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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.

THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

1100 Little Woolly Hats knitted by the
members of the Woolly Wonders
Knitting Group were handed over to
George Chilvers of Suffolk AgeUK as
part of the Innocent Smoothy big knit.
These little hats will appear on Innocent
Smoothies in January and 25p will be
donated to AgeUK for each one sold.

If you would like to join Woolly Wonders
on their next project, learn to knit or
crochet, or just bring along your knitting,
for a bit of company, then come along
to the Runway Café from 10am to
12pm on alternate Thursdays.

December's dates are 3rd and 17th.

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

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

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

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

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)

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Tuesdays Angela close: 1.35–1.50pm

Redwood Close: 1.55–2.10pm

Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2.20–2.50pm

Douglas Bader: 3.00–4.30pm

1 December, 29 December :2016: 26
January

Thursdays:

Douglas Bader: 10.15–11.45am 17

December, 2016: 14 January

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

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

For general enquiries about Guiding in
Martlesham, please contact
Hannah Panting
(hannahpanting@hotmail.com) Martlesham
District Commissioner
Or Chris Cooper Martlesham District Wait
List Coordinator 01473 626024,

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](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

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

HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Communities are being encouraged to join in the celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday next year. There will be major national events taking place in London over the weekend of 11 and 12 June. If there are any local groups planning events, please contact the Parish Council who may be able to help with financial assistance in the form of a small grant. Please write to the Clerk by Monday 15 February 2016 providing details of your proposed event, the amount of grant you are seeking & for what purpose.

Working Party on Thursday 22 October 2015 at the Recreation Ground, The Street

Many thanks to those who took part. Special thanks go to Pat Lisseman, a parishioner, who led the work party. The following work was accomplished:

- Raking and clearing of the sedgebed
- Cutting back of ivy on the tree by fencing
- Clearing of weeds inside and outside the collars of the saplings planted along the fencing
- Clearing of some dead trees
- Cutting back of growth on coppiced tree

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

Brown Bins. I can now confirm that there will be no charge for the collection of compostable waste placed in the brown bin for the financial year 2016-17. Suffolk Coastal District Council took the decision at their November 2015 cabinet meeting. They will absorb the initial costs from other sources. They have also agreed that food waste can still be placed in the brown bins along with other compostable waste but the request remains that no plastic bags should be placed in a brown bin.

Affordable Homes. SCDC are currently focussing some attention through the enabling communities scheme on the problem of 'affordable homes'. The problem lies in the fact that developers build what they refer to as 'affordable' homes but the final sale price is still often higher than that which can be afforded by many young first time buyers earning little more than the minimum or 'living' wage. The scheme is based on using the enabling communities fund to obtain land particularly in rural places on which could be built a few basic properties at a truly affordable price. The scheme will still depend upon the supply of available land in the rural areas.

The A12. There is currently a renewed interest in the A12 link between Woodbridge and Yoxford. In particular the four villages bypass. SCC has made a sum of £450,000 together with a sum of £50,000 from SCDC available for an in-depth feasibility study. This will take some time so there will be no decisions forthcoming soon. 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

Chris Blundell District Councillor SCDC (Martlesham Ward)

by the play area

The event took place with assistance from the Suffolk Coasts and Heath AONB team, the Countryside staff at Suffolk Coastal Norse who cut the sedgebed and the Bowls Club who opened their club house for refreshments and provided access to toilets.

What have we been doing recently?

- Managing gorse and bracken on The Common in order to encourage the return of the heather
- Managing trees on our land
- Commenting on planning applications & consultations pertinent to the parish
- Council representatives laid wreaths at the Remembrance Sunday services at St Mary's Church & Barrack Square

Forthcoming meetings:

Please note that there is no full Council meeting in December.

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 02 December 2015

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 09 December 2015

Parish Council – Wednesday 06 January 2016

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 13 January 2016

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.

A TRIBUTE TO SHEILA WOODS

At the start of the November Parish Council meeting the Council observed a few quiet moments before the meeting to remember Mrs Sheila Woods who died in October. Sheila was the Parish Council Clerk from 1954 to 1995. She did an excellent job serving the parish and the Council, always diplomatic & conscientious in her work.

She oversaw some dramatic changes in the Parish during her time as Clerk. The R.A.F. left the airfield and, as the new development on Martlesham Heath took shape, the Parish Council grew hugely in size and led the successful integration of the old and new communities. There were also several other notable events. The dual carriageway was built across the heath and Sheila, with the Chairman, attended the formal lunch and opening of the road. Then the B.T. site was completed and again Sheila, with the Chairman, attended the official opening performed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. They enjoyed watching the opening ceremony and then having lunch in the presence of the two Royal guests, followed by a visit round the site with the Queen and Duke.

Perhaps amongst the other landmarks was that Sheila was able to move all the Parish Council papers out of her bungalow and into the purpose built office and meeting room in Felixstowe Road which we use today.

It is always a sad loss when we lose a person who worked hard with her husband to do such a lot for our community. The parish councillors and staff extend their sincere condolences to Sheila's daughters and their families.

Martlesham Parish Council

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Shared Equity and Shared Ownership houses available in Martlesham

Part-rent, part-buy properties are available at Mill Heath, Main Road (Bloor Homes) for residents who meet the Government's Help to Buy scheme criteria for more information please visit <https://www.helptobuyese.org.uk/property-search>

Brown Bin collections

The Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet met on 3rd November to consider options regarding the organic waste recycling service. They agreed that the current universal 'free' organic waste recycling service should be maintained for 2016/17 with the additional cost to be drawn from incentivised income streams, and this provision should be reviewed annually in light of prevailing financial circumstances.

I shall continue to support the existing system and oppose any proposition to increase charges for this well supported scheme.

My Community Enabling Budget

I still have funds available to distribute to local charities and organisations if your group needs any funding for projects or schemes please get in touch .

I can be contacted via email john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephoning 01473 631682

May I take this opportunity to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year.

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

I am pleased to report that we will have finished the control tower maintenance by the time this report is published. We found the window frames whilst rusty were serviceable after the rust was sanded off and the putty replaced. All three doors have been replaced due to rot and the exterior repainted. We would like to thank the MH Aviation Society for project managing this work.

We have started installing posts to protect the green in Heathfield and that will be completed once we receive the fitting for a removable post.

We understand a number of households have been disturbed by the thoughtless letting off of fireworks on the Green. This is illegal as it is a public place, as is the SSSI (Western Corridor), if you see anyone doing this please inform the police on 101 immediately. You can be fined up to £5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.

Yet again the number of irresponsible dog owners is on the rise, please clear up after your dogs in the woods and SSSI which seem to be getting worse recently. We will discuss with the local Dog Warden how we can educate this small minority.

MHHL is NOT responsible for the following:-

Road, street and pavement maintenance - these are owned and maintained by Suffolk County Council

The play areas (behind the Pavilion and near the football pitch to the east of Gorseland School) are inspected and maintained by Martlesham Parish Council.

The village centre (ie the premises and the Square) are privately owned, and are managed and maintained by Barton Properties on behalf of the owner. Both MHHL and Martlesham Parish Council have contact details for Barton Properties to report any problems.

Graingers (the successors to Bradford Property Trust who originally developed the village) still own some land in Martlesham Heath village which has not been transferred or leased to MHHL. The main areas they still own are the car park to the east of the doctor's surgery and the land stretching from the eastern end of that car park round to the mini roundabout and the land on either side of the path leading up to the footbridge. Graingers can be contacted on 020 7940 9500.

If you leave messages on the MHHL answerphone please leave a name and number so we can contact you if you want a response. Note this is not a manned number and may take a day or so for you to get a response.

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

MARTLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In our recent survey we asked residents if they had concerns about traffic speeds within the parish. We received over 800 replies to this question of which 71% had some concerns with 24% expressing strong concern. Paradoxically when we asked a question as to whether residents would welcome the introduction of traffic calming measures to reduce the problem the majority were against such an idea. This was an unexpected finding.

Puzzling over this difference we wonder if residents have assumed that traffic calming implies speed bumps. Whilst these are a means of introducing traffic calming they are far from the only way of achieving a reduction in traffic speed. Alternatives include flashing speed sensitive signs, road layout changes to force vehicles to slow down, polite notices and others.

We would welcome your views on traffic calming measures and any suggestions you might have to make our parish a safer place in which to live.

Do you have experience of Desk Top Publishing? Would you be willing to volunteer to help us put together the draft Neighbourhood Hood Plan for publication and comment?

Please contact :

Email martlesham2028@gmx.co.uk
www.martlesham2028.org.uk

Martlesham Scout Post 2015

Dates 25TH NOVEMBER -9TH DECEMBER

BOXES AT : BT HUB, DUNCAN'S BUTCHERS,
BLACK TILES POST OFFICE and
1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT HUT

**Price of Cards is 25p and money should be
in a separate envelope with the cards.**

*Delivery to IP1- IP5 areas as well as
MartleshamVillage as well as the following
other villages: Grundisburgh, Great and Little
Bealings, Bramford, Sproughton, Tuddenham,
Westerfield, Henley, Great and Little
Blakenham, Playford, Claydon and Culpho*

Please note we cannot accept cards for
Woodbridge and please ONLY send cards to
the areas above.

Please include contact details with your cards
in case I need to return any to you that are
incorrect.

Any questions, call Simon on
01473 612410 evenings only

Many Thanks
for all you support again this year .
Simon Smith

CALLING ALL MUMS

Martlesham Mums' Club meets for a 'Bring and Share' Christmas Party at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 1st December between 12.45 and 2.30 p.m. All mums, grans and carers with babies and toddlers are invited to come along. Our theme will be 'Red, Green and Sparkly' so dress yourself and your child in red or green and sparkle with us! Please bring along a small quantity of food to share for lunch. After we have eaten there will be craft, games and music so why not join us to start your Christmas celebrations?

Looking ahead to 2016 the January meeting of the Mums' Club will be on Tuesday, 12th January and will be a 'Chomp and Chat' meeting when there will be a chance to share lunch (which will be provided for you) and then chat with your friends while your children play.

The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe at St. Michael's will be open on Thursdays, 3rd and 17th December between 10a.m. and 12noon. This is a drop-in for Mums, Grans and carers with babies and toddlers. We offer refreshments, friendship and toys. 'Pop' in for a few minutes or join us for the morning.

For more details of Mums' Club or Drinks and Dribbles please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130.

MARTLESHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Hello from Martlesham Baby and Toddler Group ! We are an informal group who meet every Wednesday and Friday in the Pavilion for fun, games and songs. We are there from 9.30am until 11.30am and there's plenty of tea, coffee and the all important biscuits to keep you going !

We would like to say a very BIG thank you to Sadie of Big Fish Photography who came along to take some wonderful pictures of our members during November. She has kindly ensured that the prints will be ready for Christmas presents so Thank you Sadie.

There will be lots going on at our Christmas Party this year, there will be the usual party games and fund raising, our renowned cake sale and of course, the visit from the man himself, even though Father Christmas is extremely busy in December he has confirmed he will pay us a visit both party sessions 9th and 11th December, for just £1 your child will be able to meet Father Christmas, let him know what they would like for Christmas and receive a small gift.

We have had a brilliant year this year with lots of new friends joining us, and fantastic support from old friends and new. We have made enough funds to continue for another year so Thank you everyone who has helped us along the way in 2015. We will break for Christmas on 11th December until January 6th 2016. If you care for a baby, toddler or pre-schooler and would like some friendly faces and fun please join us in 2016.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Please visit our website www.martleshambabyandtoddlergroup.co.uk or contact us on mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk
Sam Whitehouse



CHRISTMAS AT BRIGHT STARS

Inviting all babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents and/or carers to come along and enjoy the Christmas story at Bright Stars. We meet 10:30am on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month during term time

at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL. Each session is full of fun children's activities and worship. We enjoy doing crafts, singing, storytelling and games. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play until approximately 12noon. Why not come and visit us? You are welcome to just turn up on the day or feel free to give us a ring if you have any questions, we will look forward to welcoming you!

The remaining session date for the autumn term 2015 is:
December 14th

See January magazines for our 2016 Spring Term session dates

For further information please contact one of the Bright Stars team below:

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



THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath Baby Room, Preschool, Breakfast Club, After-School Club & Holiday Club

Christmas is coming!

Our Preschoolers will be decorating the nursery, singing Christmas songs, dressing up in the Christmas Nativity Play and having fun and games at our Christmas Party. After School Clubbers will be busy creating Christmas cards and decorations for us to use and to take home also.

Our Cracking Christmas Fair is on Saturday 5th December 10am – 12pm get into the christmas spirit and join us in our winter wonderland for festive crafts, gift ideas, mince pies and much more.

We are now taking bookings for our Christmas Holiday Club (21st, 22nd and 23rd December, we will then be closed until we return for the new year on Monday 4th Of January.

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. A 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

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We now have a space available in our year 1 class, if you would be interested in your child coming to Birchwood please give us a call to come and have a look round.

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2016 your application for this needs to be in by Friday 15th January 2016. If you would like to come along and view Birchwood Primary before submitting your application please call us.

We have a daily Breakfast club supervisor vacancy and Midday Supervisor vacancy for Thursday and Friday available here at Birchwood. If you would be interested in either position please give us a call or email for an application form.

Telephone: 01473 610701 email: admin@birchwood.suffolk.sch.uk

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

With the leaves falling and trees moving into their winter dormancy state, the volunteers have been cutting back the hedge along Kesgrave Main Road. It is amazing to see how well the trees and shrubs respond to the pruning back each year by accelerating the growth at the lower levels to thicken the natural barrier against road noise and intruders.

On the Halloween weekend the Nature Watch members met to find out about creatures that come out in the night – not supernatural creatures, but rather real woodlands creatures such as bats, owls and badgers to name a few. The lesson was during the day so we didn't actually see any animals, only signs that they had been around, such as gnaw marks in tree bark, foraging holes in the ground and, of course, poo!

Keeping to the scary theme, this meeting marked the completion of the 10th year of Nature Watch. Thankfully we have had steady stream of new members joining and moving on to Nature Explorers and beyond – Chloe King and Sam Alexander joined Nature Watch at its start when they were 5/6 years old and are now members of our Committee. How time flies! On that note with another year gone, we hope you all have a restful Christmas and New Year.

Dates for the diary:

Volunteer work morning, Sunday 20th December, 10:00-Noon.

Nature Explorers (11-18yrs old), Saturday 23rd January, 09:00-11:00.

Nature Watch (5-11yrs old), starts again in spring 2016.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact us by email:

pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone: 01473 612632 or check our website:

pwcg.onesuffolk.net for further information.

USED STAMPS APPEAL FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Christmas is almost here and we will soon be receiving lots of Christmas cards. When you have opened the envelopes please don't just throw them away - the used stamps on there can make money for our local charity. The St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road Ipswich is able to sell used stamps in bulk in order to raise funds. Last year they raised well over £5000.

So if you can save your used stamps and drop them through my door you will be helping the hospice. Just remember please to leave a 1cm border around the stamps to avoid damage (that's about 1/2 inch in old money!). Don't worry that you don't have many stamps - all the bundles of used stamps pushed through my letterbox very soon add up to a great deal for the Hospice.

A very happy Christmas to you all and a big thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Bev Read
15 Demesne Gardens
Martlesham Heath
01473 622721



WOODBIDGE DEBEN ROTARY CLUB, SANTA ON MARTLESHAM HEATH'

Wednesday 9th. December, Burgess Place, Lark Rise, Swann Close, Avocet Lane, Coopers Road, Lancaster Drive, York Road, Birch Road.

Thursday 10th. December, Mayfield and Lane, Heathfield and Mews, Heather and Digby Closes, The Oaks, Pine Bank, Holly End, Harvesters Way, Forest Lane.

Tuesday 15th. December Squires Lane, Stable Court, Park Place, Peelyard, Demesne Gardens, Parkers Place, The Grove, Warren Lane, Westlands, Whinfield, Broomfield and Mews.

Friday 18th. December Manor Road, Carlford Close, Saddlers Place, Valient Way, DeBrink-on-the-Green, Farriers Close, The Chase, Hunters Ride.

Start at 6p.m. end 8p.m. the roads are in the order we travel. We attempt to drive up each road. Subject to weather there could be alterations or cancellations.

If you would like to know more about Santa Martlesham Heath or about Rotary International, it's membership etc. Contact Rotarian Ian O'B. Baker, Home Meadows House, Top Street, Martlesham, IP12 4RD phone 01394 382419

1st Martlesham Heath Rangers

Invite you to join them for
Homemade Soup
St Michael's Church Centre
After

Carols in the Square

Monday 14th December 7pm

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



SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On December 17th at 7:30pm we have a Christmas Quiz covering a mixture of questions with a strong wildlife theme. We also have mince pies and mulled wine. We will be in the Woodbridge Community Hall as usual. All are welcome no need to be a member to come along. Admission is £3.50.

In the New Year our first meeting will be on Thursday 21st January at 7:30pm. Aaron Howe from the RSPB will be talking to us about the Boyton and Hollesley Marshes reserve and all the exciting wildlife developments associated with it. The meeting will be in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Admission will be £2.50.

For further information please telephone 01473 625630 or e-mail swtwoodbridge@outlook.com
Phil Smith 01473 625630

GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Morning Invitation

Thursday 7th January 2016 9:30-11:00

Do you have a child due to start Reception in September 2016?

Our Open Afternoons in October were extremely popular. We would now like to offer an additional date and warmly invite you to come and visit our Reception classes in action. You will have the chance to meet the staff and enjoy the opportunity of participating in a variety of activities with your child(ren).

Please come along and stay for as long or as short a time as you like. We would only ask that you ring our school office to confirm your interest.

'Making our best better'

Deben Avenue, Martlesham Heath, Suffolk.
IP5 3QR

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

We would like to thank all of you who attended our annual Remembrance Service on the Barrack square on Sunday 8th. November. It was really heartening to see that attendance was up substantially on recent years despite the miserable weather. The rain held off, but at least it was mild.

Our chairman, Martyn Cook was the Parade Marshall and Bishop Jeremy Walsh took the service. Our new president, Mr Richard Barker attended and Our hon. vice president, Colonel Mark Ciero from the USAF had flown over from Germany, where he is now based The Felixstowe 356th ATC and the Kesgrave detachment of the Army cadets provided an excellent contingent and together with the local Scouts and Guides, represented the young generation. Once again the Felixstowe Salvation Army band were in attendance.

Wing Commander Phil Nicholson, liaison officer from RAF Mildenhall represented the RAF and Colonel Mark Ciero the USAF. Inspector Stuart Weaver represented Suffolk Constabulary, Mr Richard Stains represented Martlesham Parish Council. The Royal British Legion, the RAFA association and the Suffolk branch of the Aircrew association were all represented.

The Iron Crows were there. They are a band of motor cyclists who tour round memorial services like ours and raise funds for the British Legion. Mr Andy Hunt represented Industrious Ltd, and we are most grateful for their generous donation. Finally Mr Rod Caird from the Ipswich Piping society provided a bagpipe salute.

Our grateful thanks for all who officiated and to all who turned up for this most important occasion.

Friday November, 6th and at our monthly meeting we were entertained by two old friends of our society. Clive and Linda Denny run Vintage Fabrics, a company specialising in re-covering fabric flying surfaces of vintage aircraft and painting them. Another "full house" were present to listen to Clive, who has been spending much of his time recently down at the Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar, on the famous old Battle of Britain fighter station in Kent. Clive is a display pilot and is qualified to fly various aircraft, including Spitfires and Hurricanes.

The Biggin Hill Heritage hangar is currently home to several vintage aircraft in various stages of restoration. Several video clips were shown, including the Battle of Britain 75th anniversary which was featured on television. Clive was one of the pilots on that day, when so many Spitfires and Hurricanes formed an impressive formation over southern England. A vote of thanks was given by Robert Dunnett.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 4th December at the Community Hall, Felixstowe road as usual. Our speaker for our December meeting has tragically died suddenly and Mr Chris Blundell will be presenting "The TSR2 Story".

Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £3 at the door. Meetings start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break. Alan Powell 01473 622458 www.mhas.org.uk

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Through the autumn and winter period is a time of increased practical conservation work as all the nesting activities of birds has been completed and it is possible to remove vegetation whilst minimising the impact on wildlife. Please join us for our next work party on Sunday 13th December at 10 am on the heath SSSI (western corridor) by the path from Pine Bank. We will be working to cut back the vegetation for the benefit of the wildlife and public. All tools and instructions will be provided on the day.

Consider being a bit less tidy in your garden over autumn and winter, you may help a hedgehog. Let autumn leaves rot where they fall or rake them in to piles. Leave areas uncut over winter and always check for hedgehogs whenever you cut long grass or bramble.

That icon of Christmas cards the Robin may be singing in your garden along with other birds particularly if the weather is on the mild side. As mentioned last month some of these singing Robins could be females as both males and females hold their own territories outside the breeding season.

During the autumn and winter period a number of bird species will join us from colder climates to the north. Please spare a thought for our wild birds and remember to put out food and water in your gardens to help them through the cold spells.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS.

At the time of writing we have played 3 more Winter League matches. Two at home which we have won, all be it one of these just by taking the points for the most shots against Harkstead. They have just been promoted into this Division and certainly gave us a run for our money!

Sadly the second leg of the Joe Rice Cup game against Brantham had to be cancelled because of the weather. We already have a full month of matches in November but that game has to be re-scheduled which means we will be playing the home and away fixtures in quick succession.

As usual we had a really enjoyable afternoon when URC Felixstowe came to play a friendly. This has become an annual event which we all look forward to. Christmas will soon be here and the end of another year. We will be holding our Christmas Party in conjunction with a Bowls Drive on Tuesday 22nd December and hope as many members as possible will be able to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous and healthy 2016

Judith Longman

Our 2016 calendar is now available.
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MARTLESHAM W.I.

In December we meet a week earlier than usual, so our meeting this month will be on Friday December 11th at 2.15 in the Richards Room. We are planning a festive afternoon with seasonal readings, a light-hearted quiz and Margaret H's homemade mincepies (by popular demand).

By that time we shall be welcoming our new President, Pat Brown having served for three years. She has done a super job. At our Annual Meeting she was thanked by all the members for her excellent chairmanship and presented with a plant in appreciation of her efforts. She will be a hard act to follow. We shall also be looking forward to the New Year during which we will be celebrating the 70th birthday of Martlesham W.I.

We are always pleased to welcome prospective new members and visitors and this informal afternoon would be a good time to come along to check us out. You will be made very welcome. Please phone Anne Bennett on 01394380110 for more details.

Susan Cunliffe

WOOLLY WONDERS Knitting Club Look forward to seeing all knitters of any age and all skill levels in December. We'll be meeting on 3rd and 17th at The Runway Cafe on Martlesham Heath next door to St Michael's Church 10-12.

Why not take up a new challenge in 2016 and learn to knit? Come and join us on 7th January.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Sunday Crafts (10 – 12 noon) – The following Christmas craft activities will be taking place during December:

Sunday 6th December – We are making pop-up Christmas characters this week. Who will you make?

Sunday 13th December – Come along and make a Christmas Biff Bat;

Sunday 20th December – Design a snowflake to decorate your window over the Christmas holidays;

Sunday 27th December – Make a special card to say 'thank you' for your Christmas presents.

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 (term time only).

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

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am. **BabyBounce** - 10.30am – 11.00am.

Story Time– every Friday morning 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. This new activity is being funded by the Library Community Group. Emma will be running this free story time session every Friday morning, during term time, for pre-school children and toddlers. There will be a different story, songs and activities each week. Why not pop along and give it a go? No need to book, just come along. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Stamps – Don't forget that the library now sells first and second class stamps for all those Christmas cards that need sending this year!

Happy Birthday, Kesgrave Library. In January 2016 it's 10 years since Kesgrave Library moved into Kinsey House from the portacabin. Watch out for posters advertising our party and how we are going to celebrate!

Thank you – The staff and Community Group at Kesgrave Library would like to thank all our customers for their valued support during 2015. We look forward to seeing you in 2016 and to organising more exciting events and activities.

Maggie Lusher Kesgrave Library Manager

Tel: 01473 626103 www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Kesgrave Library, Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave will be open:

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

Wednesday 2.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 2.30pm to 8pm

Friday 9am to 12 noon

Saturday 10am to 5 pm

Sunday 10am to 3pm

CHRISTMAS AT THE RUNWAY

First of all, thank you to everyone who supported the Shoe Box appeal or sent in items and money for us to make some up. The shoe boxes will be sent to children across the world who, otherwise, would get little or nothing. They are greatly appreciated.

The really exciting news is that we have broken a record this year and will be sending over 30 boxes for distribution. So an extra 30 children will have a surprise box of gifts generously donated by a stranger from across the globe. Thank you. At the Runway we will be starting our Christmas celebrations on Tuesday 15 December. That will be the day for decorations, Christmas Carols and mince pies. Come and join us. And remember we are open until 2pm on weekdays in December so bring your own sandwiches and enjoy your lunch in a warm and cosy atmosphere with a hot cup of soup, tea or coffee.

The Runway Team

MODERN PATCHWORK AND QUILTING CLASSES

Now that Christmas is nearly here, its a good time to think about what you'll do with your spare time once its all over! How about learning a new craft? I will be running a Beginner's Patchwork and Quilting Class starting on 13 January 2016 in my studio on Martlesham Heath. We will start with the basics and finish with a beautiful table runner. Places are limited to 6 so if you are interested let me know as soon as possible.

There are also many other classes to choose from throughout next term including cushions, bags, wallhangings and of course chickens for Easter! Have a look on my website to see the full list and photos of the projects – www.busybeestitching.co.uk

If you know of someone who might be interested in one of my classes, I have Gift Vouchers available which make great last minute gifts and if necessary can be sent direct to the recipient.

If you would like further details then please contact me, Gillian Strange.

Tel: 07708258765

Email: gillian_strange@talk21.com

Website: www.busybeestitching.co.uk



THE ROGER DAVID BURROWS MUSIC FUND

Grant Applications

There is still time to apply for a grant from the above Fund.

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

Application forms should be submitted to the address below by 1st January 2016.

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

Further information about grants and application forms will be available at the above Sale or 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

Next Event for your Diary

Talk by Elizabeth Talbot MRICS,

Auction Rooms Director at T W Gaze in
Diss, Norfolk,

who also appears in many television
programmes.

Thursday 17th March 2016

7.30 pm

St Michaels Church Centre, Martlesham
Heath

Further details to be published in the
January 2016 issue, from Burrows family
(01473 625196)

or www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk



THE GIPPESWYK SINGERS, conducted by Geoff Lavery, are celebrating the festive season with a New Year Concert called "What Sweeter Music" on 2nd January, 2016 with special guests Martlesham Brass at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath. This will be a lovely programme of carols with the choir performing many of the beautiful choral arrangements of John Rutter, the nation's favourite Christmas composer. Come and enjoy a spirited and uplifting evening of music with the choir, Martlesham Brass (led by Adam Cable), seasonal readings and congregational carols too.

Gippeswyk Singers are also presenting a Spring Concert featuring, amongst other choral pieces, the magnificent "Nelson Mass", one of the most loved and well known choral works by Joseph Haydn, with four professional soloists on April 9th, 2016 at St John's Church, Felixstowe. This thrilling choral music has become known as a celebration of Lord Nelson's victory over Napoleon in 1798 and moves from dark and dramatic, through peaceful contemplation to joyful jubilation with much sparkling vocal vitality from the soloists supported by the Gippeswyk Singers chorus and Andrew Cantrill, a nationally acclaimed organist.

An exciting and busy season for this accomplished and expressive chamber choir under the artistic musical direction of Geoff Lavery which will provide delightful music for performers and audience alike, with profits from the concerts going to support local Ipswich charities: **Got To Read** and **Home-Start**. We hope to see you at one or all of our performances!

MARTLESHAM BRASS 'Making Music Fun In East Anglia'

December is the busiest month of the year for Martlesham Brass - you will often find us playing Christmas Carols outside supermarkets, both in Martlesham & Ipswich, raising money for the charities nominated by our band members.

Don't forget to join us for 'Coffee and Carols' on Saturday 5th December at 10am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, when you can hear our Intermediate Band. There will be refreshments and cake & craft stalls - admission is free.

On Monday 14th December we will be playing for 'Carols in the Square', Martlesham Heath at 7pm.

Our Christmas Concert will be on Saturday 19th December at 7pm, also at St Michael's Church Centre. Tickets are £3 (Primary School children free). You can get your tickets by phoning 07802 868924, visiting our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk or by visiting the 2nd Stop Charity Shop next to Tesco in Kesgrave. This concert is often a sell-out, so do get your tickets early!

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

Liz Howard. (Publicity Officer) e_m_howard@talk21.com 01473 625617
Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

It's time to wish all our members a Happy Christmas!

We have just one more meeting in 2015 – our Christmas Party on 10th December.

There will be a 'Bring and Share' supper and musical entertainment with carol singing to get us all in the festive mood.

At our last meeting Simon and his guide dog Lennox were presented with a cheque for £700.50 which we have raised during the year. It will be used to buy special life-jackets for disabled members of the East Anglian Sailing Trust.

Looking forward to 2016, our first meeting is on 7th January when Sarah Waldock will show us how to make 'Cards from Scrap'.

Make a New Year Resolution to do something different and join our friendly club.

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

For more information ring Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

THE MOTHERS UNION.

On Wednesday December 2nd at 2-30pm
Christmas party for members and invited
guests.

On Wednesday January 7th at 2.30pm
AGM followed by Service of Holy
Communion.

All welcome to this meeting to be held in
St Michael's Church Centre. Martlesham
Heath.

THE ORWELL SINGERS – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Orwell Singers will be holding their
Christmas Concert called ‘

Ring In Christmas’

on

Saturday 5th December at 7.30 pm

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

Carols will range from the medieval
‘Lullay my Liking’ to the modern day
‘The Carol of the Refugee Children’.

There will also be singing of traditional
carols for the audience to join in.

Entry at the door will be £8.00 for
adults and 50p for accompanied
children and will include sherry and
mince pies. For more information
please telephone 01473 635955 or
email d.sharman@btinternet.com.

Thoughts from your Parish Church.

To be honest, I've always considered my hens to be pretty daft creatures. God must have been in a pretty silly mood when he created them. They come in allsorts of shapes and colours and wander about pecking away at whatever they can find. Big feathery bodies with tiny heads and little brains. However, they do provide delicious eggs and when their time is up, tasty meals.

But then I read an article about hens.

Did you know they have remarkable eyesight and can see colours and tiny creatures hidden from the eyes of humans. They don't need specs to distinguish between one food source and another and their varied diet ensures healthy eggs, which, if they are lucky, result in healthy chicks.

We've had a go at incubating eggs and to be honest, it was third time lucky, inspite of using an up to date high tech incubator. Yet the humble hen does it without any outside help. By inflating and deflating it's feathers it can keep it's eggs at the perfect temperature for the three weeks needed to ensure they develop into healthy, happy chickens.

God seems to know all about this and used hens as an illustration of his care for his children – us. As the patient parent he says ‘How often I have wanted to gather your children together even as a hen protects her brood under her wings, but you wouldn't let me.’ And often we don't do we? We aren't interested in the love and protection of our creator.

Perhaps this Christmas, as we celebrate with parties and presents we'll also celebrate the greatest present of all. Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate this month. Maybe this year will be the year we say thank you to him for his love for us and his wish to keep us safe and secure.

Have a wonderful Christmas and may I wish you every blessing for the New Year.

Rev Margaret Rittman
Martlesham & Brightwell.



NEWS FROM ANGLIA CARE TRUST

Hi everyone. We are Anglia Care Trust, a local charity on your doorstep with our offices in The Square in Martlesham Heath. We are focused on supporting vulnerable young people and adults across the County. We seek to improve both the quality and standard of life of those in need for the benefit of the individual and the community.

We have a number of volunteering roles available:

- **Appropriate Adults**
- **Advocates**
- **Independent Visitors for children in care**
- **Mentors for young people**

• **Volunteers working within our Domestic Abuse Outreach, Housing or Money Advice Services**

This month we are highlighting the **Advocacy** volunteering role.

The Advocacy service is available to children and young people who are children in care, subject to child protection arrangements, designated as “children in need”, care leavers or those aged 16/17 who are homeless. As an Advocate you will work with the young person to understand their wishes and feelings and help to represent their views or speak on their behalf.

An Advocate would:

- Attend meetings to support the young person, in some cases on their behalf.
- Help to write letters
- Help them to make complaints.

Support can be provided for any issue affecting the young person's life. For example:

- Placements or placement moves
- The level of contact they have with family and friends
- Transition from care arrangements.

As an Advocate, the commitment is flexible depending on your availability, however, once every 2 weeks for a morning or afternoon would be ideal. The role is suitable for those experienced in working with young people.

For all of our volunteering roles we provide free training and pay your expenses.

If you would like to help others, expand your skills and experience and give something back to the community then we would love you to be one of our volunteers.

Please contact admin@angliacaretrust.org.uk for more information or visit our website at www.angliacaretrust.org.uk

Best regards

The Anglia Care Trust Team

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THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: Vacancy

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

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

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

Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 6th December	9.45am All Age service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 13th December	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	3pm 9 Lessons and Carols	6.30pm Evensong
Monday 14th December	7pm Carols in the Square		
Sunday 20th December	9am Breakfast@9 3pm All Age Carol Service	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 6.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve		8pm Christmas Holy Communion	
Friday 25th December Christmas Day	9.45am All Age Christmas Service	10.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th December	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Midweek Services	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all our services		

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

Dec 5 For those working in our local shops

6 For all who teach the true meaning of Christmas

7 For all living with depression and anxiety

8 For those who care for God's creation

9 Residents of Lugano Avenue

10 For those who promote the human rights of all

11 For our GP practices, doctors and nurses

12 Give thanks for family and friends

13 That we may be ready to welcome Jesus

14 For those providing night shelters

15 For families under stress

16 Residents of Main Road

17 For the work of Save the Children

18 For those facing their first Christmas alone

19 For all teachers and teaching assistants

20 For all attending Carol Services

21 For those in hospital over Christmas

22 For all who have to work over Christmas

23 Residents of Manor Road

24 For those who cannot share in the Joy of Christmas

25 Give thanks for the great gift of Jesus

26 For all who have been persecuted for their faith

27 That we may be open to the Joy and wonder of God

28 For children in danger throughout the world

29 For church leaders and their families

30 Residents of Mayfield

31 Give thanks for all that has been this year

Jan 1 For blessings of peace in the New Year

2 For world leaders and all in authority

3 For the worldwide mission of the Church this year

4 For all at work today