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Community Hall or the Richards Room
please telephone the Booking secretary
on 01473 623203 who will be
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or will telephone you back if not
available.

Alternatively e-mail the new e-mail
address martcomhall@btinternet.com

THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

Martlesham Heath Green in the snow,
by Alan Powell

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

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our web pages on
www.martlesham.org.

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 Jo Dixon
(Martlesham District Contact) 01473
622160

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the
group, becoming a helper or hiring of
the Scout HQ please contact Sarah
Cooke on 01394 387858.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**Do you live at one of these
addresses? - Duke's Park, Duke's
Meadow, California (south side),
Seckford Hall Rd (south side), Fynn
Rd, Turner Gardens, Borrett Place,
Clayton Court, Crane Close, 214 -
222 Ipswich Road and 223 - 235
Sandy Lane.**

If so, then your house is in Martlesham
Parish, and you are invited to attend a
public meeting on 23rd January 2014.
Please see the separate article entitled
Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan
update - Dec 2013 which has the
details, or see
www.martlesham2028.org.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES for January to March 2014

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.

Tuesday 28th January, 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 16th January, 13th February, 13th March:

Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HALL TOP STREET

Although we have regular bookings for
evenings throughout the year, morning
and afternoon sessions are available.
The hall is ideal for small groups who
need to meet at a reasonable cost, dis-
count for residents of Martlesham. For
any queries or bookings please contact
01473 623655.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a Happy New Year!

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

The Parish Council will be agreeing its budget & precept for 2014/15 at its meeting on 8 January 2014.

Parishioners are welcome to attend. Suffolk Coastal District Council is phasing out its grant funding to town & parish councils by 2017/18 which, since last year, has subsidised a reduction in the council tax base. The Council therefore has difficult decisions to make regarding future council tax requirements.

Snow & ice – provision of grit bins

At the time of writing this article we have not yet seen snow & ice this winter but who knows what the weather will be like when you read this!

During the last few winters the Parish Council has provided a number of new grit bins at local trouble spots which

otherwise are not routinely gritted, in response to requests.

The siting of a grit bin has to be done with the agreement of Suffolk County Council, who, once satisfied of a need in a particular location, will fill & install a bin if the Parish Council agrees to purchase it. A list of named volunteers who will spread the grit is also required and we provide advice on what precautions should be taken when undertaking the task.

Please be aware that, with the best will in the world, processing requests takes time and it is best to identify a need for a grit bin in advance of a problem occurring.

Emergency Planning

Hopefully not needed but a useful website for all is:

<http://www.getpreparednow.co.uk/>

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 8 January 2014

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 15 January 2014

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 5 February 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 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times: 9am – 12noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance.

JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Latest information BT planning application and Local Development Plan

It has been announced by Councillor Geoff Holdcroft, Suffolk Coastals' new cabinet member responsible for Planning that the legal challenge, by way of a Judicial Review, against the adoption of the Local Development Framework (LDF) made by No Adastral New Town (NANT) on grounds relating to the procedures undertaken by Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) is to take place on the 16th and 17th January 2014. I look forward to hearing the Courts decision.

Changes to SCDC owned footway lighting units

Residents will be aware that for some time street lights in certain locations within Martlesham have been switched off between midnight and 5.30 a.m. The lights involved were owned and maintained by Suffolk County Council. It is now proposed that the remaining lights owned by Suffolk Coastal District Council will join the scheme. The introduction of this scheme will reduce CO2 emissions by 107 Tonnes per annum saving the Council and its Tax payers £30,000 a year. It is envisaged that the scheme will be in place by April 2014.

If you wish to discuss any District Council matters please contact me via email me at john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephoning 01473 631682

May I take this opportunity to wish all Martlesham residents a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward

Suffolk County Council has

introduced an initiative to support older people prepare for the cost of care. SCC is working with a non-profit organisation – CareAware – to help people, who are responsible for paying for their own care, get access to information and advice on all aspects of long term care.

Care Funding Information for Older People

www.careaware.co.uk

Helpline: 0800 954 0091

suffolk@careaware.co.uk

Working with



HOSPITAL RIDES

Hospital Rides is a brand new car sharing scheme for both out-patient appointments and in-patient visiting

- ◆ Save money on petrol and hospital car parking charges
- ◆ Enjoy a free coffee or tea if you have to wait before coming home
- ◆ Sharing rides reduces emissions

◆ Enjoy being part of a scheme to help your community.

Visit www.hospitalrides.co.uk for further information.

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS

The extensive damage caused by the recent storm has meant a delay in dealing with routine maintenance to trees, and work that was scheduled to be completed by now has had to be postponed. It is hoped, however, that this work will be attended to in the near future once the priorities have been addressed. We appreciate the patience of local residents, but it is clear that the reasons for the delay are understood.

The Board are aware of outstanding work, and are planning for areas to be surveyed to identify trees that are in need of attention, hopefully avoiding substantial damage should there be a similar storm at some stage.

Letters regarding overhanging foliage obstructing footpaths have been sent to a number of residents to bring to their attention a potential problem, and we appreciate the prompt response of those who have taken appropriate action in dealing with the issue.

MHHL receive a number of enquiries regarding issues of concern, but many have to be redirected as they are beyond the remit of our organisation. In this respect, it is worth clarifying the key responsibilities of MHHL:

The maintenance of its land and buildings for the benefit of the community, including grass-cutting, heathland maintenance and planted areas in the hamlets;

To provide support to local social and sporting organisations.

The assets include over 224 acres of land, the Control Tower, the clock tower in Manor Road, the windsock, parking spaces and oversight of the Pavilion. The existence of MHHL ensures local control of these features, and effective liaison with local residents.

MHHL are receptive to suggestions, and should residents feel that MHHL have

MARTLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) is a golden opportunity for the residents and businesses within the Parish to have a major say in how Martlesham Parish will look for the next 15 years.

Lots of news to report this month.

On January 23rd we will be holding a Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, for all Parishioner's, in St Michaels Church hall at 7.30pm. Come along to hear the latest news and more importantly to give us your thoughts for the Neighbourhood Plan. We want your thoughts and opinions on Transport, Housing, Environment and Recreation. We shall present what we have been doing and ask you to contribute your ideas so we can compile and pull it together into the plan. We shall also be asking for help to achieve the next stage of the plan so if you would like to assist we will be happy to welcome you into the team. If you cannot make the meeting on 23rd January and are interested in helping please email at martlesham2028@gmx.co.uk, and we'll get right back.

We now have a Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page. This is another way for you to give us your views of how you would like to see in the village develop. Log on to Facebook and enter Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan. We have contacted Kesgrave and Farlingaye schools asking them to encourage their Martlesham pupils to log on to our Facebook page and give us their views. We are also planning High school visits in the near future.

You can also keep up to date at www.martlesham2028.org.uk.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT JAN 2014

Planning. Not a lot that is new this month but just a reminder for all interested parties that the Judicial Review on number of houses is due to be heard in the High Court on 16th & 17th January 2014. I shall be looking forward to learn what decision is made.

Localism. I feel sure that most of us are now familiar with that term. It is an enabling process that gives a community the right to build and enhance their facilities and local environment. The good news is that all Suffolk Coastal District Councillors have now been granted a locality Budget for their wards of £4000 per annum in order to help with that process. I am already working with the Neighbourhood Planning team and this allocation should allow me to be more helpful in the future.

Storm Damage. The recent storm has caused a lot of damage to trees and fencing etc. in and around the area. I have now learned that it also caused a lot of damage along the River Deben by breaching the embankments and this resulted in some flooding. More importantly it also washed away several sections of the riverside footpath. Walking along this path was for many an enjoyable experience. However, it will be for the Environment Agency to both assess the total extent of the damage and effect repairs. It may be some years before we can walk along the full riverside path again. 2014. As we enter the new year I would like to wish all our readers a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014. 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 .

the capacity and responsibility for other matters that would benefit the locality, please notify us. Suitable topics can be addressed at scheduled open meetings, but it is worth noting that the January meeting has been cancelled owing to the proposal to hold a Neighbourhood Plan consultation exercise. Recently, householders in one of the hamlets met under the auspices of MHHL to discuss a copse in their area. The outcome involved the systematic replacement of ageing trees and local management of the facility. All involved deserve to be commended for their public-spirited response and initiative. Should you wish to contact or join MHHL, please do so by writing to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB, by voicemail (01473 612207), or by e-mail (mhh@martlesham.org.uk). Up to date information is also available on the accessible website (<http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/>).

This year has proved to be a very busy but productive one for MHHL, and the support the organisation has received from residents is to be applauded. The degree of co-operation experienced is extremely encouraging, and members of the Board wish all a very enjoyable Festive season and a prosperous 2014.

CALLING ALL MUMS Martlesham Mums' Club meets for its first meeting of the New Year at St. Michael's Church Centre,

Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 7th January between 12.45 and 2.30p.m. This will take the form of a 'Chomp and Chat' meeting. All

mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us. Share lunch then chat with your friends while your children play.

Looking ahead - at our February meeting we will welcome Laura Emily who will give us a taster session of her Teeny Tiny Ballerinas

Classes. This meeting is on Tuesday, 4th February, same time, same place.

The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe will be open on Thursdays, 2nd and 16th January at St. Michael's between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

This is a drop-in for Mums, babies and toddlers. Join us for refreshments, friendship and toys.

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

THE SAPPLINGS

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

OUR NEW BABY ROOM IS OFFICIALLY OPEN! Manager Jo Gadsden and her team have been extremely busy over the last few months getting our brand new baby room, The Seedlings, ready for babies from 3 months onwards. Our calm and cosy room has been carefully designed to excite and interest little learners, while following the individual needs and routines of each child. Open from 7.30am – 6pm Monday – Friday, there are limited spaces available. For more information, please email Jo Gadsden: news@thesaplings.org.uk, or call 01473 614753.

This month at The Sapplings we are celebrating Chinese New Year. Our Preschoolers are busy making lanterns, lucky money envelopes and tasting Chinese food. Amy is helping After School Clubbers make dragons and shadow puppets.

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 Sapplings is open Monday – Friday, from 7.30am – 6pm for children ages 3 months -11 years. We offer a Baby Room, Preschool, Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club sessions and a 'Walking Bus' to Birchwood Primary School. 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

NEW YEAR AT BRIGHT STARS

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. During the last term we sung action songs, made Angel decorations and Christmas paper chains, to name but a few activities as well as discovering how the different people in the Christmas story may have felt as events unfolded around them.

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: January 13th, January 27th, 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

BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL PTFA JUMBLE SALE

Birchwood School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association are holding a

Jumble Sale
Saturday 8th February,
9.45-11.45am at the
Martlesham Heath Pavillion.

Entry is 50p for adults (includes a cup of tea or coffee) and free for children.

Come along to grab some bargains and support our fundraising. Money raised will be used to support the children's learning and enhance their playtimes.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Welcome back everyone – we hope you had a great Christmas holiday ! Welcome to all our new children, and their families, we hope you have a fantastic time with us.

We had a wonderful Christmas party. The children took part in our little show, which parents and carers thoroughly enjoyed, Father Christmas visited and handed out presents, party games and food followed. Thanks to our parents for the successful fundraising activities.

Parents Evening is on January 9th. Staff will be on hand to chat to everyone and it's an opportunity to mix with other parents and carers. Refreshments will be available !

To put your child's name on the waiting list please visit our website for more details :-

www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We are very popular and registered to take children from 2 years and the younger you register your child the better. We're next to Gorseland School, make an appointment to look round and see what's on offer.

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

A really big THANK YOU to everyone who saved their used stamps over Christmas and posted them through my letter box. I've now got several carrier bags full of stamps ready to take to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich. The stamps will be sorted by volunteers and sold online to raise money.

Please continue to support your local Hospice by collecting stamps during the coming year. Even if you only manage to collect a few they soon make a difference when added together. The Hospice can also raise funds from old British and foreign coins, so if you're planning a foreign holiday this year and have any coins left over please think of donating them to this local charity.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Bev Read 15 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath. 01473 622721

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

The Pavilion has just held its AGM and reported on another successful year of this well used community facility. The solar panels provide a good source of income to help us keep our running costs down for all our users.

By the new year (2014) we will have repainted and re-cleaned the inside of the pavilion keeping its appearance to a good standard.

The committee is always looking for new members to help run this facility. We are a friendly group who meet about 4-5 times per year although we do more and more of our business on email so this saves a lot of time.

If you are recently retired and looking for a way to contribute to the community now you have more time or you are younger and would welcome an opportunity to boost your cv (impress your new boss with your community work!), joining our committee presents an excellent opportunity. You would be most welcome.

In addition to regular committee members, we are also looking for a new treasurer for a two year period starting early 2014, and if anyone were interested we would be delighted to speak to them. We would provide training and on-going support, although the person taking over would need to be reasonably competent using spreadsheets at the outset.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member and/or treasurer, please contact:

Al Jones - Chair e mail: chairmhpc@gmail.com

Mobile (voicemail) 0782 639 4967

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS POST 2013

I would like to say a huge Thank you to everyone who posted cards for the scout post this year. At time of writing, I don't have the final figure, but judging by how full the boxes have been I think we have done well again. 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 will advise the final total in February.

At time of writing this, I have a number of cards which were posted in the boxes but cannot be delivered as we do not deliver to those areas. Unfortunately also there were no contact details in the packs so the cards cannot be returned before Christmas. The cards I have so far are for the following people:

Mr M Taylor - Woodbridge, Mark Allum - Capel St Mary, Mr Holmes - Stowmarket, Miss Harbottle - Lowestoft, Mr and Mrs Parris - Stowupland, Mr and Mrs Duncan, Woodbridge, Mr Crawfoot Campsea Ashe, Mrs Page-mullett Woodbridge, Michelle - Rendlesham and Mr Elvin of Sutton.

If these are yours, please contact me on Ipswich 612410 and I will return them to you, together with the 22p.

I'm looking forward to a few months off before preparing for 2014!!

Simon Smith 1St Martlesham Scout post co-ordinator

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

Our fundraising for 'The Year of the Roof' has started well, thanks to a successful archery event & Grand Raffle.

We are so grateful to all those who contributed prizes including Poppy's Pantry, Duncan's Bakery, Cratfield Beef, Douglas Bader, Admiral's Fish and Chips Shop, Planet Music, Chris Howard & Sarah Cooke.

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Happy New Year to you all, and a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported us over the Christmas season by donating towards our chosen charities. In next month's article we shall report back on the final amount we raised. We will be holding a Quiz Night on 1st February at St Michaels Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, starting at 7pm. Tickets are £2.50 available by calling 07802 868924.

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.martleshambass.co.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH COUNTRY MARKET

The producers of Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath Country Markets wish customers a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

We sincerely thank old friends and new friends who have supported us with their custom during 2013, and look forward with anticipation to providing a good quality product, and a warm friendly atmosphere within the two markets during the coming year.

We will be taking a short break over the festive period, but will open the doors in 2014 on the following dates:-

Martlesham Heath market will re-open on Tuesday January 14th from 9.30-11.15 and Kesgrave market will re-open on Saturday January 18th from 9.30 -11.30.

Best wishes to all.

Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD

As we move into the new year Martlesham Heath SSSI has a number of management activities planned on the section of heath leased by Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, for the benefit of both the wildlife and users of the area. The work that commenced on improving some of the pathways in the autumn will be picked up again through the year by volunteers from Martlesham Conservation Group and others.

The Greenways project team will be undertaking several pieces of work on behalf of the board. They will start a second phase of scrub clearance in the SW corner of the site next to Dobbs Lane with the aim of restoring that particular area to more continuous heather cover. They 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.

The Portal Woodlands group will thin 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.

In February we will again be holding a Megabash event on Saturday 22nd in conjunction with the Greenways project to 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.

There has been a changeover of board members in recent times such that the current board members are Duncan Sweeting, Clive Wilkins, Peter Davies, Phil Wilmot, David Foster and Phil Smith. We would like to thank all the previous directors for the contributions that they have made towards our efforts. 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.

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

A Happy New Year to all our readers and friend who enjoying using the woodlands. The recent bad weather continues to keep the volunteers busy so we can do with all the help we can get to keep the woods safe and open for users to enjoy.

Please feel free to come along to our workday and join in - its good fun keeps you fit and you may make some new friends.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 18th January 10.00-Noon
Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)
Nature Explorers Saturday 18th January 9.00-11.00
Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)
Be sure to book your place for Nature Explorers by sending an email to naturewatch.pwgc@martlesham.org.uk

Information and dates for 2014 Work Mornings, Nature Watch Club and Nature Explorers are available at <http://pwgc.onesuffolk.net/>

For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at pwgc@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 16th January at 7-30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall we have a talk on Barn Owls by Mike Swindells. Please come along and join us for an interesting evening and learn a little more about these amazing birds. All are very welcome. Phil Smith 01473 625630

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 CONSERVATION GROUP

Many thanks to those who came along to our AGM, which took place on Monday 18th November. The Chairman gave a brief overview of the activities of the Group and its aspirations for the forthcoming year. The treasurer reviewed the finances of the Group, which are in a good position. Various members of the committee gave reports on the surveys that had been undertaken covering, birds, butterflies, and reptiles. The committee remains unchanged with Phil Smith (Chairman), Chris Mulvey (secretary), Carolyn Smith (treasurer), Mike Hall, Phil Wilmot, and Duncan Sweeting. Our thanks go to Martlesham Parish Council for their continuing support and for use of the room.

Also a big thanks to all those who came and helped us on the last two work parties which have involved improving the pathways on the Martlesham Heath SSSI. We made good progress on two sections of path but more remains to be done along the path next to Dobbs Lane.

Our next work party will take place on Sunday 12th January starting at 10 am. Please meet on the Martlesham Heath SSSI where the path comes through from Pine Bank. We will be aiming to clear some scrub from the central section of the heath, and clear up fallen trees from the autumn storms.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

A good attendance at our meeting on Friday, 6th December enjoyed an illustrated talk by Bill Clark entitled, "Since Records Began – The History of Sound Recording".

Bill was accompanied by his wife and gave a very entertaining and interesting talk, from the invention of the phonograph by Thomas Edison. We heard the voices of people alive during the Victorian era and followed the development of sound recording through to the 80's.

A vote of thanks was given by our archivist, Alan Smith.

Our next meeting is on Friday 3rd January and is entitled "Building Maurice Hammond's P51 Mustangs". Ted Warner will deliver an illustrated talk about the restoration of two WW2 fighter aircraft. He will also talk about his long career, both in the RAF and the USAF.

All meetings are at the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road and start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break half way through. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

Alan Powell. 622458

MARTLESHAM W.I.

So already it's 2014! What are you planning to do in the New Year? If you've ever wondered about joining the W.I., why not give us a try? We start the year with what promises to be an excellent evening with a talk entitled "Things I Like" by Richard Lawson. Richard is a larger than life character who runs the award winning Lawson's delicatessen in Aldeburgh, so no doubt food will feature, but he is also involved with the Aldeburgh Lifeboat. Later in the year we are looking forward to such varied fare as talks on Water Aid, the Festival of Britain, Woodbridge Tide Mill, The Azores, and Mark Mitchels will speak about East Anglian Characters. Excitingly it has just been confirmed that the main speaker at our County Annual Meeting at Trinity Park in March will be Roy Hudd. As well as being a top comedian and a genuinely funny man, he is a resident of Suffolk and a thoroughly "good egg", who has donated his vast collection of Music hall memorabilia to Suffolk College. In spite of the venue holding about 800 people, tickets are likely to sell out fast for this event which is strictly "Members only", so join up now if you want to hear Roy!! (How's that for bribery!)

Start the year by coming to hear Richard Lawson on Friday January 17th at 7.30 in the Richards Room.

More details from our new secretary Anne Bennett – 01394 380110.

MARTLESHAM GP SURGERY – PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP REPORT

At our last meeting, we reviewed our action plan and were pleased to see that the refurbishment of the premises had been completed. One of our main objectives was to open up the reception area. A new room has been created, currently being used by the phlebotomist, and everywhere has been repainted, the carpets replaced and the chairs have been deep cleaned. Less visible changes include changes to the on-hold phone message, more email contact with patients and text reminders for appointments. One of our next tasks is to improve the website. You can check this out at <http://www.mhdoctors.co.uk>. Please send any suggestions/comments to Lynne Marsh, the Practice Manager.

Health services are now regulated by the Quality Care Commission to ensure they meet national standards of quality and safety. Our GP practice will be subject to an inspection (like Ofsted for schools) some time in 2014/15 and the inspectors will wish to meet members of our group. In order to make sure we know the views of other patients, we will be conducting a survey in early 2014 focusing on the areas they are most likely to ask us about. Copies of the survey will be available in the waiting room, on the surgery website and emailed to all patients who have registered their email addresses with the Practice. If you are a patient, please look out for the survey and leave your email address, if you have one, with the receptionists.

WANT A NEW HOBBY FOR THE NEW YEAR?

How about Patchwork and Quilting?

I will be running small classes in my studio in Martlesham Heath for beginners to learn the basics and move on from there. After the first class you will come away with everything needed to complete the project.

The cost for your first all-day class will be £25 which includes all materials needed and a colour step-by-step worksheet to remind you when you get home.

You will need to bring your own sewing machine and a packed lunch - I'll provide the tea and biscuits. It will be a fun day with no pressure to complete the project! There is the opportunity to borrow a machine if required.

Please contact me, Gillian Strange for further details, no obligation

Tel: 07708258765

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

A Happy New Year to you all. The Christmas and New year festivities firmly behind us now. We had a fairly good run into the holiday with our usual 'win 2 lose 2' format at each outing except for great results at Burstall and Stutton with an 8 - 2 result in each case. No mean feat away from home. This puts us currently just above half way in the league, so keep up the good work.

We start the New Year with the first round of the Chairman's Plate competition which will be against Bramford. Then the second half of the Winter League, another 9 games to go, starting with 2 in January.

This will go to print before our Christmas party on December 20th but I am sure we will be celebrating in style and have a really good afternoon.

Judith Longman

SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY

The Suffolk Orchid Society meets every last Wednesday of the month at St Michael's Church Centre, IP5 3UY. (Signposted from A12 Next to Douglas Bader Public House) 7:30 pm Everyone welcome ~ Non members £1

29th Jan 2014 is an 'in house' speaker. (Help and advice on orchids with Question and Answer time.)

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

We ended our year with David Wright's demonstration entitled "Let it Snow". Six very different arrangements using burgundy roses, single headed bronze chrysanthemums, silver sprayed curled aspidistra leaves, lilies and cymbidium orchids. David also included seasonal foliage, fir cones, gold and silver stars, baubles and fairy lights giving us a wonderful interpretation of a floral Christmas scene.

The competition was won by Ann Chisem (Senior) Kate Burrows (Intermediate) and Janet Baxter (Novice).

The Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. The annual subscription is £20 with visitors welcome at £4 per session.

There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting. The next meeting on 15th January will be our AGM followed by a talk from Mr Sam Sainty of Laurel Farm Garden Centre. Margaret Doveston on 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY Kings, Queens, Bones and Bastards ~ Dave Steward

Ever wondered where all the Royal Family are buried, and how they ended up in their final days, and who had the most illegitimate children. See drawings of inside some of the Royal burial vaults, and hear some interesting stories about each of the featured monarchs and some of the mishaps which happened at the funeral.

Meetings are held at Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 and commence at 7.30 pm (Please note new start time of the meeting).

Admission fee is £2.50 and meetings are open to all.

SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM – A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

Many people make New Year resolutions, with getting fit always a popular one, resulting in a sudden increase in zealous gym users. As the year progresses there can be a tendency for these visits to become further and further apart..... Why not make a New Year's resolution with a difference, to keep your mind fit? A great way to do this would be to join Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club. Here you will be encouraged to improve your confidence and ability to speak in public, along with the opportunity to have a go at turning your mind to a variety of meeting roles, as well as be informed, challenged, entertained and inspired by the wide variety of subjects you will hear about in members' prepared speeches. The club aims to support members and encourage them as they progress, within a warm and friendly atmosphere.

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: January 16th 2014, January 30th, 2014 February 13th 2014, February 27th 2014, March 13th 2014, March 27th 2014 Further details about Speak Easy can be found at www.speak-easy.org.uk <https://twitter.com/SpeakEasyMart> and <https://www.facebook.com/SpeakEasyMartlesham>
Or call Bob Booker Tel.07968372563

SEW MUCH FUN – A COMMUNITY SEWING CLUB

Do you enjoy sewing? Would you enjoy the company of local people 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 - January 10th and January 24th

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

REACH FOR THE SKIES

Age UK Suffolk would like to say a huge 'thank you' to The Douglas Bader Public House, who raised a fantastic £569.20 from their quiz held on Sunday 1st December. Margaret Barratt, Proprietor of The Douglas Bader Public House, said, "this is the 3rd year we have chosen to raise funds for Age UK Suffolk and it has been our most successful to date. 17 teams took part in our challenging quiz, with a battle for first place, Godnose were finally triumphant. Everyone had a great evening out."

The support does not end there, The Douglas Bader are also planning another fundraising quiz, with money being donated once again to Age UK Suffolk. The event will be held on Sunday 27 July 2014, so get your encyclopaedias at the ready and put your thinking caps on for another mind boggling quiz.

Age UK Suffolk provides services to help older people maintain their independence, dignity and choice. We offer a wide range of services including help and information, home-visiting, independence advice, benefits advice, home help, day clubs and befriending. As an independent local charity we are always seeking volunteers to help us do more and we rely on donations to help deliver our services to older people in need. For further information, please call 01473 359911, thank you for your support.

WOODBIDGE MEMORY CAFÉ

The Woodbridge Memory Café celebrated it's last session of the year with an early Christmas party at Woodbridge Football Club. A full complement of visitors and carers enjoyed music, memorabilia and conversation along with hot drinks and the renowned Woodbridge Inner Wheel cakes. The massed choir of the two Woodbridge Rotary clubs led the guests in a selection of carols. The café, which is run by the Rotary Clubs of Woodbridge and Woodbridge Deben, supported by Inner Wheel, is open to all dementia sufferers and their carers. The next session will be at Woodbridge Football Club on Wednesday January 29th, when we look forward to seeing our regular visitors and possibly some new faces.

If you would like any more information on the Memory Café please contact Rotarian David Sparrow on 01473 636500.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

A Happy New Year to all our members. Our programme for 2014 has been finalized and it looks as if we shall have some very entertaining and interesting evenings.

Our first meeting will be on January 9th when Julie Spice will talk about her experiences as a Game-maker at the 2012 Olympics. On January 23rd, Helen Taylor will tell us about the work of Age UK.

All ladies are very welcome to come to our meetings, which are held on Thursday evenings in the Richards Room at 7.30pm.

For more information ring Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Sunday Crafts – 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.

BookStart

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 - action rhymes, songs and stories for toddlers - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce – songs and rhymes for babies – 10.30am – 11.00am.

Book Group

Are you interested in joining a book group? If so, the library would like to start a new group in January. If you love reading and discussing books and are interested, please pop in and see a member of staff or ring us on 01473 626103.

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Kesgrave Library, Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave

Opening hours:

Tuesday 9am to 12 noon, 2.30pm to 5pm

Wednesday 2.30pm to 8pm

Thursday 2.30pm to 8pm

Saturday 10am to 5 pm

Sunday 10am to 3pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Got the January blues? Feeling the post Christmas deflation? Not the most inspiring of months is it? The uplift of Christmas; the giving and receiving of gifts, many of them used, drunk or eaten with a waistline to prove it, all now in the past and not due to return for another 11 months.

In some European countries, there's a celebration we tend to ignore here in the UK. It's Epiphany. January 6th. Like us, it's a day when the Christmas tree comes down and the children raid the left over sweets and chocolates still hiding amongst the bare branches. But it also has a religious meaning to Christians across the world. It starts off with Jesus and his parents fleeing from Nazareth as refugees, to safety in Egypt, to avoid the wrath of the Emperor. It's here the wisemen from the East find him and bring him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts which would symbolise and bless his life's work.

In Europe it's a time when the children dress up as the wisemen from the story of the Nativity and go round the houses blessing the homes of friends and neighbours. A series of chalk symbols are written on each door lintel which leave a blessing for those who live in the house and all who cross the threshold. This year it will be 20 + C + M + B + 14. The numbers show the year and the letters are either the initials of the wisemen and/or symbolise a blessing which remains there for the next 12 months.

What a thought. The message of joy, of God coming down to earth as a baby, staying with us longer than the Christmas decorations of our homes and shops. An exciting reminder that Jesus is for life, not just for Christmas.

Margaret Rittman Assistant Curate

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Many Jewish people longed and waited for the coming of the Messiah. Simeon and Anna in the Temple in Jerusalem, the Wise Men looking for a King who merited a special star, and the disciples who wished for a conquering hero to overthrow the Romans. They expected a 'Superman' and were disturbed and confused at the lowliness and gentleness of this coming.

So Christians, today, eagerly await the Second Coming of Christ, promised many times by Old Testament prophets and clearly by Jesus Himself "If I go away, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am—you may be also". At His Ascension to Glory, messengers told the amazed disciples—"This same Jesus will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven!"

Will 2014 be the year of His return? We do not know, though how wonderful it will be when war and hatred cease and in the words of Isaiah "spears and swords are turned into pruning hooks and the Lion lies down with the Lamb", Keeping this hope alive in our hearts will truly enhance this coming year.

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

Sundays

Worship and Communion 10.00am

Tuesday Circle 14 January

FIND - Families in Need

Wednesdays

Home Group 7.00pm

Thursday

Mums & Toddlers 10.00am

Fridays

Friends on Friday 10.00am

For further information contact John or Ruth Mellen 01473 624401

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 5th January	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 12th January	9.45am Holy Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 19th January	9am Breakfast@9 and Prayer Walk	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 26th January	9.45am Holy Communion and Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 2nd February	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, except 1st January A warm welcome awaits you at all our services		

January Prayer Diary

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

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| <p>5 The congregation at St Mary's</p> <p>6 Epiphany: may Christ be made known in our community today</p> <p>7 Orthodox Church Christmas Day - pray for interchurch relationships</p> <p>8 The residents of Mill Lane</p> <p>9 Children returning to school this week</p> <p>10 The ongoing work of rebuilding communities in the Philippines</p> <p>11 2014: start of United Nations "Decade of Sustainable Energy for All": Bring environmental issues before God</p> <p>12 The congregation at St Michaels</p> <p>13 The elderly/infirm who are vulnerable in the cold weather</p> <p>14 Ipswich Winter Night Shelter (see http://www.iwns.org.uk/the-vision)</p> <p>15 The residents of Netherwood Court</p> <p>16 2014: centenary of the diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich: pray that God's name will be glorified through this celebration</p> <p>17 Pray for all Christians facing persecution</p> <p>18 Pray for people living in war-zones</p> <p>19 The congregation at Brightwell Church</p> | <p>20 Martin Luther King Day - pray for all oppressed people</p> <p>21 Families in Need (see http://www.findipswich.org.uk/)</p> <p>22 The residents of Newbourne Road</p> <p>23 Pray for an improvement in the economy</p> <p>24 All affected by prison: Prisoners, their families, the victims, chaplains etc.</p> <p>25 Pray for healing in families</p> <p>26 The congregation at MCF</p> <p>27 Holocaust Memorial Day: remember God's chosen nation</p> <p>28 Pray for the bereaved</p> <p>29 The residents of Nunn Close</p> <p>30 Pray for those in local/national government – May they act justly, love mercy...</p> <p>31 Chinese New Year – pray for the Chinese Church and that our Chinese neighbours would know Christ</p> <p>February</p> <p>1 National Freedom Day: pray for the continuing fight against slavery/trafficking</p> <p>2 Candlemas: meditate on the presentation of Jesus at the Temple</p> <p>3 Other Christian activities in this parish</p> <p>4 Pray for refugees and displaced people in all situations</p> |
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