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## THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

Snowy Lane (Squires Lane/Demesne  
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## COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders  
are a group of 5 volunteers (funded  
entirely by donations) who are trained  
to provide first aid and resuscitation  
skills. We provide a first response to  
most 999 calls received by the East  
Anglian Ambulance Trust within  
Martlesham, Martlesham Heath,  
Waldringfield, Newbourne and  
Brightwell, in support of and until the  
arrival of an emergency ambulance.

We now have our own website, which is  
updated regularly. Why not have a look  
at the site [www.martleshamcfr.co.uk](http://www.martleshamcfr.co.uk)

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For general enquiries about Guiding in  
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(Martlesham District Contact) 01473  
622160

## 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 via our website:  
<http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/index.htm>  
which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions

## 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT POST 2013

I am writing to thank everyone who took  
part in the Scout Christmas post for  
2013. In total Martlesham Scouts  
handled 6202 cards which includes  
294 cards for us from our own boxes.  
This is a FANTASTIC total for us and is  
about 5% up on last year. In monetary  
terms we have raised just under £700

All the money will go to the scouts for  
fundraising for repairs to the scout hut  
roof

Many Thanks to all the residents who  
sent cards last year.

Simon Smith

Martlesham Scout post

## 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the  
group, please contact Sarah Cooke on  
01394 387858. If you want to hire the  
Scout HQ please contact 01473  
610437 or e.mail  
[Rachel.pennick@btinternet.com](mailto:Rachel.pennick@btinternet.com)

## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

### Tuesday 25th February, 25th March:

Angela Close: 1:35-1:50pm  
Redwold Close: 1:55-2:10pm  
Falcon Mobile Home Pk: 2:20-2:50pm  
Douglas Bader: 3:00-4:30pm

### Thursday, 13th February, 13th March:

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## **2014/2015 Budget/Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)**

At its January meeting the full Council agreed a budget of £101,486 and, when you receive notification of your council tax bill for the financial year 2014-15, you will note a precept demand of £101,000. We are also receiving a Government grant through Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) of £5,029.47 to offset losses of income caused by the introduction of the national Local Council Tax Support scheme (LCTS) last year. However SCDC is reducing this support each year until 2017/18 when it will have disappeared altogether.

The Parish Council is therefore increasing its precept by 3.7% for the next financial year. This represents an increase of approx. £2 per annum for a Band D property. We reported to you last year that we made no increases for five years despite inflation and therefore taxpayers have benefitted from real savings. The Council has taken the decision to increase its precept because it assesses the financial risk facing it to be high and therefore it needs to maintain a reasonable level of reserves. Full details of the budget setting process and risks identified are available in the minutes, which are published on the website as below.

Your Parish Council continues to monitor and plan for developments to safeguard your interests in these changing times.

## **North End of Manor Road, Martlesham Heath: Eagle Way crossing near A12 Tesco roundabout**

Last year Suffolk County Council Highways installed a new barrier across the exit by this crossing and obstructive vegetation bordering the verge has been cut back to maximise visibility but concerns are still being expressed that this is a dangerous place to cross the road. The barriers serve to reduce cycle speed and fore-warn cyclists to dismount but this does not address the issue of the speed at which motorists come off the A12 carriageway on to Eagle Way. The Council would like to hear local views on whether the existing provisions at this crossing point are adequate. Please contact the Clerk as below.

## **Provision of grit bin for the A12 footbridge**

You may have noticed a new padlocked grit bin adjacent to the footpath on the approach to the footbridge from the Business Park. We have worked with Suffolk County Council (SCC) to try and find a solution to keeping the footbridge clear in icy conditions. Salt corrodes the bridge and there is a danger of grit falling between the railings on to vehicles below. It has therefore been agreed that the grit in this bin is only accessible to SCC contractors for use on the footbridge.

## **Diamond Jubilee Bike Trails**

A dig & ride day took place on 28.12.13 to rebuild the jumps. An excellent job was done so many thanks to those who helped. It is particularly good to see the young people who use the area

contributing to the maintenance. Another day is planned for February half term so please look out for details of this.

## **Overhanging vegetation obstructing footpaths**

During the winter months please check the borders of your properties to make sure that you do not have any overhanging vegetation from your gardens which obstructs adjacent footpaths.

## **Forthcoming meetings:**

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 5 February 2014

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 12 February 2014

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 26 February 2014

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 5 March 2014

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  
É: 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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## **JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Community Enabling Budgets (CEB)  
In January, Suffolk Coastal District Council introduced a new grant scheme called Community Enabling Budgets. Each ward member will be allocated up to £4,000 per annum to distribute funds to new projects or community groups within their ward. If you are involved in a Community group and you are starting a new project within Martlesham, or, you are considering starting a local organisation I may be able to help with

start up funding. The CEB cannot be used to support existing services but must be aimed at stimulating new community activities. All applications for this budget will need to be approved by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Customers, Community and Leisure. If you or your organisation feel that you may qualify for a CEB please check out the Suffolk Coastal Home page [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) to see if you

meet the necessary requirements and then contact me via [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01473 631682. The closing date for this years applications will be 31st March 2014 but the new years application start date will be 1st April 2014. I am looking forward to being of assistance.  
John Kelso District Councillor  
Martlesham Ward

## CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FEBRUARY 2014

My report this month is a little fragmented but I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a healthy and prosperous 2014.

**Judicial Review** By the time that you read this it is likely that the Judicial Review against the 2000 homes planned for the land East and South of Adastral Park will have been heard and we will all be waiting for the outcome of the Judgement.

**Precept SCDC's** Precept for the 2014/2015 financial year is being held at the same level as for the 2013/2014 financial year. However I can not predict the Police and the SCC precept but I hope that they too will remain the same as in 2013/2014 or less.

**Boundary Review** Either in January or early in February the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is due to publish its recommendations for a new warding pattern for the SCDC area. This will be followed by a further consultation spread over a period of about six weeks.

**The Locality Budget:** As you will almost certainly now know every ward councillor in Suffolk Coastal District now has a locality budget of £4000.00 per annum. This was granted in December 2013 and we are obliged to allocate at least half of that sum by March 31st 2014. If it is not allocated then it will be lost. The remaining £2000.00 can be carried over to the 2014/2015 financial year. So, if you or your organisation have a project that will clearly benefit the local community then please let me or Cllr John Kelso know as soon as you can. . If you would like to discuss these or any other matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to [chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) .

## MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

Recent reports have noted the storm damage and the impact of the recent high winds which have increased the number of damaged trees. The financial implications are now becoming clear, and whilst there remains a considerable amount of outstanding remedial work, MHHL have spent over £2,500 thus far on these problems. The costs are increased by the volume of trees that require routine maintenance owing to the natural ageing process, and the level of such work is unprecedented. Also, this issue is aggravated as the cost of conducting this essential work is increasing as well. Residents will be aware of the wide range of such work being undertaken, affecting most hamlets, and our tree surgeons have an extensive list of work to be addressed. To avoid misunderstandings, the tree surgeons will wear MHHL-designated reflective jackets when carrying out this work so that they can be readily identified. Clearly, if any resident is suspicious that work is being carried out by others who do not have MHHL endorsement, please bring this to our attention.

Local residents will shortly receive the report regarding the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 6th March. It is hoped that as many as possible will be able to attend, as issues will include the election of Board members, the maintenance charge and how this has been deployed, and other related reports.

Owing to damage to the Control Tower, a security fence is in the process of being installed to protect this historic building, again with significant cost implications. Previously, the premises were covered in anti-climb paint to deter intruders, and it is hoped that these measure will prevent any further anti-social behaviour.

Regarding the Control Tower, 2017 is the centenary of the inception of Martlesham Heath as an aircraft development centre. Working collaboratively with other groups, the prospect of marking this significant date will be explored. Further details will be provided in due course.

In its efforts to safeguard and enhance the village, it has been decided to install bollards at strategic points around the green to prevent vehicles and unwelcome groups from being able to access this area.

To support village activities, tentative consideration has been given to a request that a "Village Day" event be held in the summer, involving activities reflecting local initiatives, a much lower-key event than in previous years. It is anticipated that other suggestions may be forthcoming, and these will receive due attention.

Similarly, there is a commitment to see cricket continue on the green, and should any group wish to explore this prospect, please notify the Board.

MHHL can be contacted via PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP1 9PB, by voicemail on 01473 612207, or by e-mail ([mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk)). Information is also available on the website: <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk>

## HELP TO KEEP WARM THIS WINTER

Winter weather can create serious financial and physical challenges, especially for the elderly, disabled people and families with young children struggling to keep warm in their homes. Last year, there were more than 350 excess winter deaths in Suffolk, believed to be connected with the cold weather.

Free help and advice is at hand.

**Suffolk's Warm Homes Healthy People scheme** offers support to those most in need.

The scheme can help home owners or tenants who privately rent and are on a low income or in receipt of a means tested benefit.

The scheme also takes into account age, disability and cold related health conditions.

If you're struggling to keep warm or are worried about the cost of heating your home, you could get help with:

- Emergency boiler and heating repair costs
- Winter fuel payments
- -Free home energy survey with advice on insulation, fuel switching and cheaper oil prices
- -Basic draught proofing
- Temporary loan of heaters

People with vulnerable relatives or neighbours are also urged to help them find out more about the support available.

Eligibility criteria apply. For more information, call Warm Homes Healthy People helpline on 08456 037 686 (Local rate, lines open Monday-Friday, 9 - 5pm).

## Warm Home Discount Scheme

Did you know that electricity suppliers can award eligible customers with a £135 Warm Home Discount?

Receiving this discount won't affect your cold weather or winter fuel payment. To find out more, contact your energy supplier direct.

Please keep warm this winter.

**CALLING ALL MUMS .....** The next meeting of Martlesham Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday, 4th February between 12.45 and 2.30 p.m. at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch (served around 1.00 p.m.) and then to meet Bella Ballerina and Pedro Pirate when Laura Emily gives us a taster session of her Teeny Tiny Ballerinas classes.

Looking ahead - the March meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's on Tuesday, 4th March.

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

The DRINKS AND DRIBBLES BABY CAFE will be open at St. Michael's Church Centre between 10a.m. and 12 noon on Thursdays, 6th and 20th February. This is a drop-in for the Buggy Brigade! Join us for refreshment, friendship and toys

### **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. We meet at the Pavilion where you can grab a tea or coffee while your little ones are kept amused by our range of lovely toys and crafts. We have an informal, friendly atmosphere and there's always a lovely "sing song" before more tea! We'd love to see you there!

Lots of fun was had at our Christmas Party held during our final sessions in December and funds were raised to keep the group operating over the next year. So a belated and big thank you to all those who joined us and supported us over the last year.

We have some themed fun activities planned for the Spring time, so why not drop by? We would love to see you.

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

### **THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath**

Baby Room, Pre-School, Breakfast Club, After School Club & Holiday Club

How are crystals formed? This month After School Club Leader Amy will be helping our After School Clubbers explore a range of science-based experiments including: making crystals, floating and sinking and balloon rockets. Preschoolers will be busy puppeteering! We are very excited to welcome Just Puppets with fun kids puppet show 'The Cake', with music and slapstick humour. Then our Preschoolers will have fun making their own puppets and playing in a full (child) - size puppet theatre!

Our littlest learners will be having lots of fun exploring sounds, colours and textures in our new baby room The Seedlings - limited spaces still available, contact Manager Jo Gadsden.

We are now taking bookings for our February Half Term Holiday Club (17th - 21st February 2014), where our Holiday Clubbers can enjoy cooking and crafting activities and more! The Saplings is open Monday - Friday, from 7.30am - 6pm for children ages 3 months -11 years. For more information, please call our friendly team of dedicated and experienced staff on: 01473 614753, email: news@thesaplings.org.uk, or visit our website: thesaplings.org.uk

### **GROWING GUIDING....MARTLESHAM!**

We are currently looking for 2 Adult leaders for Rainbows (5-7yrs) in Martlesham. We would love to be able to continue to offer the Rainbow Guiding experience on the Heath, but in order to do this, we need your help. Our existing Rainbow Unit needs a new Guider from January 2014, otherwise the Unit may have to close. If you can spare a couple of hours each week, enjoy working with young people & want to make a difference in their lives, please contact us. No previous experience of Guiding is required.

To find out more, please contact Jo Dixon on 01473 622160 or jo.d@btinternet.com Thank you

### **An Evening with Ryan Gooding, The Modern Medium**

Friday 28 March 2014

7:30pm

At

The Thomas Theatre

Kesgrave High School, Main Road,  
Kesgrave, IP5 2PB

Tickets £10

Refreshments and Raffle

All money raised will go towards my expedition to South Africa, where I will be participating in a community and conservation project

To reserve your ticket, please contact  
Alanis or Lizi on: 07956 521423

### **SPRING TERM AT BRIGHT STARS**

Bright Stars began the spring term following the star, to find out about the Wise Men who journeyed to find Jesus over 2,000 years ago. We would like to invite all preschoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers who enjoy singing, stories, crafts and having fun to join us at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL.

The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play. Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to welcoming you!

The dates for our Spring 2014 sessions are:

February 10th

February 24th

March 10th

March 24th

If you would like any further information please contact:

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

### **1st MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS**

would like to say

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our "Homemade Soup & a Roll" in St Michael's after Carols in the Square.

Your generations donations helped us raise £68.36.

Jo Dixon 01473 622160

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD**

Many thanks to the volunteers who came out and helped improve some of the pathways on the heath SSSI. These activities will be picked up again through the year by volunteers from Martlesham Conservation Group and others. Also, we are progressing the production of some interpretative signs explaining about some of the special wildlife on the heath, which is tied into the work on footpaths through a grant from Suffolk Coasts and Heaths. These boards will be located close to some of the most-used entrances to the heath.

The Greenways project will be working at the northern end of the site clearing scrub from an area next to the paths, again with the intention of halting the increase of tree cover and promoting the recovery of heather and acid grassland, as well as improving the pathway. They will also clear up some of the piles of scrub left over from previous work prior to the Megabash.

The Portal Woodlands group will continue thinning out some of the tree cover from areas of heather so that we recover some more of the heathland character of the site and produce better conditions and habitats for the special heathland wildlife, including reptiles, butterflies and beetles.

As mentioned last month the Megabash event is scheduled for Saturday February 22nd in conjunction with the Greenways project and will be at the north of the SSSI close to the area that was tackled last year. Please put this date in your diary and come along and join us. All our combined efforts are really making a difference.

Please take care if you are out on the heath and look out for your own safety whilst the various pieces of work are in progress.

The current board members are Duncan Sweeting, Clive Wilkins, Peter Davies, Phil Wilmot, David Foster and Phil Smith. We aim to progress activities again through this forthcoming year. If any volunteers are interested in helping please contact a member of the board. Please take a look at our web site for further information about our activities.

## **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Our efforts on heathland conservation continue on the heath SSSI. Our team of enthusiastic volunteers cleared out some scrubby vegetation, a fallen tree and lots of small saplings from an area of open heather on our last work party. It helps enormously to clear out small saplings before they get too large and require a lot more work.

Many butterflies have very interesting life-cycles especially those in the "blue" group, the nationally rare Silver-Studded Blue butterfly, which occurs on our heath, is no exception. It relies on small black ants, during part of its life cycle, especially during the caterpillar phase as well as having suitable food plants of heather to feed on. The ants are thought to provide protection in return for rewards of sugar produced by the caterpillar. Consequently a healthy population of butterflies also needs a healthy population of ants. Later in the year we will be aiming to create some patches of bare ground within regenerating heather in order to encourage more ants and hopefully more Silver-Studded Blue butterflies.

Our next work party will take place on Sunday 9th February starting at 10 am. Please meet on the Martlesham Heath SSSI where the path crosses over the bank running east-west across the heath. We will be aiming to clear some more scrub creating more areas suitable for butterflies and link them together.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

On Thursday 20th February at 7-30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall we have a talk with the intriguing title "What Future for the Spoon Billed Sandpiper" given by Nigel Clarke of the BTO. This bird breeds in Northern Russia and migrates southwards to south and south-east Asia. It is one of the world's rarest birds, with only an estimated total of about 100 pairs in 2011. Please come along and join us for an interesting evening and learn a little more about these birds and the efforts of conservationists to save them, including efforts here in Britain. All are very welcome. Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW**

Tom Hart Dyke will be opening the Suffolk Orchid Society Spring Show on Saturday 8th March 2014 at St Michael's Church Centre, (near Douglas Bader Public House), MARTLESHAM HEATH, IP5 3UY, between 10 am and 4 pm. In addition to our own magnificent display of orchids there will be first class orchids for sale, re-potting demonstrations, advice on the cultivation of orchids and problem solving. Admission £1.

Refreshments including light lunches will be available.

## **WARM WELCOME AT SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM**

Despite the cold, wet and windy weather we have experienced recently you can be sure of a warm welcome at Speak Easy. The club's members come from all walks of life, including teachers, horticulturalist, IT consultant, artists and telecommunication workers, to enjoy evenings of speaking to improve their skills and confidence within a friendly, sociable and encouraging atmosphere. Guests are welcome to join us at any of our meetings; we will also be having an Open Evening on April 10th specially aimed at people who would like to come and find out what a speakers meeting is all about.

Regular meetings of Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club are held fortnightly on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham IP12 4PB (behind the Tesco superstore). Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm. Guests are always welcome at our meetings, just turn up and enjoy the evening.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers' Club meetings in 2014:

February 13th  
February 27th  
March 13th  
March 27th  
April 10th Open Evening  
April 24th

Further details about Speak Easy can be found at [www.speak-easy.org.uk](http://www.speak-easy.org.uk) <https://twitter.com/SpeakEasyMart> and <https://www.facebook.com/SpeakEasyMartlesham>

Or call Bob Booker Tel.07968372563

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

We had a very successful Christmas carolling season - thank you to everyone who generously dropped pennies and pounds into our buckets! The grand total raised was £1725.62, which will be divided between our three chosen charities - Families in Need, Ipswich (FIND), Suffolk MIND, and EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices.)

We will be holding a Quiz Night on 1st February at St Michaels Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, starting at 7pm. Maximum 6 adults per team, nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £2.50 per person available by calling 07802 868924.

On 1st March please join our Preliminary Band for 'Tea & Tunes', also at St Michaels 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.

Liz Howard. (Publicity Officer)

e\_m\_howard@talk21.com 01473 625617.

Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website [www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk)

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

I apologise that our monthly meeting on 3rd January was not as advertised. Mr Ted Warner was due to give us a talk about restoring P51 Mustangs, but unfortunately was not able to be present. We do try to email as many members as possible of any last minute changes, so please let us have your email address if you have not already done so. That applies equally to non-members, who may wish to pick and choose the meetings they attend.

However, all was not lost! Mr Ken Milne has been photographing aircraft all over the world for 54 years and has an unequalled archive. He is a long-standing member of Ipswich Aviation Society and bravely stepped in at the last minute to show his slides and also his digital images. There is no doubt that many of our members have an extraordinary knowledge of aircraft but I am sure that some of the types even they were seeing for the first time. From all over Europe, to the USA and to South American countries and the Far East. You name it and Ken has been there 'plane spotting and recording them for posterity.

We are grateful to Ken for saving the day and a vote of thanks was given by our chairman, Martyn Cook.

Our next meeting will take place on Friday, 7th February and the title of the illustrated talk is "The Liberator in RAF Service." The American Consolidated Liberator gave sterling service in several roles during WW2. Like the British Halifax bomber, and the Lancaster, it was somewhat overshadowed by the B17 Flying Fortress, although, like the Halifax, it was a comparable aircraft. No less than nine different variants were supplied to the RAF and the story is a fascinating one.

Meetings are always on the first Friday of the month and take place at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road. They start at 7.30pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

## **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS**

As predicted our last meeting before Christmas was a really enjoyable event. As usual some really good bowling on this fun afternoon with Terry Andrews a clear winner of the Drive, well done to him.

We have made an excellent start on our entry into The Chairman's Plate Competition with an 8 - 2 win against Bramford, well done everyone. The second leg will be played at the end of the month. We have not fared so well in the League starting the year with a serious defeat away at Tuddenham and another away game imminent. Then a run of home games next month, so we need to keep up our standard

## **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Registered Charity No 273769

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

IN

THE PAVILION

MARTLESHAM HEATH

IP5 3PL

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2014

10.00AM - 12NOON

ADMISSION 30P

ITEMS 35P EACH,

BOOKS 10P EACH

PLANTS AT VARIOUS PRICES

Further Information Jackie Bear  
01473 623007

## **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

Our next event:-

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 15th February 2014

10.00 am to Noon

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

### **Planted containers in The Square and by Martlesham Community Hall**

The containers that had been full of colour last summer and autumn have now been refilled and planted with winter plants and spring bulbs. These have been provided by Martlesham in Bloom and should provide plenty of colour in the coming months.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY**

Dr Schurr's Retirement

We would like to inform you that after 22 of long and happy service, Dr Andrew Schurr will be retiring at the end of March.

We will obviously miss him very much and will be engaging another doctor(s) as soon as possible.

We are sure that you will join us in wishing him every happiness in his future.

Martlesham Heath Surgery

## **YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET**

We are all being encouraged to eat healthily – let us make it easier for you. A weekly market is organized offering home-made and home-crafted items, as well as seasonal vegetables when available on a Tuesday and Saturday morning – venues and times displayed at the end of this note. No additives or preservatives are used in our cooking, and our gardeners avoid using pesticides on their land when growing vegetables and fruit, which if not sold are made into jams marmalades and chutneys in a wide choice for sale throughout the year..

New producers are being sort in all three areas, and anyone interested in knowing more should contact Margaret on 01473 623849

We like to make friends of our customers by offering attention to their needs, whether they be dietary, or to collect any orders placed. Special occasion cakes can be catered for.

Opening times and venues:

Saturday	Tuesday
The Scout H/Q	The Pavilion
Twelve Acre Approach	The Square
Kesgrave	Martlesham
9.30 – 11.30am	9.30 – 11.15am

## **OVER THIRTIES DANCES AND OTHERS**

The Over Thirties Dance that we held at Kesgrave Social Club on December 14th, was a great success.

It was good to see the club full, and consequently the dance floor also. We received some very nice comments from many of the people, including several club members. All of them were keen for us to put more Over Thirties Dances on. Unfortunately, the club has no more dates free, apart from the usual December slot, which this year will be on the 6th. So pop December 6th in your diaries.

The only other dance on the horizon is the "Valentine Supper/Dance" at Kesgrave High School, Main Road, Kesgrave. It's on February 15th, starting at 8.00pm and going through til 11.30pm. "Rave-On" will be playing their music from the 60's, 70's some Country and some Rock and Roll. Tickets are £11.00 and include a hot chicken supper, or the option of Vegetarian Chiche if needed. Tickets can be purchased, in advance, from Keith on 01473-624538. It just leaves us to wish you all a slightly belated Happy New Year. Keith/Miles

## **SEW MUCH FUN – A Community Sewing Club**

Do you enjoy sewing? Would you like to meet local residents who enjoy sewing?

If so, why not come to the next meeting of Sew Much Fun at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion?

We are a friendly group of people who enjoy sewing together - whether you are a beginner or an experienced person, there is always something that you can learn and share!

Sew Much Fun meets on alternate Fridays at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion from 8 pm to 10 pm. £3.00 admission fee per person. Tea and biscuits will be available.

Our meeting dates in the near future – February 7th and February 21st.

To know more, please email [sewmuchfun2013@gmail.com](mailto:sewmuchfun2013@gmail.com) or visit <http://itssewmuchfun.wordpress.com>

## **MOTHERS UNION**

The Annual Meeting of Martlesham Mothers Union will take place on Wednesday 5th February

at 2.30pm. The meeting will be followed by a talk by Vanessa Ball of EACH (East Anglian Childrens Hospices) Please come along to hear Vanessa and also come and have your say at the Annual Meeting. Your opinions matter! Enquiries to Florence Fisher on 01473 631347

## **THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.**

will be held at

St Michael's and All Angels Church

at 10.30am

on Friday 7th March 2014

The service prepared by the Christian Women of Egypt.

Theme :

**"Streams in the desert."**

Speaker Rev'd Margaret Rittman.

Everyone welcome.

Services will be held in Woodbridge and St Andrew's Melton.

Details in March Martlesham Monthly.

## **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

"February Fill Dyke" is an old country saying, but as I write this in early January with half the country in the grip of floods, I feel we don't need any more dykes filling! But of course, we know that in many parts of the world, lack of water is the problem.

So our February meeting – a talk on "Water Aid" by Dr Paul Williams - will be enlightening. That will be on Friday February 21st at 7.30 in the Richards Room on Old Felixstowe Road. As usual there will be a warm welcome for any visitors or prospective members.

Now that the days are drawing out we are looking forward to spring and summer events coming up. To begin there will be the County annual meeting at Trinity Park when our main speaker Roy Hudd will be only one of many guests to address us. There will be stalls selling Country Market produce, a cookery competition, and many local organisations with displays.

A good way of keeping abreast of forthcoming events is to log on to the Suffolk East website (SEFWI) where you will find details of what's to come, along with photos of past events.

Or for details of our W.I., phone our secretary, Anne Bennett on 01394 380110.

## KEEP FIT AT ST MICHAELS

The proceeds from our Christmas lunch raffle have been donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. As they need to raise £7.6 million each year from charitable donations to fund 2 helicopters, one of which can fly at night, we are delighted to help this worthy cause.

Our low-impact exercise to music classes take place on Tuesday mornings at St Michaels church. The 9.30 class focuses on muscular strengthening and stretching and the 10.45 session also includes exercises to improve heart and lung function. The classes are easy to follow with everyone exercising at their own level and are run on a pay on the day basis.

So if you would like to get active in a fun and friendly atmosphere please call 01473 620511. Julia Drewel

## MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our first meeting of 2014 was very well attended and we enjoyed an extremely interesting talk by Julie Spice who told us about her experiences as a Gamesmaker at the 2012 Olympics. We were joined by four new members who had all read about our interesting evenings in the Martlesham Monthly and decided to come along. Any other ladies reading this will be very welcome at any of our fortnightly meetings.

We have two meetings planned for February. On 6 February, Hattie Bennett will give a talk entitled 'Talking with your Cello' and 20 February we are holding a Bring and Buy sale to raise funds for our chosen charity for 2014, Age UK

Meetings are held in the Richards Room at 7.30pm. For more information telephone Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

## KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

**Sunday Crafts** – The following activities will take place in the library in February:

Sunday 2nd – On the 31st of January it was Chinese New Year. Make and decorate a Chinese New Year Dragon;

Sunday 9th – It's Valentine's Day on Friday. Make a Valentine's card for someone special;

Sunday 16th – It will soon be Spring! Brighten up your house – with an origami tulip picture;

Sunday 23rd – What's the weather like today? Make a weather predictor and see if you are right!

Activities are free and aimed at children aged four to eight years. 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

## 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 £1097.52. which is excellent.

During the past year the Club has raised over £7,000. which is used for donations Locally, Nationally and Internationally. These donations range from taking children on a 'Kids Out Day' where Rotarians take Disabled and Disadvantaged Children for a day out, to supporting locally and Nationally The Young Rotary Chef of the year.

One of the larger donations came after we arranged a Flanders and Swann tribute evening at the Seckford Theatre. We were able to give local MacMillan Nurses a cheque for £1,500. We have also sent Aqua Boxes and Shelter boxes across the world to help with disasters including Syria and Philippines. We are of course still putting a lot effort and resources into POLIO PLUS. Rotary International have had for some time the aim to rid the World of Polio and only a few stubborn areas remain. 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

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## THE NORTH END OF MANOR ROAD: EXIT INTO EAGLE WAY.

From time to time this magazine highlights locally encountered traffic problems and dangers of one sort or another, and whether as motorists, cyclists or pedestrians, residents will rightly call attention to them in these pages. I maintain that the north end of Manor Road – the part where it tapers off into a cycle-track/footpath just before it hits Eagle Way adjacent to the Tesco roundabout – is one such hazard. For pedestrians, and possibly for cyclists too, it presents a potential peril. True, there are barriers across the path, serving to reduce cycle speed and forewarning cyclists to dismount. But for the pedestrian they serve little purpose; they are inadequate in reminding walkers that there's a dangerous intersecting

road. Time and time again the same situation occurs: the pedestrian going north, say to visit the supermarket via the underpass, looks both ways, sees Eagle Way either side is clear, and then, when only half-way, or even a quarter of the way across, is caught out by a speeding vehicle suddenly emerging from the right, leaving the A12 dual carriageway so as to enter Martlesham Heath residential zone. Because it will take some time for the motorist to readjust to a speed appropriate to, and required for a residential area, the escape from the carriageway to turn left (from the south) tends to be made at the same speed encountered and permitted on the carriageway. The required deceleration -if it occurs at all – is made only some time later, when the motorist has travelled an appreciable distance down Eagle Way. Obstructive vegetation

bordering the verge has been cut back so as to maximise visibility, but that isn't enough. No-one can see around corners and anyone who is none too swift on foot coming out on to Eagle Way from Manor Road is vulnerable, liable to be caught unawares. It can be an alarming experience. The problem is a structural one; it was unwise to have carved an exit from Manor Road so near a major roundabout, but it would be interesting to know what other users think and indeed the Manor Road residents too. If the footpath exit is to remain, along with the metal railings (whose effectiveness is open to question) then I would advocate a warning sign to be placed just before them, just at the point where the path goes slightly uphill by the grassy plot where the vegetation is on the right hand side.

Richard Staines



## **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Black Tiles Lane

### **"Gardens of Scripture2**

Several gardens are mentioned in the Bible. From the innocence of Eden to that final garden which is the Paradise of God.

Jesus often met with His disciples in a Garden - The garden of Gethsemane. They would walk out of one of the gates of Jerusalem and take a steep path down into the Kidron Valley. Crossing this they entered into the sheltering grove shadowed beneath the Mount of Olives. There in this quiet retreat they would meet for prayer and discussion.

Before the dreadful happenings of the cross, Christ went to Gethsemane for the last time. He knew that the hour of His suffering had come and took with Him 3 disciples for support and comfort- but they slept due to weariness..

On His own the Saviour knelt and wept in grief before His Father. " Let this cup of suffering pass from me!", He begged,- "Nevertheless not my will but Thine be done!" He was to become a willing sacrifice - The lamb of God, dying for the sins of the whole world.

Soon, the betrayer came, with soldiers and torches, and they took Him away.

"Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget Thine agony,  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary".

### **ACTIVITIES DURING FEBRUARY**

Sundays

Worship and Communion 10am.

Tuesday Circle - 11th February

(The Hope Trust - Felixstowe)

Paul Taylor

Wednesdays

Home Group - 7pm.

Thursday

Mums and Toddlers - 10am

Fridays

Friends on Friday - 10am

(For further information contact John or Ruth Mellen on 01473 805989)

## **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

2013 seems but a distant memory but like most PCC Secretaries and Treasurers we have been busy creating our Annual Report and Accounts for presentation at the Annual Church Meeting in April. Doing this generally highlights what a satisfying and busy year we have had at Brightwell and we thank our Ministry Team led by Revd Tricia Shuler for their commitment having ensured that we have been able to worship at Brightwell every week. Our Churchwardens show a reliability and dedication unsurpassed and we thank them both, Marjorie Manning and Sandie Little( who makes sure that our single bell sounds before each Service. (I think she might be in line for an Honour for Services to Campanology in due course)..

We are pleased that we have been able to offer a "home" to the 1st Brightwell Guides who have been using the Church Hall weekly since last September and we wish them further success in 2014.

Meanwhile Brightwell Men in Sheds continue to meet for various activities or even inactivities and the highlight of last term was a pottery class under the stern and disciplined guidance of John Read who inspired us all and gave us each a note to take home regarding the state of our hands and clothes.(I think he has a background in education).

You will be most welcome at any of our Services, generally 1st and 3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Evensong 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Men in sheds meet on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Church Hall 9.30 to noon.

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### **WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE**

Even though this part of the country has escaped the worst of it many have been battered by storms in recent weeks. Wind and rain, high tides and floods have brought misery to many. People have been swept away to their deaths and there have been dramatic rescues. Every newspaper has had stunning photographs of waves smashing against piers and promenades, the power of water to damage and destroy has been evident everywhere.

At the same time I kept noticing the Water Aid advertisement featuring people in some of the poorest parts of the world who have no choice about the kind of water they drink and the work of the charity to bring clean water to poor communities.

Meanwhile it is the time of year when the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its major festivals, the baptism of Christ. Googling Orthodox Epiphany images brings up photos of people plunging into icy water in cross-shaped holes in the ice. In some places Orthodox priests cast crosses and icons into the waters of lake or sea to bless the waters of the earth, and people dive in to retrieve the precious symbols. (Not to be confused with the peculiarly British custom of Boxing Day and New Year's Day dips into the sea, often in fancy dress and sponsored for charity.)

At the same time the Church of England has issued a draft text to make the language of the baptism service more accessible with, inevitably, debate about what baptism is (rite of entry to the Christian church) and what it is not (just an excuse for a family party).

Water is powerful whether destructively or positively, it is necessary for life and it is symbolically commanding, it is welcomed when clean and in appropriate quantity, it is feared when we are overwhelmed by it.

So at the beginning of this New Year and in the words of an ancient Gaelic blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Tricia Shuler, Vicar

Building  
God's  
Family  
Together

## THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 9th February</b>	9.45am Holy Communion and Junior Church	11am Holy Communion with the Archdeacon	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Sunday 16th February</b>	9am Breakfast @9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 23rd February</b>	9.45am Holy Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Sunday 2nd March</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion

### Midweek Services

Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St. Michael's.  
Bright Stars for pre-schoolers and their carers on 10th and 24th February at  
10.30am in St Michaels

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

### February Prayer Diary

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

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| 5 All those living in Milano Avenue                | 20 The Town Pastors and their work                     |
| 6 Parents to encourage their children to learn     | 21 Ipswich Hospital staff and patients                 |
| 7 Those who work in the NHS locally                | 22 Those who give career guidance                      |
| 8 Help for all those whose homes were flooded      | 23 For all those who live alone                        |
| 9 Justice and peace in Syria                       | 24 Help in restructuring development near flood plains |
| 10 All carers, especially teenagers                | 25 Avoid leaving litter of any kind                    |
| 11 Those recently bereaved.                        | 26 All living in Peel Yard                             |
| 12 All those living in Park Close                  | 27 Negotiated peace in Sudan                           |
| 13 Families to enjoy time together                 | 28 Encouraging new discoveries in medicine             |
| 14 Teachers to inspire their classes               |  |
| 15 Those who provide Night Shelter                 | <b>March</b>   |
| 16 Being thankful for our homes                    | 1 St David's Day                                       |
| 17 Those struggling against bullying               | 2 Justice for all those who have suffered              |
| 18 The development of excellent care homes locally | 3 Those struggling to find work                        |
| 19 All those living in Parkers Place               | 4 Those who need help with budgeting                   |