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MARTLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

In our last communication we were planning to have complete and have distributed the Neighbourhood Plan Survey. The survey will give us the blueprint for the improvements you the people of Martlesham want to see over the next 15 years. Unfortunately due to the holiday season we have been unable to complete the survey in July. We have revised our plan and are aiming to distribute the survey in September. There will be two methods of completion of the survey, by pen and paper and via the internet. To encourage completion of the survey we shall be awarding £25 prize for paper copy completion and £100 for internet completion, winners to be drawn out of a hat. We obviously encourage internet completion if possible to avoid the extra work of inputting the paper returns onto the internet version. WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AS IT WILL DRIVE HOW MARTLESHAM WILL DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE TO DELIVER THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY

With our new target of September to distribute the Survey we shall need volunteers to help with the hand delivery of the survey and pick it up three days later. We need the help of volunteers . If you are able to help us please give us your name and contact details either by emailing martlesham2028@gmx.co.uk or by calling the Parish Council office on 01473 612632. Each volunteer will have a survey pack which pinpoints the area they will cover along with the surveys and supporting information. We urgently need volunteers to make the survey delivery and collection as easy as possible.

Other news – As you may have read recently the legal challenge over development of the BT Adastral site has ruled further hearings in the future. This will add further delay to the start of the development, assuming it gets approval.. We are continuing to work closely with Suffolk Coastal District Council on the Adastral development.

Martlesham Community Responders

are a group of 3 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to many 999 calls received by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details contact, Paul Stockdale

01473 621225 (e.mail:
paulpstockdale@btinternet.com)

POLICE

Community Police Officer PC 1732 Rachel Cable In case of emergencies please always call 999.

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

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

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, discount for residents of Martlesham.

For any queries or bookings please contact 01473 623655.

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

The Pavilion is a great location for a children's party at weekends. If you want to book the Martlesham Heath Pavilion or need more information please call the booking secretary on 07732 199 712 Alternatively, you can book on our website:

<http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavillion/index.htm>

which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

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

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

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

CANCELLATION of Diamond Jubilee Blke Trails Summer Event

Due to unforeseen circumstances we regret that this event, which was advertised last month, is cancelled.

Two vacancies for Parish Councillors! Please join us in doing the best for your parish!

We are seeking two parish councillors to join 13 others each bringing their own different skills and knowledge to look after the area where you live. Please come and join us! We have quite a number of volunteers, i.e. non councillors, actively involved in various working groups however we do need members to be engaged with decision making and inputting on consultations relevant to our parish as well as helping in practical ways.

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

Projects and Grants

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact the Clerk (details below) for an application form, to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by Monday 13 October 2014. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2015/16 and will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2015. Any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should also submit their project details and business plan by 13 October 2014 at the latest.

Proposed housing developments in Martlesham

During the summer two developers have started to consult with the Council and residents regarding further housing in the

north of the parish. At the time of writing no planning applications have been submitted & the Council has not had the chance to hear your views nor to meet to consider its stance. Gladman Developments wish to build 250 houses on land off Duke's Park, Martlesham, and Hopkins Homes propose the relocation of Woodbridge Town Football Club, which is in the Martlesham parish, & development of the site for 95 homes. We will try to keep you up to date as things progress.

No Adastral New Town (NANT) Legal Action against Suffolk Coastal District Council's (SCDC) Core Strategy

Earlier this year a High Court Judge dismissed legal action by NANT against SCDC's Core Strategy, in particular the proposal to build 2,000 homes at Martlesham Heath. However the Court of Appeal has now allowed that decision to be reviewed. This leaves uncertainty over the future of the BT planning application for 2,000 homes. We understand that the lack of a Core Strategy could encourage additional housing projects in Martlesham which SCDC will find difficult to refuse.

Opening of the Petanque Piste, Recreation Ground, Martlesham

The Council has been working on a Management Plan for the Recreation Ground and as part of that Martlesham Community Council has been instrumental in the work to install a petanque piste, available to all ages.

We thank them for their hard work. They plan an official opening on Saturday 6 September 2014 at 2.30pm, with light refreshments available. Please see their entry in this month's newsletter for more information.

Changes to Bus Route 66

The service will no longer serve the Halifax & Maidenhall Green areas of Ipswich (which it was recently extended to) with effect from the 31 August 2014, meaning it will go back to simply serving between Martlesham &

Ipswich Railway Station. As a result the timetable will be changing yet again, but there will be no change to the frequency. Further information can be found at <http://www.suffolkonboard.com/buses/passenger-transport-service-changes/august-bus-service-changes>

What have we been doing recently?

- New bins at Manor Road bus stop and Felixstowe Road picnic site
- Bracken control on The Common
- On-going land maintenance work continues to ensure open areas and playgrounds are fully enjoyed this summer and autumn
- Dealing with planning issues within the parish
- Bus shelter for Gloster Road on order & soon to be installed (Suffolk County Council delay)
- Liaison with the Bowls Club on use of the Recreation Ground

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 03 September 2014

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 10 September 2014

Parish Council – Wednesday 01 October 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.

MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD REPORT

Lights were visible on the heath throughout the night and early morning of the 18th and 19th August when four volunteers conducted the annual moth count. They spent the night attracting and then counting the moths, and succeeded in identifying 85 different species. A full list will appear on our website shortly.

The large number of moth species found on the heath is a testament to the hard work of the volunteers who ensure that the condition of the SSSI is maintained. The picture on the front cover is of an Elephant Hawk Moth, found during the count, and photographed by Duncan Sweeting.

Another recent event has been the spraying of bracken, which is necessary in order to control growth. The spraying was undertaken by Ipswich Borough Council via The Greenways Countryside Project.

Martlesham Heath SSSI Ltd also arranged with MHHL for the removal of vegetation from the edge of the heath that was spilling over onto the pedestrian/cycle path linking Eagle Way and Broomfield. This will address the problem of cyclists straying onto the pedestrian part of the path, and we considered it important to complete the work before the start of the autumn school term.

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

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

The Community Enabling Budget: This month I have allocated funds to two projects namely a substantial amount to enable the Woodbridge Town Football Club recover from the extensive storm damage that was done during the Winter wind and rain storms that occurred earlier this year. The primary purpose of the repairs was to comply with FA and Health and Safety requirements to give both players and spectators a safe environment and help improve the enjoyment of the games and entertainments. The second was for a modest amount to help improve the seating arrangements at the Pavilion Play area where the parents and child minders rest while allowing the youngsters to enjoy the fun of the play area.

Democratic Representation. As you may have seen in the press and elsewhere there is to be no change in the number of councillors who represent Martlesham to the Suffolk Coastal District Council. However there will be a substantial change for Woodbridge who will have their representatives cut from four to three councillors and have to cover a much wider area. Additional to this is that Suffolk Coastal is currently conducting a review of the polling stations in the district to ensure that they are as accessible as possible to local voters. Comments are invited on either the existing or proposed arrangements when published. Closing dates for comments is Friday 7th November 2014.

Individual Electoral Registration. Most households in Martlesham will now have received notification about the new voting registration process with the majority of our residents not being required to do anything since they are already registered. If you are required to register the significant difference is that it has to be done individually, it can not be done 'en bloc' as in the past. If you are required to register you can do this online at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

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

JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

THREAT OF MORE HOUSING TO BE BUILT IN MARTLESHAM PARISH

North of railway line Sandy Lane

Gladman agents acting on behalf of developers have been carrying out a consultation exercise to find out opinions on proposals to build 250 homes plus a convenience store on land north of the railway line at Sandy Lane between the rear of Bridge farm Top Street and Dukes Park. In my opinion it is vital that this open green space remains as a buffer zone between the village of Martlesham and the town of Woodbridge. It should also be noted that this area is classed as open countryside, abutting an area of outstanding natural beauty and therefore any proposals to develop it would be against planning policies contained in The Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. I would therefore hope that any forthcoming planning application would be refused by Suffolk Coastal and by any Planning Inspector should it go to appeal. Documents relating to these proposals can be viewed at www.your-view.co.uk/woodbridge or by prior notice with the Parish Clerk at the Parish Office Felixstowe Road. If you intend to email or write to Gladmans or Suffolk Coastal expressing your views regarding this proposal could you please copy me in at john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Woodbridge Town Football Club

Discussions regarding the relocation of Woodbridge Town football club from its present location to Ufford and then to build 90 new homes at its existing location are in progress. I have great concerns regarding these proposals as it will lead to the removal of an important buffer zone between Martlesham and Woodbridge. I would emphasise that at the time of writing no official planning application has been received. Please note that this area is covered by Martlesham North Ward which means that matters relating to this area are dealt with by Councillor Geoff Holdcroft Suffolk Coastal Councillor for Woodbridge Riverside he can be contacted at Geoff.holdcroft@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephoning 01394 610548

Legal challenge goes on

The legal challenge by No Adastral New Town (NANT) against Suffolk Coastal regarding its Local Plan is still to be decided as NANT has been successful in being granted permission to appeal against the High Court's decision to reject its claims that Suffolk Coastal District Council had failed in its obligations when creating proposals for 2,000 homes adjacent to Adastral Park. The appeal is unlikely to be dealt with until sometime in 2015.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues please email john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or via telephone 01473 631682.

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

The Board notes with great pleasure the increased use of the Main Green and woodlands with the recent warm weather. It is gratifying to see so much pleasure being taken in using the local amenities we work so hard to maintain. Unfortunately this use is somewhat spoilt with the noticeably increased dog mess in these public areas. Whereas the majority of dog owners are of a responsible nature, it is clear there is also an irresponsible minority that does not clear up after their pets or indeed sometimes even attend their dog other than to let it out onto the green unattended. This is clearly not an acceptable state of affairs and spoils the use of these wonderful amenities for the membership. There are approximately 30 dog bins on the heath owned mostly by SCDC with one owned by the Parish Council and one by MHH. There is no excuse for not cleaning up after your dog.

If anyone is interested in organising tree planting on the grass area near Birch Grove as per the trees near Demesne Gardens and Carlford Close we would be pleased to support you in that endeavour.

The Maintenance Charge collection dates are the 4th and 11th October, and payments will be collected in the Pavilion between 10am and midday. Letters concerning this will be sent soon. Payments are used for the management of the 224 acres of open space and for essential remedial and improvement work.

A correction to our July article the Parish Council's grass cutting contract is with SCL landscape management and not SCS as reported.

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

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MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

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

TUESDAYS:

09 September, 07 October, 04 November,
Angela Close: 1:35-1:50pm
Redwold Close: 1:55-2:10pm
Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2:20-2:50pm
Douglas Bader: 3:00-4:30pm

THURSDAYS

25 September, 23 October, 20 November
Douglas Bader: 10:15-11:45am

KESGRAVE & DISTRICT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

On Tuesday 29th July 2014 a golf ball landed in the back garden of a property in Chandos Court Martlesham smashing a glass window. If anyone has any information about the source of this golf ball please contact Suffolk Police on 101 and ask to speak to PCSO 3168 Moss or send an email to kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. Additionally, if any person is hitting or throwing golf balls into build up areas, in this case a residential area, they need to understand that this is extremely dangerous and needs to stop

FLU CLINICS FOR MARTLESHAM SURGERY PATIENTS

For most healthy people, seasonal flu is an unpleasant but usually self limiting disease with recovery usually within a week. However, older people, pregnant women and those with underlying disease, particularly chronic respiratory or cardiac disease, or those who are immunosuppressed, are at risk of severe illness if they catch flu. The vaccination programme is arranged for Thursday 16 October 2014 and is being held at the St Michael's Church Hall (Martlesham Heath). Please note this is for Martlesham Heath Surgery patients only. The clinic will be running between 8.30am-6pm and patients in any of the following categories can attend.

- People aged 65 or over
- Pregnant women
- People aged 6 months or over with a fully diagnosed medical condition as listed below:
- Asthma (on steroid (brown) inhalers)
- Diabetes
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Heart Failure
- Chronic Kidney Disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Chronic liver Disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Motor Neurone Disease
- Stroke or TIA
- Multiple Sclerosis
- People with a diagnosed weakened immune system condition.
- People living in long-stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
- People who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the registered main carer of an older or disabled person (evidence will be required).

If you have any queries speak to the Practice Manager.

Martlesham Heath 1917 – 2017.

2017 will be a special date in the calendar for the residents of the Parish of Martlesham. The opening of the Martlesham Heath Airfield in January 1917, will be celebrated during the summer of 2017.

Since the end of 2013 a discussion took place with various interested people committed to bringing this event to life and since the beginning of this year plans have slowly been taking shape as to when, why and where. So far we have major involvement from the RAF and from BT, both of whom will be a major part of this event, but it is you the residents of the parish of Martlesham who we are asking for ideas and suggestions as to what part of this event the parish of Martlesham should be? The event will take place on and around the green and open spaces surrounding Martlesham Heath, and the easier part of the event management is the major involvement of both the RAF and BT. Whilst the actual programme will be forthcoming within the next few months, we are seeking more input from interested residents.

What would residents like to see as part of this event? A type of Fete on the village green, a more varied village day type of programme (Flower stalls, cake competition etc,) this is your chance to offer some ideas to make this a special weekend.

We already have a registered web page which again will be forthcoming later this year, this will give more details as time progresses, but we will be in attendance at an open meeting on Sept 15th (see MHL announcement and website) which is being devoted to this celebration. You can email us on MH19172017@yahoo.com.

EXPLORE GREEN SUFFOLK 2014 11TH – 14TH SEPTEMBER

Explore Green Suffolk is your chance to visit local homes and businesses that are actively reducing their energy bills and their impact on our environment.

As part of Heritage Open Days, from the 11th -14th September 2014 you can visit inspiring homes, community buildings, businesses and public buildings across Suffolk which have all had energy saving measures installed and find out first-hand how they did it and how you could too!

This year we have included some of Suffolk's famous pubs and restaurants that are making the most of what our county has to offer in terms of locally sourced food and drink. So why not combine your visits with a local lunch?

The house open in Martlesham is Woodlea (please book via website) For more detailed information on the properties and how to get to them please visit www.greensuffolk.org or ring 01473 264555

FREE help for small and medium sized businesses

The East Coast Carbon Efficiency Project (ECCE) is proving to be a real money saver for local businesses. It is helping businesses in Suffolk Coastal and Waveney districts to significantly reduce their business costs.



So far the ECCE Project has helped over 140 businesses to identify potential savings of more than £998,000 through carbon efficiency measures. That's an identified **saving of £7,000 per business on average.**

Businesses can receive: -

- A free on-site energy audit for their business
- Grant funding to invest in energy efficiency measures
- County-wide accreditation to validate their environmental achievements.

This project is a partnership between Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils and Groundwork Suffolk. It's very easy to book a free audit for your business, simply call 01473 350370 or email ecce@groundwork.org.uk More information is available at www.waveney.gov.uk/ecce

CALLING ALL MUMSThe Mums' Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath for it's first meeting after the summer break on Tuesday, 9th September from 12.45 and 2.30p.m. This meeting will take the form of a 'Chomp and Chat' and all mums (and dads and carers) with babies and toddlers are

invited to join us for lunch and then chat with each other while their children play. Lunch is provided for you (for a donation of £2 per adult) and will be served around 1.00p.m. Come along and join us!

The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe will be open at St. Michael's Church Centre,

Martlesham Heath on Thursdays, 4th and 18th September between 10a.m. and 12 noon.. All mums (and dads and carers) with babies and toddlers will be most welcome.. We offer refreshments, friendship and toys. For more information about Mums' Club or Baby Cafe please ring Sue on 01473 624130.

CALLING ALL PRESCHOOL CHILDRENI - New Term at Bright Stars

Are you a baby, toddler or preschooler who would like a fun start to your week? If so, Bright Stars is for you! We meet 10:30am on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month during term time at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL and welcome all preschool age children to come along with their parents and/or carers. Each session is full of fun children's activities and worship. We do crafts, storytelling, singing and play games, for example last term we hunted for animals around the church, created butterfly clips and made as much noise as possible with our musical instruments! The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play. Why not come and visit us this autumn? We look forward to welcoming you!

The session dates for the autumn term 2014 are:

September 8th, September 22nd, October 13th

Half Term

November 10th, November 24th, December 8th

If you would like any further information please contact: Jennie Fidler Tel.07584 420729 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

THE SAPLINGS

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

A great big welcome to new starters in all our rooms and groups, welcome back to all our returners and good luck to those who moved up to 'big school'!

During September our Preschoolers will be making colourful leaf rubbings and collages, exploring nature's changing colours and the theme of harvest. Our After School Clubbers will be enjoying outdoor games while the evenings are still light. Our littlest learners from our Baby Room, The Seedlings, will be busy in the September sunshine in our garden.

We currently have vacancies in all our rooms, including spaces for funded two and three-year olds. Don't forget your child's funded sessions can be used across our opening hours and 'stretched' across Holiday club too.

We are now taking bookings for our half-term Holiday Club, Monday 27th – Friday 31st October, with lots of Halloween-themed activities lined up, including a fancy-dress party.

The Saplings is open Monday – Friday, from 7.30am – 6pm for children aged 3 months -11 years. We offer term-time and year-round care, with a Baby Room, Preschool, Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club sessions and a 'Walking Bus' to Birchwood Primary School. For further information on all our term-time sessions, or Holiday Club bookings, 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

1ST BRIGHTWELL GUIDES

Our new Guide Unit has enjoyed a busy first year, including Handbell ringing at Christmas & furry encounters at Pets at Home in March. The Guides have worked towards loads of badges since September & have enjoyed varied outdoor activities in the Summer Term, e.g. Geocaching, Firelighting & Abseiling. We have spent a night under canvas as part of a June weekend event, with all the Brownie Packs on Martlesham, & in August we held a 3 night Camp at Hallowtrees.

Thank you to Helen, Nicole, Heidi, Maddie & Becky, without whom we wouldn't have enjoyed all the adventures of the past 12 months & here's looking forward to the Guiding challenges of the future.

Girlguiding Martlesham District

this Summer we bade a fond farewell to 2 of our long serving Guiders, Becky & Jackie. We say a big THANK YOU for all that they have done within the District & wish them well in their Guiding retirement, we will miss you!

For more information on what Guiding has to offer for young members 5 – 18 years or adults, in Martlesham, please contact Jo (01473) 622160.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Sunday Crafts -

Sun 7th – Everyone loves dinosaurs! Make a moving parts brontosaurus;

Sun 14th – The 13th of September is Roald Dahl's birthday. Make a Fantastic Mr Fox finger puppet to celebrate;

Sun 21st – It's autumn on the 23rd of September. Design an autumnal tree picture;

Sun 28th – It is National Red Squirrel week from the 27th September to the 5th October. Make a red squirrel with a fluffy tail.

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

BookStart – every Thursday

These are free activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers.

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 10.30am – 11.00am.

Pampered Chef Party and Baking Club -

Thursday 25th September 7.00 p.m. at Kesgrave Library. If you enjoy baking and The Great British Bake Off, why not come along to our baking club? It is open to everyone, bring a friend! It's a really sociable evening, where we have tea, coffee and chat whilst sharing delicious homemade bakes.

Mythical Maze Presentation – Sunday

28th September. Congratulations to all our borrowers who completed the Summer Reading Challenge The staff and volunteers look forward to seeing you all at the presentation, where you will receive your medal and certificate and watch the puppet show 'George and the Dragon' which has been organised by the Kesgrave Library Community Group. The staff and community group would also like to thank SPARKS for their generous donation, which has enabled the library to offer mythical creature craft sessions whilst the challenge has been running.

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Kesgrave Library, Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave

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

Wednesday 2.30pm to 8pm

Thursday 2.30pm to 8pm

Saturday 10am to 5 pm

Sunday 10am to 3pm

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Every year the Ladies Club chooses a local charity to support with various fund raising events. This year we have raised £770.00 for Age UK Suffolk. A representative will attend our next meeting on 4th September to be presented with a cheque by our chairlady. The speaker for the evening is Joy Bounds who will give a talk entitled "Suffragettes in and around Ipswich".

On 18th September Rob Spray will talk about the Hidden Treasures of Anglia's Secret Sea.

Looking ahead to 2nd October David Prynne will give a talk entitled "China - Past and Present".

Our meetings are held on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Richards Room. Why not try something new this autumn and join our friendly club for interesting and informative evenings?

For more details contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

In place of our usual monthly meeting at the Community Hall our August meeting takes the form of an outing. On Friday, August 1st the coach was full as we made our way to the site of an Royal Flying Corp, (RFC), aerodrome from the Great War.

Stowe Maries WW1 aerodrome in south Essex was constructed to defend London from Zeppelin attacks. The buildings remain and the place has an atmospheric air of timelessness. It was abandoned soon after 1918 and is now being restored by the new owners of site by a team of dedicated enthusiasts. Afterwards we visited a local pub for a light supper.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 5th September at the Community Hall and the subject of an illustrated talk will be given by Arthur Brooks from the Cambridge American Cemetery, (Madingley).

He will explain the history of Madingley and give examples of individual stories of those remembered there.

Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £3 at the door. Meetings start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break.

STAY FIT AND GET ACTIVE

There are two fitness classes for seniors at St Michael's on Tuesday mornings.

Stay Fit at 9.30 is a good introduction to exercise or for those returning to fitness. It is a gentle programme with exercises to warm-up, maintain flexible joints, strengthen the major muscle groups and concludes with stretching and relaxation.

The Keep Fit class at 10.45 is great for boosting cardio-vascular fitness as well as muscular strength, alongside a gradual warm-up and cool-down.

We use a variety of lovely music for these easy-to-follow classes which are run on a pay-on-the-day basis.

So if you would like to get more active in a friendly environment please drop in or call 01743 620511 for further details.

Local charity aims to bring home the Bacon!!

Local charity Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is hosting a Race event with a difference.

The Hog Roast Runners, a dynamic team of battery powered, pink porkers will be taking to the track on September 27th, at Woodbridge Football club to raise much needed funds to support local families. Individuals will be able to place their bets on their favourite, and hope that their oinker makes it first over the line, in a Pig vs Pig race!

Local companies also have an opportunity to get involved in the action, with race sponsorship available from £25 in advance.

And if this isn't enough, tickets Inc. a bacon or ploughman's butty!!!

Tickets cost £5pp or £15 for a family/group of 4 and are available from Home-Start on 01473 621104, or through homestarteastsuffolk.org.uk

All money raised will go to the Charity Home-Start Suffolk Coastal. The Charity provides support to approximately 140 families per year, who reside in Suffolk Coastal District and the Eastern half of Ipswich. Families are supported through a team of nearly 70 volunteers, who provide 1-1, weekly support to families. Families receive support for many different reasons, which can include Mental Health Problems, Illness, Disability, parenting skills support, multiple births, and isolation.

Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is one of 315 local Home-Starts that are spread right across the UK and forms part of the UK's leading family support charity.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY FUN DAY

We are holding our popular annual "Funday" on Sunday September 7th. This is always a popular event and will follow the format of previous years with lots of stalls, marching bands and dancing groups. A Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is scheduled to do some passes to salute the aviation history of our village. Vintage cars and military vehicles will be present and everyone can be assured of a really good time. A "Funday" it certainly will be!

The Control Tower Museum will be open and this is always undergoing improvements with extra attractions added every year.

Do come and support our fund raising event From 11am to 4.30pm

MARTLESHAM BRASS

'Making Music Fun In East Anglia'

We will be playing at the Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Open Day on Sunday 7th September between 12.00 noon and 2.30p.m.

The band is celebrating our 18th Birthday this year - our Birthday Concert is on Saturday 27th September at St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham Heath starting at 7pm. Tickets £3.00 (primary school children free) from our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk or 2nd Stop Charity Shop (next to Kesgrave Tesco) or 07802 868924.

All our bands from the Beginners to the Main Band will be performing, and the concert will include the Bandleaders' awards to players who have improved the most over the year. There may also be a rendition of 'Happy Birthday' included in the programme together with a Birthday cake!

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

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PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Following the theft of 2 of our wheelbarrows, the Nature Explorers have been busy repairing our old and broken ones to re-build the stock. That's another tick in their Award Log book.

The Nature Watch Club members caught another good collection of moths again this year in July, showing that we still have a strong local population.

Please note that we use CCTV cameras in the woods to capture footage of wildlife and of people encroaching into unauthorised areas where harm could be done to protected species.

We have had instances of people dumping eucalyptus tree and grass cuttings in the woods. Please be aware that this practice is illegal and we would appreciate it if the offenders would put the waste in their brown bins.

The volunteers start work again in September after the brief 'summer break' in August. We hope that you can join us.

Please book your place for Nature Watch Club and Nature Explorers by sending an email to naturewatch.pwgc@martlesham.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Club Sunday 21st September, 9:00am – 11:00am
Subject: Amphibians, including pond dipping.
Meet at the Control Tower

Nature Explorers Saturday 20th September, 9:00am – 11:00am
Meet at the Education Centre
(at the Control Tower end of the woods)

Volunteer Work Morning Saturday 20th September, 10:00am – Noon
Meet at the Education Centre
(at the Control Tower end of the woods)

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.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

The Summer League is coming to an end; we are currently in second position in our group with just 1 home and 1 away game still to play.

Of the 10 games we have played we have won 5 and lost 5. Of those lost, 2 away games were lost only on shots, so a pretty good record I would say.

We were sad recently to hear of the death of an ex member of long standing, Sheila Swanwick was a stalwart supporter of the club for many years and our sympathy goes to her family.

All too soon now we will be into the Winter League starting this month. I find it hard to credit how quickly this year is going. Judith Longman

"NOT-ON-THE-HIGH-STREET" – IT'S AT YOUR COUNTRY MARKET!

I'm always looking for good value, fresh local produce, handmade treats or gift ideas. Did you know that you can find all these at Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath Country Markets? Home-baked cakes and chutneys, jams and seven sorts of marmalade as well as scrumptious biscuits and savouries are laid out temptingly, with prices to match. There's even a butcher on the first Saturday of each month with Newbourne's best pork sausages, ham, beef and tasty bacon.

Gardeners, did you know there's a pink geranium called Kesgrave? Buy one and impress your friends! Locally grown vegetables, freshly picked, unusual herbs and plants are sold by their growers who'll happily tell you all about them.

It's hard to find an unusual gift or that special card. Come and see our hand-made one-of-a-kind brooches, key-rings, gorgeous necklaces and pretty ear-rings made of beads or fabric, children's bright dresses and jumpers – all hand-knitted – bags and purses, large and small, practical, fashionable and just-for-fun. There is something to suit everyone's pocket and taste. What's more, everything is grown, baked, preserved, hand-made, sewn or stitched within ten miles, so what you spend goes into the local economy.

When and where? Kesgrave Market - Saturdays, 9.30 -11.30, Scout H/Q, Twelve Acre Approach, near Tesco; Martlesham Heath Market, The Pavilion behind the Douglas Bader pub – Tuesdays, 9.30 -11.15. Tea, coffee and something to eat at both venues.

Margaret Gayfer 01473 623849

The Roger David Burrows Music Fund 'An Evening of Light Music'

Our recent fund-raising event, 'An Evening of Light Music', held on 19th July at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, was an enjoyable concert comprising of light music from throughout the last century right up to the modern day, from folk tunes to songs from musicals. The concert included both singing and instrumental pieces, interspersed with interesting facts about the music that was being performed. The audience enthusiastically joined in with some of the songs, for which they were provided with the words, and there were many comments about the great atmosphere of the evening. Our thanks go to all who helped make the evening a success - the performers, Helen Ellison and singers, Abi Vaughan (accompanist) and Melton Folk, as well as all those who helped on the evening and of course the audience.

Grant Applications

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

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

This fund has been set up to inspire all abilities, adults and children, in music making by offering small grants to groups or individuals.

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

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the website www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk, or from – The Roger David Burrows Music Fund c/o The Burrows family, 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 3UG. Tel.01473 625196

The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben

had its presidential handover evening in the grand surroundings of the Woodbridge Town Hall followed by an excellent meal at the nearby Galley restaurant. The outgoing president, David Simpson has presided over the club very well in the 2 years of his presidency with one of the main successes being the continuing good work at the Memory Café, He has also been involved with hosting a group study exchange team from Melbourne, Australia, the Flanders and Swann production as well as 2 carol concerts in Woodbridge The incoming president, Dudley Deas, commented "It is a great honour for me to be taking over the presidency of The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben. heart. I hope the public of Woodbridge and the surrounding area will continue to look upon us as their "Local" fund raising and Community Service team" Our website is available if anyone wishes to have a look at www.debenrotary.co.uk.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Reg. Charity no 273769

Petanque Piste

Martlesham's own Petanque Piste is now open for playing on at Kronji's Piece (next to Spencer's Garage), The Street, Martlesham. This has been provided by Martlesham Community Council with the help of a grant from District Councillor John Kelso's Community Enabling Fund.

Everybody is welcome to the official opening of the Petanque Piste on

Saturday 6th September at 2.30 pm.

The next two events being held by Martlesham Community Council are:-

'Working Horses, Working Lives: sharing our stories of the Suffolk Punch'

presented by Jeffrey Hallett of

The Suffolk Horse Society

at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL

on

Thursday 11th September 2014

At 7.30 pm

There will be light refreshments and a raffle

Admission £3.50 at the door.

All welcome, St Michael's Church Centre is fully accessible.

and our

Autumn Fair

at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL

on

Saturday 25th October 2014

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

If you would like to book a table please contact the Secretary below.

For further information about the above or about Martlesham Community Council please contact:- the Secretary, Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

KESGRAVE SINGERS

The Kesgrave Singers would like to invite you to a charity concert at St Michael's church, Martlesham Heath (IP5 3PL) on Saturday 25th October 2014 at 7:30pm. The concert is in aid of Suffolk Family Carers, a local charity working with family carers to offer support, minimise hardship and ensure their voices are heard.-

The Singers consist of around 30 women and men who enjoy singing and entertaining. We usually perform for local care homes but wanted to put on something larger to raise money for this good cause. We all love singing, some have many years experience and for others it is a brand new hobby. We will be performing songs from shows such as Oliver and South Pacific alongside other songs by singers such as Mary Hopkins, Abba and Petula Clark. We've even learnt some Italian !

The evening will also include poetry, guest soloists, a guest choir, Lirica and a raffle.

Lirica is the workplace choir for the Ipswich branch of Mediterranean Shipping Co. Inspired by Gareth Malone and TV series 'The Choir: Sing While You Work', the company formed Lirica in January 2013 with the intention of providing staff with an opportunity to sing in an informal, relaxed and fun atmosphere.

We would be pleased if you would join us for an evening of entertainment. Tickets are

MARTLESHAM W.I.

I admit that I am something of a Mark Mitchels "Groupie" - having heard him talk on various subjects so I am particularly looking forward to our September meeting when he is coming to talk about "More Characters of East Anglia". He is well known locally as an outstandingly good speaker on a variety of subjects, and of course he is also the author of several well illustrated books on East Anglia. I believe the "characters" include the Rector of Stiffkey, who I remember my parents talking of with some amusement, although his end was very dramatic and sad. Never heard of him? - come along on September 19th to the Richards Room, on Old Felixstowe Road at 7.30 As this is going to be a particularly interesting occasion we are making it an "Open Meeting" - so all are welcome, men as well, so don't be shy, you will receive a warm welcome.

Although we didn't meet in August, we have been busy - our President and Treasurer attended an Officers 'reception at Framlingham where they enjoyed "W.I." refreshments and heard some inspiring speakers. Several of us joined an outing to East Ruston to see the spectacular gardens and were blessed with lovely sunshine, while others visited the Ipswich Transport Museum which brought back many memories of old Ipswich.

For more information about our meetings call Anne Bennett on 01394380110. We hope to see you on September 19th!

MARTLESHAM'S NEWEST KNITTING GROUP - 'THE WEDNESDAY WOOLLY WONDERS'

Will be meeting again on 10th & 24th September 10.30-12.30 at The Scout HQ next to St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath.

£1.50 inc. tea/coffee just to cover costs. Please come along to this friendly, informal and thriving group. No experience necessary. We now have plenty of needles & wool thanks to some generous residents. We are currently supporting Age UK & have a group project. Or bring your own project.

More details from Rachel Pennick 01473 610437 or Rachel.pennick@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

This month's demonstration by Mrs Debbie Buckles was all about "Summer Events" and she began using a Maypole draped in pink ribbons and small pink roses with alchemillamollis set around the base. Following on came a twist of red carnations wrapped around a fun fair helter skelter. Debbie then filled two large cup-cakes with cream roses and green chrysanthemums all dotted with seed head pearls and looking good enough to eat. Her final designs were large party table arrangements of cream and mauve roses, pink hydrangeas and variegated foliage. All a nice reminder of summer time.

The competition was won by Margaret Forbes (senior) Shelagh Goddard (intermediate) and Norma Jessup (novice).

The next meeting will be on 17 September when Helen Bird will demonstrate Season of Colour. The competition is 'Gone to seed'. All most welcome.

WOODBRIDGE LIONS On Friday 19th September the Lions are holding a quiz at Seckford Golf Club in aid of the Lions Charitable Trust Fund. The following weekend is your chance to take part in the very first Woodbridge Lions charity walk, Sutton Hoo & Beyond. The walk starts from the National Trust car park at Sutton Hoo, at 09.30 on Sunday the 28th September. www.woodbridgelions.org.uk

MODERN PATCHWORK AND QUILTING BEGINNER CLASSES

Now that the children are making their way back to school for a new term, I have put together a new term of modern patchwork and quilting classes.

The classes are held in my studio on Martlesham Heath and are informal and fun. You will go home with a completed project.

The first class will be on Saturday 20 September when we will be making table mats. During the next class on Saturday 25 October we will be making a small wallhanging. Both these projects can be suitable for Christmas.

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

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<http://busybee-stitching.blogspot.co.uk>

That they might have life

The Assisted Dying Bill has been prominent in the news recently with strong and sincerely held views from people of all faiths and no faith on both sides. Hearing stories of people like Debbie Purdy and Tony Nicklinson, locked in damaged and deteriorating bodies, evokes deep compassion in all but the hardest of hearts.

I can't imagine what it must be like to live, day after day, in pain, fear and frustration. When the simplest of tasks become impossible hurdles, when you are reliant on the kindness of friends and total strangers for your every need, it must test the resilience of the most 'Pollyanna-ish' of natures.

For some, the pressure is too great, and the desire to bring it all to an end becomes overwhelming. Those who are sufficiently able-bodied can avail themselves of an overdose of sleeping pills and drift quietly away. Those with financial means can travel to Switzerland and delegate the task to a doctor. But what about those for whom neither of these avenues are possible? Isn't it unjust that they are left in their suffering? Shouldn't the law be changed to enable (or require) doctors to provide the means and assistance needed when the time comes? Wouldn't that be the compassionate thing to do? This is the question that some of the best brains in the country have wrestled with.

Compassion seeks to do that which relieves suffering, and justice seeks to do that which is right. Although some people have the wherewithal to commit suicide (which the existence of charities such as The Samaritans work tirelessly to prevent), the interests of justice are not served by legislating that everyone has access to the same opportunity. While compassion may mean that we sometimes feel an individual would be 'better off dead', justice and wisdom mean that the wider interests of society as a whole override the desires of an individual or the circumstances of a handful of hard cases.

Christians understand that we were created to live in community. God is relational, and being made in his image means, among other things, that we are inherently relational. The desires of the individual are bound up with the good of the whole community. This means valuing life even when it hurts, and protecting the vulnerable even when it costs. Jesus came to give life in all its fullness. Those who follow his way will want to demonstrate the preciousness of life – in the sharing of burdens and in the exercise of deep compassion.

Tricia Shuler

Vicar

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

During September we will be welcoming the Decibelles to the Church again for a concert on Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm. Tickets are available for the concert, with a buffet supper included, at just £8. Please contact me or Marjorie Manning if you would like to join us on that evening.

Again this year we will be taking part as a participating church in the Historic Churches Cycle Ride and we will be open from 9.00am to 5.00pm to offer cyclists a welcome and a chance to spend a little while in the church listening to music, a new venture this year as part of the Suffolk Organists Pipe Up Suffolk!, which encourages all organists to serenade the cyclists along their way. At Brightwell we will be demonstrating how music for Services can be provided by modern digital equipment for the smaller church. Our annual Harvest Songs of Praise will be held at the Church on Sunday 28th September at 6.30pm.

In October look out for John Read's exhibition of pottery at the Church Hall over the weekend of October 25th/26th.

Geoffrey Lambert

PCC Secretary 01473624130 brightwellchurch@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event is:-

An Illustrated talk on

Suffolk Plants

by

Sarah Cook

(former head gardener at Sissinghurst)

and

Jim Marshall

(former Heritage Garden Advisor with the National Trust)

**at St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL**

on

Thursday 18th September 2014

At 7.30 pm

There will be light refreshments and a raffle

Admission £2.50 at the door.

All welcome, St Michael's Church Centre is fully accessible.

This event will also include the results of our summer garden competitions.

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 W.I.

Open Meeting on Friday
September 19th at 7.30.

Speaker

Mark Mitchels

**"More Characters of East
Anglia"**

Everyone welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 3rd September at 12:30pm at St Michael's Church Centre. Serving an 'OVERSEAS LUNCH' Filled jacket potatoes, a dessert and tea or coffee £ 4:50. Proceeds to Mothers' Union overseas projects.

Wednesday 1st October 2:30pm Monthly Meeting at St Michael's Church Centre. A talk on Bees by Malcolm Rittman.

All most welcome to both meetings.

Ann Berg 01394 387049

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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
Sunday 7th September	9.45a All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 14th September	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 21st September	9am Breakfast @9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th September	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm <i>Songs of Praise for Harvest</i>
Sunday 5th October	9.45am Harvest All Age Service	11am Harvest Worship	8am <i>Holy Communion</i>

Midweek Services

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

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

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

5th People who work in the local shops

6th Birthday of Allen Gardiner founder of the S. American Missionary Society, pray for all missionaries

7th Those involved in church services today

8th Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, give thanks for the church in Martlesham

9th Countries in conflict

10th The residents of Three Stiles Lane

11th People who entertain us

12th The FIND food bank and those who benefit from the help it gives

13th The Air Sea Rescue Service

14th Those seeking to strengthen their Christian faith

15th Fishermen bringing in the harvest of the sea

16th The Safer Neighbourhood Team

17th The residents of Turino Avenue

18th Those who are lonely

19th Vets tending our pets and farm animals

20th Our families

21st May we see the Sabbath as a welcome gift

22nd The Royal National Lifeboat Institution

23rd All those we know who are not well

24th The residents of Turner Gardens

25th Scientists and research assistants

26th Those with money worries

27th SARS – Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service

28th Give thanks for hymn writers and their words that we will use today

29th St. Michael and All Angels Day, give thanks for the church at Martlesham Heath

30th The Bible Society and all who translate the Bible

Oct

1st The residents of Valiant Road

2nd Those working to protect our flora and fauna

3rd Suffolk Family Carers

4th The United Nations