sunday 10am to 3pm

**CALLING ALL MUMS .....**There will be a meeting of Martlesham Mums' Club at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 3rd February between 12.45 and 2.30p.m. Lunch will be served at around 1.00p.m. followed by a talk from Holly Lawrence of Brantano Footwear on the importance of correctly fitted shoes for toddlers. All mums, grans and carers with babies and toddlers are invited to join us.

**The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe** meets in St. Michael's Church Centre on Thursdays, 5th and 19th February between 10a.m. and 12 noon.

This is an informal 'drop-in' for mums, grans and carers with babies and toddlers which is held on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Join us for refreshments, friendship and toys.

For more details of the above please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130.

## THE SAPLINGS

In February, Manager Jo and her team will be providing lots of sensory play opportunities for our little Seedlings in the Baby Room, while our pre-schoolers will be busy with Chinese New Year craft activities and making special Valentine Day cards.

We are taking bookings for our February half term holiday club (February 16th - 20th). Please see our website for details of planned activities: [thesaplings.org.uk/holiday\\_club.php](http://thesaplings.org.uk/holiday_club.php)

We have spaces available 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 three months to 11 years, offering term-time and year-round care, with a baby room and pre-school, breakfast club, after school club and holiday club, 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: [thesaplings.org.uk](http://thesaplings.org.uk)

## SPRING TERM AT BRIGHT STARS

At Bright Stars we started the term making shiny crowns to wear as we walked in the footsteps of the wise men who went to see Jesus after he was born; we followed the star around St Michael's Church Centre encountering all kinds of hazards, including mountains and deserts, which we sang our way through! If you are a baby, toddler or preschooler who would like a fun start to your week we would love you to come along with your parents, grandparents and/or carers to join us at Bright Stars. 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, including singing and Bible stories for children, plus games and crafts. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to play, while the adults that you have brought along enjoy a chat! Why not come and visit us? You are welcome to just turn up on the day at any of the sessions, however if you would like any further information feel free to telephone us on the phone numbers below. We look forward to welcoming you!

Our session dates for the Spring term 2015 are:  
February 9th, HALF TERM, February 23rd, March 9th, March 23rd

For further information please contact:

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

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD**

We have noted and taken action regarding the parking of cars on the grass verges of Eagle way. The land one metre from the road around Eagle Way is mainly owned by MHHL and we do not permit any car parking on it. We have put up some builders fence to allow the area in question to recover and this will be removed as soon as possible.

Coopers Road has several MHHL Visitors Parking Spaces that are identified by yellow markings saying MCL Visitors. These markings have faded and we will look to refresh them.

We have received complaints re dog waste being bagged and thrown into Gorse or trees; the southern end of the Western Corridor seems particularly badly affected. There are 28 dog litter bins on Martlesham Heath and we would ask that those disposing of their dog waste in this manner use the dog bins provided.

On a more positive note several volunteers cleared the path between Sorrell Walk and Westlands which had become overgrown. So hopefully this will make the route through to Gorselands School a bit easier.

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>

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD REPORT**

The weather is now cold enough to allow major work to start on the SSSI: you will notice shortly that areas at the southern end of the Western Corridor will be scraped of top soil to allow the heath to stay as a heath. Whilst this work is underway there will be some heavy plant moving around. Although there will be a banksman /spotter to cover drivers' blind spots we request walkers to keep clear and to ensure that they maintain control of dogs.

On New Year's Eve a large firework was set off on the SSSI, risking damage and distress to wildlife, and in breach of conditions imposed upon the owners of the SSSI (i.e. the shareholders of MHHL) by Natural England. Please respect the SSSI since it is a very important feature of Martlesham Heath

We can be contacted on 01473 612207 or via Email at [sssi@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:sssi@martlesham.org.uk). We welcome new volunteers or directors and hold a board meeting once a quarter.

## **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Our first work party of the new year took place on Sunday 11th January, many thanks to those volunteers who came along and achieved so much in a short period of time. We cut down some small tree stems on the SSSI in order to remove the shading effect they were having on an area of heather in the south west corner of the site. The removal of the shade should raise the ground temperature and encourage more heathland invertebrates, including ants, which we hope will also help the Silver Studded Blue butterflies, which used to be present in very high density on that patch.

The colder weather has brought in migrant birds, I have seen a flock of Redwings foraging on the heath and even had some Reed Buntings, not a species usually associated with heaths, visiting my garden during a very cold frosty spell.

Please continue to provide food for birds in your gardens during the colder weather as this can make a significant difference to their survival.

In February we will have our regular work party on Sunday 8th February at 10 am on the heath followed by the Megabash event on Saturday 21st February in conjunction with Greenways, also on the heath, starting at 10 am.

Please get in touch if you would like more information about our events and activities or just turn up on the day.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

December saw the continued clearance of one of the tumuli burial mounds in order to instate it as an English Heritage archaeological site. The remaining jobs were, primarily, removing small bushes and scrub, once completed we are able to cover the mound in rough grass and establish a sign showing the Bronze Age chieftain's tomb's importance. This is another step towards ensuring the woodland stays a protected site. Left over debris from the felled trees are then used to create dead hedges; branches interweaved to form a fence. The December meeting, traditionally, ends with a 'party' therefore all our volunteers enjoyed a much deserved meal with sausage roll, sandwiches and other party snacks along with lots of puddings!

The winter has seen many interesting developments in terms of wildlife: hedgehogs have not gone into hibernation due to the mild conditions and spring flowers have started to bud. Unfortunately the cold snaps we have been having might change this. Hedgehogs would normally begin to hibernate in November.

Visitors to the woods will have noticed the introduction of several new benches. The previous benches had long rotted and the replacements have been kindly donated by the Plymouth Brethren and the Pawsey Family, for this we are extremely grateful. The Nature Explorers (11-18 years of age) spent their November session excavating the holes for and cementing in the benches. They meet from 9:00-11:00 every two months. The next meeting is Saturday 21st March.

Please remember that we will always accept new volunteers in whatever field - anyone is welcome. We meet at 10:00 and finish at midday. The next gathering is Sunday 15th February. Also the Group's next AGM is on the Monday 2nd March 7:00, at the Martlesham Parish Room. All are welcome.

For more details of the Group's events go to: <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/> or join our member's Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

George Pennick (Nature Explorer)

## **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

### **'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'**

We had a very successful Christmas carolling season - thank you to everyone who gave so generously. The grand total raised was £3297.96 which will be divided between our three chosen charities - St Elizabeth Hospice, Cancer Research UK and 'A Wheelchair for Miles' who is a pupil at Farlingaye High School

On 7th March please join our Preliminary Band for 'Tea & Tunes' at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, between 10.00 and 12.00. There will be craft & cake stalls & refreshments will be available. Admission is free.

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

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## **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS POST 2014**

I would like to say a huge Thank you to everyone who posted cards for the scout post this year. This year the Martlesham scouts handled 5669 cards which is slightly down on last year. However our profit received is just over £800. Many thanks to Duncans Butchers and Black Tiles Post office for once again allowing us to use their premises. Special thanks to Stuart Cooke and all at BT for their help. Thanks also to the scout/cub leaders and all the young people involved in stamping, sorting and delivering the cards around the area.

I'm looking forward to a few months off before preparing for 2015!!

Simon Smith

1St Martlesham Scout post co-ordinator

## **SANTA SLEIGH**

The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben thank the residents of Martlesham Heath for their donations when the Santa Sleigh called. We raised the sum of £1064.75p. which is excellent.

During the past year the Club has raised over £6,000.00p. which is used for donations Locally, Nationally and Internationally. These donations range from supporting locally and Nationally The Young Rotary Chef of the year. Dictionaries for Life which are given to local School Children.

We have also send off Aqua Boxes and Shelter boxes across the world to help with disasters after Floods, Earthquakes etc. We are of course still putting a lot effort and recourses into POLIO PLUS. Rotary International have had for some time the aim to rid the World of Polio and there is only a few stubborn areas remaining. Once again thanks for your help.

If you have any queries or would be interested in finding out more about Rotary and the Deben Club in particular please get in touch with me Rotarian Ian O'Brien Baker, Home Meadows House, Martlesham 07747 610 894.

## **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

Our next indoor meeting will be on Thursday 19th February at 7:30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when Darren Tansley of Essex Wildlife Trust will be talking to us about Otters and Water Voles. All are welcome, no need to be a member. Admission is only £2.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS**

Unfortunately it wasn't possible for the re-roofing of the HQ to take place last month, as stated in the last magazine. We are hopeful that this will now happen in the Spring.

Hopefully many of you will have had a Christmas card or cards sorted and delivered by a cub or scout. This is quite an onerous task for all those involved. Many thanks to all those who supported the Scout post and those parents and boys who sorted and delivered them so diligently. We are grateful to Simon Smith who co-ordinates this large operation in the Ipswich area.

We are still looking for a permanent Scout leader please contact Group Scout Leader Richard Walling at [richard.walling@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.walling@btinternet.com) if you are interested or just need more information.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH YOUTH CLUB. CHAIRPERSON**

I will resigning from the Youth Club on the 13th February 2015.

Are you interested in running a very successful Youth Club?

It is a voluntary position and the children are aged 7 - 11years. The Youth Club runs on a Friday evening.

If you are interested, please contact Ronnie on 01473 612091.

### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL Reg. Charly no 273769**

#### **JUMBLE, BOOK & PLANT SALE**

at

The Pavilion,  
The Drift, Martlesham Heath

10 am to 12 noon  
Saturday 7th March 2015

Admission 30p

Books from 5p each

*For further information about the above  
or about Martlesham Community Council  
please contact:-*

*the Secretary, Jackie Bear on  
01473 623007.*

## **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

Joyce Kimber is one of our favourite speakers, so we are looking forward to her visit to our February meeting when she will be giving her talk mysteriously named "Codes, Cyphers and Enigma". That is on Friday Feb. 20th at 7.30 in the Richards Room (behind Tesco). The competition is for a short poem. Unfortunately it is usually the same few people who enter the competitions, so it would be good if more people had a go. We are not looking for the next Poet Laureate, just a verse or rhyme, serious or funny.

Looking ahead a little, the Suffolk East Federation Annual Meeting will be held at Trinity Park on Tuesday March 3rd. This is always an event to look forward to, a full day of interesting speakers and information, with produce on sale from Country Markets and displays by various organisations and charities. Among the speakers will be the head of the W.I.'s own Denman College and Mandy Hickson, a retired fighter pilot who is reportedly an inspiring speaker. All 800 tickets for this event are likely to sell out quickly, so be sure to get yours early. This will be one of the first events during the Centenary year of the W.I. To join the celebrations why not come along to one of our meetings, you will be most welcome. Anne, our secretary, on 01384380110 will be pleased to give you more details.

Susan Cunliffe

## **REMAINING RESOLUTE WITH COUNTRY MARKETS**

Now is the testing time for your New Year's resolutions. If you've decided to eat better (or less), Country Markets' cooks are here help. They bake using local fresh ingredients and add no unnecessary colourings or artificial flavours or keeping agents: just read the labels and compare them with mass-manufactured foods to see the difference. If you are on a diet, they can help with gluten-free goodies and other special requirements – remember that you can place a special order at no extra cost. A beautifully baked treat helps you to eat less the rest of the time and our prices are competitive. Cook your own meals with our gardeners' fresh seasonal vegetables when available, eggs and at Kesgrave we are able to offer tasty Newbourne rare breed British Lop pork and other meats. Shop for that special card, cute handmade knitwear and unique bead jewellery, one-of-a-kind Kindle, phone and tablet covers and other imaginative, locally-made, well-priced gifts and practical things your friends will admire.

Come and see our range of lovely fresh food and handmade crafts 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. There's tea, coffee and something to eat at both venues: time for a nice sit-down!

Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

## **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

After an interesting start to 2015 we look forward to a talk on 5th February by Sonia Burrows with the fascinating title 'Do Plants Wear Coats'. On 19th February we will hold our annual Bring and Buy Sale to raise money for the East Anglian Sailing Trust – the charity we are supporting this year. Please bring any unwanted Christmas presents and good quality bric a brac to sell. Your white elephant may be on another member's wish list. We will also 'Bring a Friend' to introduce to the Club.

Looking ahead to next month, on 5th March Joy Bounds will give a talk entitled the Life and Times of Joan of Arc.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Richards Room.

To find out more phone Doreen Boar 01473 622768

**REMINDER KESGRAVE W.I. 'AT HOME'** - Kesgrave WI are holding their afternoon tea for housebound residents on Wednesday April 8th 2015.

We provide transport, refreshments and entertainment for those who find it difficult to leave their home.

If you are housebound or know someone who would like to go to our afternoon tea, please could you telephone Barbara Rose 01473 622017. (Please ask the person's permission before you put their name forward)

## **KESGRAVE AMATEUR THEATRE COMPANY**

are proud to present

### **'THE VICAR OF DIBLEY'**

*by Richard Curtis*

*and*

*Paul Mayhew-Archer*

from Thursday 19th - Saturday 21st  
February

at 7.30pm

at The Thomas Theatre,

Kesgrave High School.

Tickets are £10 and are available from  
[www.KatsOnStage.co.uk](http://www.KatsOnStage.co.uk)  
or tel: 01473 612342.

*This is an amateur production by kind  
permission of Tiger Aspects.*

## **MOTHERS UNION**

On Wednesday February 4th at 2.30pm..  
Speaker Mr David Baker to tell us about a visit to the Philippines

On Wednesday March 4th at 2.30 pm.

Speaker Maureen to talk about FIND. The food bank in Ipswich.

Both meetings at St Michael's Church Centre

All welcome

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE WEDNESDAY WOOLLY WONDERS!**

If you are a keen knitter or would like to learn this year, please come along to the Scout HQ on Wednesday 7th and/or 21st January 10-30-12.30. We are a sociable group & you will be most welcome, however often you'd like to come.

£1.50 per session to cover costs & refreshments.

## **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

Our next indoor meeting will be on Thursday 19th February at 7:30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when Darren Tansley of Essex Wildlife Trust will be talking to us about Otters and Water Voles. All are welcome, no need to be a member. Admission is only £2.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2015.**

Mike Bettell presents an illustrated talk

### **"Phlying with Phantoms - A day in the Life of a Phantom Pilot".**

7:30 p.m.

Main Hall, Martlesham Heath Community Centre,

Old Felixstowe Road (behind Tesco),  
Martlesham Heath IP12 4PB

Admission £2 (members)  
£3 (non-members)

Pay on arrival - pre-booking not required.

New members may join the Society on the night if they wish

See the Society  
website: [www.mhas.org.uk](http://www.mhas.org.uk)

or call: H King on 01473 274300

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our meeting on Friday, 2nd January was very well attended despite any after Christmas hang-overs! Bill Smith from Little Clacton gave us an illustrated and fascinating talk about the now almost forgotten Chindits. Bill was accompanied by his wife Corrine and a friend who assisted with the equipment.

Before the meeting commenced we had a short period of silence to remember our President, Gordon Kinsey, who sadly died in December.

The Chindits were formed and led by Maj. General Orde Wingate, DSO. Orde Wingate named the force "Chindits", which included not only British, but also Ghurkas and West African volunteers.

After an initial expedition in 1943 the full force was marched or landed by gliders behind Japanese lines in northern Burma in 1944. They were a hardy force of commandos and casualties were heavy. Not only from enemy action but also from the appalling conditions in the tropical jungle. Their role was to disrupt the enemy by blowing bridges and railways etc.

Bill Smith, whose father was a Chindit, had brought along some of the equipment men were expected to carry. Mules were a vital part of the expedition as well.

The second expedition consisted of 20,000 men and they were supplied from the air by Dakotas of the RAF and the USAAF.

Bill Smith has an impressive collection of equipment and armament from that campaign and even keeps a couple of mules which he brings along, together with his memorabilia, to our Open Day each year.

A Vote of thanks was given by Alan Smith.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 6th February and will feature an illustrated talk by Mike Bettell, "A Day in the Life of a Phantom Pilot".

Meetings start at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Felixstowe Rd. with a short tea/coffee break. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £3 at the door.

Alan Powell, 622458. [www.mhas.org.uk](http://www.mhas.org.uk)

## **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS**

Not too much to report this month, in spite of some heavy defeats we are currently in 3rd. place in the league, managed an 8 - 2 result against Stutton which is pleasing.

Several of our members are struggling healthwise and our best wishes go to them for a speedy recovery, and hope that 2015 will be a better time for them. Next month I will be able to report on our Fun Day, held at the end of January, Our AGM will be as usual early in May and all our Club Competitions will be completed by then, the singles competitions are already at the Finals stage. More on this next time.

Judith Longman

## **MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Martlesham History Society will be on Monday 9th February 2015.

### **Woodbridge and WW1 ~ Bob Merrett**

Discover what Woodbridge was like during the first world war, with a talk by a local historian Dr. Bob Merrett.

Meetings are held at Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 and commence at 7.30 pm. Admission fee is £2.50 and meetings are open to all.

Kim Quinton

## **MARTLESHAM ART GROUP**

Martlesham Art Group have recently moved to a new meeting place and, consequently, have space to welcome new members.

We are a small friendly group of artists of all abilities who meet to paint together on Wednesday afternoons. Our new meeting place and time is in The Richards Rooms, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham IP12 4PB from 1.30p.m to 4.00p.m.

For further information please contact Diane Willsteed on 01473 659257, e mail [Diane.Willsteed@btinternet.com](mailto:Diane.Willsteed@btinternet.com) or call in to meet us any Wednesday afternoon.

## **MALGA (MARTLESHAM ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION) - 2015 AGM, 10 MARCH 2015**

A handful of people came to last year's AGM in March 2014. We re-elected a committee, to run MALGA on a 'caretaker' basis for 2014/15. This meant we agreed not to meet and act unless we had a realistic offer of allotment land or the planning background changed significantly.

Why did we decide on this? Well - as previously highlighted, even after several years concerted effort, MALGA has not secured an allotment site within Martlesham Parish. The current wait for the Local Development (planning) Framework and a decision about the Adastral Park development means the situation is unlikely to change significantly, at least within this Committee year. i.e. availability of suitable land and willingness of landowners to lease it for allotments.

Nevertheless it will shortly be time for the next AGM - to be held on Tuesday 10 March, 7.30pm, at the Parish Room (Martlesham Community Hall buildings, Felixstowe Road). We will again consider if MALGA has a viable future or should be wound-up. If you're in any way interested in allotments within Martlesham, can you please attend this meeting, to help agree the best way forward. If you are a past MALGA member we'd be really pleased to see you and hear your views.

If anyone would like any further background information or to share ideas or views with me beforehand, please either call me on 01473 622721 (evenings/weekends) or email me via ([info@malga.org.uk](mailto:info@malga.org.uk)). Ian Read Chairman MALGA





## **2 Film nights "Laugh your way to a Better Marriage"**

-laugh, learn and be able to make real positive changes to your relationship.

**Saturday January 28th and Saturday February 28th 7.30 pm**

St. Michael's Church Centre

All welcome, no need to book

Wine & nibbles in the interval – donations invited

Contact:-

Andy & Brenda Taylor 01473 809930  
Andybren75@yahoo.co.uk

## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

To be held at St Michael's Church Centre on Friday March 6th at 10.30am

The service has been prepared by the Christian women of The Bahamas

Theme: Jesus said to them " Do you know what I have done for you?"

Other local services will be announced in March.

## **PIRATES NEEDED TO JOIN THE MIDNIGHT WALK CREW**

Ahoy me hearties, St Elizabeth Hospice is on the lookout for pirates to join their crew for the Midnight Walk 2015.

Everyone will be encouraged to dust off their eye patches and polish their cutlasses and join the pirate parade through Ipswich on Saturday 16th May 2015.

Men and women can choose to walk or run round Ipswich Town centre, choosing from three routes which all start and finish at Ipswich Town Football Club; the five mile, eight mile, or the more challenging half marathon.

Sign up online now for just £15 at [www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk](http://www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk) or call 01473 707043 or email [midnightwalk@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:midnightwalk@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) to request a paper form.

## **Two Ducks**

On a country walk I looked over the bridge and saw two ducks bobbing up and down on the fast flowing river. They were going backwards. Although facing upstream and paddling for all they were worth the current was carrying them further and further away from the direction they wanted to go. They seemed to be almost in panic as they struggled to cope with the force of the water. As I watched they were gradually carried to the far side of the river. They soon realised that this was their best option and turned towards the bank. Eventually they reached calmer water at the edge of the river where they could stop their frenzied efforts and rest. In a quiet inlet, away from the force of the current, they dabbled peacefully regaining strength.

Shortly after they started slowly upstream again, this time keeping close to the bank, and with little effort made steady progress up river. They soon reached their destination and one after the other climbed out of the water onto the river bank.

Sometimes we too find life in the fast lane overpowering. We grapple with our problems and struggle to work things out. In the midst of opposition we battle on to reach our objective. It's at times like this that heading for the shallows can be the wisest option. Taking time out to rest, recuperate and seek a higher perspective can be the best course of action. When we've rested awhile we find there is a better way, moving forward in His strength.

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

Tricia Shuler  
Vicar

**SUFFOLK FAMILY CARERS** is a local charity that provides information, support and guidance to Family Carers around Suffolk. We have been offering our services for over 25 years and one of the things we have learnt during that time is that people caring for another person at home, perhaps a family member or friend don't usually see themselves as a Family Carer, they just see it as part of being husband, wife, father, mother, daughter, son, friend etc. Because of this, it becomes so easy to forget the importance of your own health and wellbeing as all of your physical and emotional effort and energy is spent on looking after that person, and others who may be involved such as siblings. You may feel that your own needs do not matter at this time, but in order to provide care and support you do need to keep your own batteries charged.

In 2015 Suffolk Family Carers will be working with our hospice colleagues in Suffolk to offer an information and support programme for those people caring for someone nearing the end of their life. There will be a series of five informal sessions that offer information and an opportunity to reflect and gain support from others in a similar situation. The programme will run around the County with the first ones starting end of January. Its aim is to improve the Family Carer's own situation and that of the person they Care For.

If you would like to find out more or to book your free place please call Carly on 01473 835420 or e mail [wellbeing@suffolkfamilycarers.org](mailto:wellbeing@suffolkfamilycarers.org)

## **LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT**

Looking back, our 2014 Christmas Parcels project was one of the busiest yet, with 200 parcels of seasonal groceries delivered to couples, families and people living alone. In addition we donated a substantial amount of seasonal goods to the Lighthouse Women's Refuge and were delighted to welcome Gill Dean, Operations Manager of the refuge, to our January meeting. Gill gave us some thought provoking statistics on the incidence of domestic abuse and a heart-warming account of Christmas in the refuge.

In the next few weeks we look forward the annual Lions trivia quiz and a presentation evening to mark the achievements of the Young Leaders, a group of young people who have gained experience of engagement in the community as they worked alongside us over the past year. The majority of the young people have recorded 50 hours of community activity, achieving the Silver Award and some an astonishing 100 hours, reaching the Gold standard.

Peter See for the Lions Club of Woodbridge & District

**Building  
God's  
Family  
Together**

## THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

**PARISH MINISTER:** The Revd Tricia Shuler 17 Lark Rise Martlesham Heath IP5 3SA  
01473 612659

**CURATE:** The Revd Margaret Rittman Woodlea The Street Martlesham 07914 771061  
(working days: Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday)

**READERS:** Carolyn Smith 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath.  
Malcolm Rittman, Woodlea, The Street, Martlesham

**ELDERS:** Margaret Rollins 9 Angela Close, Martlesham. 01473 623868  
Liz Welham 23 Deben Avenue Martlesham Heath. 01473 622709  
Lynn Wilder Kenton Nr Debenham. 01728 860627

| Services for the Month      | Martlesham Heath<br>St Michael's         | Martlesham<br>St Mary's           | Brightwell<br>St John's |
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| <b>Sunday 1st February</b>  | 9.45am All Age Service                   | 11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book) | 8am Holy Communion      |
| <b>Sunday 8th February</b>  | 9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church | 11am Morning Worship              | 6.30pm Evensong         |
| <b>Sunday 15th February</b> | 9am Breakfast @9                         | 11am Holy Communion               | 8am Holy Communion      |
| <b>Sunday 22nd February</b> | 9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church | 11am Morning Prayer               | 6.30pm Evensong         |
| <b>Sunday 1st March</b>     | 9.45am All Age Service                   | 11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book) | 8am Holy Communion      |

### Midweek Services

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

**A warm welcome awaits you at all our services**

### February Prayer Diary Please include the following as an addition to your daily prayers

5th. Pray for Martlesham Beacon Hill Primary School

6th. For all working in our local libraries

7th. National Marriage Week 7th—14th February

#### 8th. Preparation for Lent

9th. St Elizabeth Hospice

10th. The Befriending Society

11th. Broomfield and Broomfield Mews

12th. Martlesham Mums' Club

13th. For all those bereaved

14th. For all prisoners and hostages

#### 15th. Sunday before Lent—Church Unity

16th. The Martlesham Art Group

17th. For those who are homeless

18th. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent

19th. Buckingham Close

20th. For all Lunch Club volunteers

21st. The Martlesham Conservation Group

#### 22nd. First Sunday of Lent—Peace and unity for the World

23rd. For the Suffolk Wildlife Trust

24th. Riding for the Disabled Groups

25th. Burgess Place

26th. For the work of District Councillors

27th. 1st Martlesham Heath Rangers

28th. For those struggling with depression

#### March

#### 1st St David's Day—Pray for the people of Wales

2nd Martlesham Mothers' Union

3rd The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Café

4th California