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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**

A Mulberry tree, donated to the village by  
John Bryan was planted in a small  
ceremony which included Mr John Nayler  
who is retiring, having worked for MHHL  
since 2001. The ceremony was also  
attended by Year 6 children from Birchwood  
School.

The tree was donated as a replacement for  
one of the trees destroyed by vandals  
earlier in the year

**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:  
paulstockdale@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

**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/  
pavillon/index.htm**

which also contains details of our current  
rates and hiring conditions

**GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM**

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

For general enquiries about Guiding in  
Martlesham, please contact

Hannah Panting( Martlesham District  
Commissioner Or Chris Cooper Martlesham  
District Wait List Coordinator 01473  
626024,

**1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS**

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

**MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES**

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

**TUESDAYS**

27 January, 24 February, 24 March

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**

15 January, 12 February, 12 March

Douglas Bader: 10.15–11.45am

**MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND  
RICHARDS ROOM**

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

Alternatively e-mail the new e-mail  
address [martcomhall@btinternet.com](mailto:martcomhall@btinternet.com)

# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a Happy New Year!

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

The Parish Council will be agreeing its budget & precept for 2015/16 at its meeting on 7 January 2015. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

## Parish Councillor needed

Essential requirement: an interest in looking after our parish for the benefit of the community. Training & support provided. Sorry, no pay but out of pocket expenses are reimbursed. You can be co-op

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!

## The Council's current activities include:

- maintenance of footpaths and the Common
- provision and maintenance of bus shelters, litter and dog-dirt bins and seats
- maintaining four play areas and bike trails
- grass cutting and maintenance of the Green and Recreation Ground

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

## What have we been doing recently?

- Budgeting for 2015/16 financial year
- Working with Martlesham Community Council to provide new fencing & a gate at the Recreation Ground
- Installing bunds to help prevent parking on the grassed areas at the Recreation Ground
- Working party to clear a path, which is part of the Martlesham circular walk, near the Community Hall
- Considering applications for a Tesco hand car wash and a TK Maxx & Home Sense Store on the Retail Park

## Gloster Road bus shelter

We have unfortunately been waiting now for a year for Suffolk County Council (SCC) to install this new bus shelter, despite having all the funding available and repeated requests. We understand that we are not alone in this and SCC has a lot of outstanding work regarding bus stops & shelters in the region – cold comfort. It seems that we cannot expect to get our shelter before the Spring.

## Sponsored Bus Service 65B between Ipswich & Woodbridge

Suffolk County Council intends to extend the contract of this service until the end of March 2015; it will also be extended to operate into Melton. A revised timetable will operate from Sunday 11 January 2015 with the number of journeys increased in each direction from three to five every Sunday. The revised timetable will be available at [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com).

## Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 07 January 2015

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 14 January 2015

Parish Council – Wednesday 04 February 2015

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

## Contacting the Council

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB  
01473 612632

e-mail: [clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk)  
website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

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

## CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

We are again at the start of another year that we all hope will be as good or better than 2014. Part of the remit of a District Councillor is to encourage a positive 'well being' approach for the community that we represent. Throughout 2014 I have been able to use my allocation of the newly introduced Community Enabling Budget (CEB) to help both young and old alike in Martlesham, This has included: the purchase of new equipment for Martlesham Brass, severe storm damage repair at the WTFC ground, assistance with new facilities at St Mary's and St Michael's Churches and help with the Martlesham Bowls Club who also desired to improve their facilities.

Also I would like to draw your attention to the new location of the Friendship Club that was started some years ago by John Mellon and his team at the Christian Fellowship Building in Black Tiles Lane. This has now moved to St. Michael's Church and meets on a Friday morning from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon (Except Boxing Day). It is specifically aimed at those of our residents who live alone and would like the opportunity to talk and socialise with others. Various table top activities are made available and there are lots to choose from. Alternatively you can just sit and chat over a cup of tea, coffee or chocolate and biscuits.

And so to business!

In October 2014 the SCDC cabinet approved the setting up of two Town/Parish Council and District Councillor working groups to inform the preparation of (a) the 'Felixstowe Peninsular Area Action Plan' and (b) the 'Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies'. I have been invited to be a member of group (b). The Groups do not have any decision making role. Their purpose is to gather information, views and details from a wide representation of the community, maximise collaboration and build a consensus which will hopefully provide the evidence for the Inspector when considering the soundness of this part of the Local Plan.

The Provisional Time Table has been set out as follows; Issues and Options consultation - 15th December 2014 to 27th February 2015 (11 weeks). and the Preferred Options consultation - July/August 2015 with submission to the Inspectorate for Examination about February 2016. I shall be talking to as many interested parties as is practical to gain additional views. If you would like to discuss these or any other matters with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at [www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:www.chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

## MARTLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

**Neighbourhood Plan Boundary** – As directed by Suffolk Coastal District Council we resubmitted our Neighbourhood Plan Boundary to match that of the Parish Boundary on 17th October. At this time (11 Dec) we are still waiting for Suffolk Coastal to process the submission. We are consulting with government agencies as to how we should proceed.

**Adastral development** – In October our meetings with Suffolk Coastal District Council had made good progress. We had constructive meetings with the District Planners and were very close to agreeing how we shall work together to plan the Adastral development if it is to go ahead. Today we appear to be back to square one. SCDC are no refusing to produce a Memorandum Of Understanding as to how we shall work together. At this time the overall scheme remains on hold pending a court ruling planned for 21 January. We have done all we can to get an agreement with SCDC, once again we are seeking advice from government agencies on how we should proceed.

**Neighbourhood Plan Survey** - As previously reported the response to the survey was truly outstanding with a total return of 920 surveys, 37%. On 14-Nov we shared early results with the helpers who supported the distribution and collection of the survey. The survey draw results were declared and the winners of the online and paper survey draws received their prizes. We are now at the stage where we need guidance on how we should be analysing the survey results and subsequently turn them into policies for the plan. We are meeting with our consultant in early January to make progress.

Finally the Neighbourhood Plan Team would like to thank you all for supporting us over the past year and to wish you all a Happy New Year

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## JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

### Closure of layby/ slip Road adjacent to Bloors Main Road

It has been brought to my attention that the layby/slip road adjacent to the Bloors Development site at Main Road has been resurfaced and bollards placed at either end to prevent vehicular access. Having visited the site and made some investigations it appears that the work has been carried out at the request of Suffolk County Council Highways Department. Neither I, Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department, Martlesham Parish Council or nearby residents had been advised or consulted about this scheme. I have emailed Patricia O'Brien our County Councillor and the Highways Officer involved to express my concerns and disappointment about the lack of consultation and the impact this scheme may have on local residents, walkers and dog walkers accessing the layby to park in order to use the local footpaths and common.

I have since received a reply from the Highways Department advising that the work was carried out to provide safety measures for cyclists and pedestrians using the layby, the officer goes on to say " Suffolk County Council considers these bollards to be works required in connection with the highway, because Suffolk County Council is the Highway Authority for Suffolk. This is a proper exercise of Suffolk County Council's powers, and does not require consultation or planning permission."

It appears that as your District Councillor and having no authority regarding highway matters I am unable to take the matter any further and I would suggest that if you have been affected by or have any complaints about this scheme you should contact County Councillor O'Brien via email [patricia.obrien@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.obrien@suffolk.gov.uk) or by telephone 01394 448228. I would appreciate being copied in on any emails  
[john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

### My Community Enabling Budget (CEB)

The following groups, organisations and charities have received grant aid

Martlesham Heath Aviation Society £300 for a TV and DVD player, Martlesham Community Council £2,500 to provide a petanque piste at the recreation ground, Age UK Suffolk £350, Community Safety Partnership £80, Martlesham Parish Council £2,000 to provide a new footpath to the play area near Gorseland school and Lapwing £420 to provide work place training for young people.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters or any other District Council issues please email [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or telephone 01473 631682.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward

## MARTLESHAM HEATH SSSI LTD

As the weather gets colder work on the SSSI will start again with Greenways working on our behalf moving scrub etc. In particular the area between Broomfields and Westlands will have some major work to clear the gorse and thin out the trees that have self seeded. Our Chairman has already cleared the path that was severely overgrown. Nearer the time of the work we will endeavour to let houses affected by the work know when it is taking place.

You are welcome to join any of the working parties even if it's just for one hour any help counts.

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

### 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

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

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

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

### ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS

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

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

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.  
Bev Read – your local Stamp Lady  
15 Demesne Gardens  
Martlesham Heath 01473 622721

## **START THE NEW YEAR AT BRIGHT STARS**

Would you like a fun start to your week? Mondays are not always people's favourite day, however if you are a baby, toddler or preschooler who would like a cheerful start to your week we would love you to come along with your parents, grandparents and/or carers to join us at Bright Stars. We meet 10:30am on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month during term time at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL. Each session is full of fun children's activities, for example singing and Bible stories for children, plus crafts and games. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to play, while the adults that you have brought along enjoy a chat! Why not come and visit us? You are welcome to just turn up on the day at any of the sessions, however if you would like any further information feel free to telephone us on the phone numbers below. We look forward to welcoming you!

Our session dates for the Spring term 2015 are:

January 12th

January 26th

February 9th

HALF TERM

February 23rd

March 9th

March 23rd

For further information please contact:

Jennie Fidler Tel.07584 420729,

Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

or Sue Lambert Tel.01473-624130

## **GREENEST COUNTY AWARDS**

Now in their eighth year, the Creating the Greenest County Awards are an annual event that highlight the excellent environmental achievements that are being carried out across the county. Communities, businesses, schools and individuals, from protecting our natural landscape to developing innovative ways to reduce waste, everyone is doing their bit to help make Suffolk the greenest county.

If your local school, community groups or businesses are helping to lead the way in Suffolk, are inspiring others and deserve recognition, then please encourage them to enter.

Visit [www.greensuffolk.org/awards2015](http://www.greensuffolk.org/awards2015) for more information.

**CALLING ALL MUMS .....**Martlesham Mums' Club starts the New Year with a 'Chomp and Chat' meeting at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday, 6th January between 12.45 and 2.30p.m. All mums, grans and carers with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for lunch and then chat to their friends while their children play.

The Mums' Club is a group of Mums who, with their small children, meet together once a month to share lunch, friendship and a social time together. Our meetings start with a sandwich, fruit and cake lunch which is provided for you and your children for a donation of just £2.00. All welcome.

**The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe** (a drop-in for the 'buggy brigade') meets in St. Michael's between 10a.m. and noon on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Due to the Bank Holiday there will be no cafe on 1st January so our next get-together will be on Thursday, 15th January. Join us for refreshments, friendship and toys.

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

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Lots of fun was had at our Christmas Party held during our final sessions in December and funds were raised to keep the group operating over the next year.

We like to say a very BIG thank you to Duncan's butcher and bakery at Martlesham Square for the donation of tasty mince pies for our party. We'd also like to Thank the Duke of York Public House in Woodbridge for the kind donation to our Christmas raffle and all of the local businesses who supported us during December.

Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group is a small informal group run by Mums, we meet every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Pavilion where you can grab a tea or coffee while your little ones are kept amused by our range of lovely toys and crafts. We have an informal, friendly atmosphere and there's always a lovely "sing song" before more tea! We'd love to see you there!

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

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



## **MARTLESHAM & KESGRAVE PLAYSCHOOLS**

WOW what a busy year Martlesham Playschool has had, in fact we have now become MARTLESHAM AND KESGRAVE PLAYSCHOOLS. We have had a fantastic response to the Kesgrave Playschool opening at the Millennium Jubilee hall and the families have provided us with some lovely feedback on how well their children have settled and enjoying their time. Some of

the children from Martlesham enjoyed a muddy walk through the woods and joined in with snack at Kesgrave before heading back splashing through the puddles.

We are constantly reviewing our involvement with the children and their families and 2015 will be no different, we will continue to develop strong links with parents and offer support when developing the child's learning both at home and within our settings. Due to our on-going success and expansion we are still looking for a happy, excited and enthusiastic person to join our team. If you have a childcare qualification and are interested in working approx 12hours per week term time only please get in touch on 01473 625986 (Martlesham) or 07746 907060 (Kesgrave) from January 5th.

If you would like to put your child's name on our waiting list please visit our website for more details :- [www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk) or contact me on 01473 621315. We are registered to take children from 2 years. Our children move on to all the primary schools in the area and further afield.

Caroline Swale

Martlesham & Kesgrave Playschools

## PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP – THE FIRST 15 YEARS...



November 2014 saw the Group reach its 15 year anniversary. The Group was set up by Martlesham Parish Council in 1999 after the battle to save Portal Woods from the proposed Martlesham Park & Ride. Although used somewhat as a dumping ground at the time, the Group founders saw the potential for a valuable wildlife, historical and community facility.

Our work to improve the woods for wildlife has been very successful. At the time of the proposed Park & Ride the woods were assessed as having a low wildlife value but when the planning application for the wildlife pond was submitted in 2005, the woods were re-evaluated as having a good and developing wildlife habitat. The number of important and protected species has increased over the years. Bat species recorded are pipistrelle, brown long-eared and noctule. Great crested and smooth newts breed in the pond, and forage and hibernate in the revetments and log piles. In 2009 we won the Anglia In Bloom Best Conservation Project Award. Grass snakes and common lizards are regularly seen. Tawny owls, woodpeckers, wrens and treecreepers now frequent the woods. Endangered (red list) mini-beasts have also been recorded and glow worms are seen in the summer. Surveys show a growing number of small mammals and larger such as muntjac deer, hedgehogs and most recently badgers. Our hazel area is becoming established and the hope is that dormice will eventually take up residence.

The history of the woods is very rich, from Bronze Age burial mounds to wartime fuel tanks, revetments and bunkers. These features have and continue to be renovated by the Group, under the guidance of English Heritage.

Education and engagement with schools and other youth groups has been a core focus of the Group, with many organised visits to the woods each year. We have set up our own Nature Watch Club for 5 to 11 year olds and Nature Explorers for 11 to 18 year olds.

We thank our dedicated band of volunteers, who are out working hard come rain or shine, ensuring the woods are safe and pleasant for visitors. Thanks also to members of the community for their support, and in some cases most generous donations.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year, and perhaps think of us when making your New Year resolutions. We look forward to the next 15 years and beyond.

### Diary Dates:

Volunteer Work Mornings Saturday 17th January, 10:00am – Noon

Nature Explorers Saturday 17th January, 9:00am – 11:00am

Meet at the Education Area (Control Tower end of the woods)

2015 dates are on <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/> For more information email us at [pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com](mailto:pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com) or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

## THE SAPLINGS Martlesham Heath

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

Get ready to party! After the excitement of Christmas, we have another celebration, as our Baby Room, The Seedlings, has been open for one year! Manager Jo and her team will be celebrating with music, balloons and lots of fun!

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

We are now taking bookings for our February Half Term Holiday Club (16th – 20th February), please see our website for details of activities: [thesaplins.org.uk/holiday\\_club.php](http://thesaplins.org.uk/holiday_club.php)

We have spaces in all our rooms and funded two and three year olds can use their funded sessions throughout our opening hours and 'stretch' funding across Holiday Club.

The Saplings is open Monday – Friday, 7.30am – 6pm for children aged 3 months -11 years, offering term-time and year-round care, with a Baby Room and Preschool, Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club and a 'Walking Bus' to Birchwood Primary School.

For more information, please call: 01473 614753, email: [news@thesaplins.org.uk](mailto:news@thesaplins.org.uk), or visit our website: [thesaplins.org.uk](http://thesaplins.org.uk)

## KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Sunday Crafts 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon - The following activities will be taking place in the library during craft sessions in January:

Sun 4th – It's 2015! Make a New Year's resolution hand;

Sun 11th – The 13th of January is the creator of Paddington Bear, Michael Bond's birthday. Make a 3D Paddington Bear;

Sun 18th – The 20th of January is Penguin Awareness Day. Make a paper cup penguin;

Sun 25th – The 29th of January is National Puzzle Day. Make and decorate a puzzle tree.

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

BookStart – every Thursday

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

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 10.30am – 11.00am.

New Service – Stamps now available to buy at Kesgrave Library! Both first and second class stamps are now available to be bought individually or in books. Please ask staff for details.

Home Library Service – Do you know someone who loves reading or listening to audio books but can't get to the library? Kesgrave has a route with spaces available. Volunteers visit once a month on a Thursday morning and will bring a variety of books and /or audio books for you to choose from. Large print is also available. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the library on 01473 626103 and a member of staff will be pleased to explain the service to you and how you apply for a volunteer to visit you.

[www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)

Kesgrave Library, Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave

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

## SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Our next indoor meeting will be on Thursday 15th January at 7:30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when Simone Bullion of Suffolk Wildlife Trust will be talking to us about Hedgehogs. All are welcome, no need to be a member. Admission is only £2.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM.**

Martlesham Community Hall and Richards Room are both situated off Felixstowe Road (behind Tesco). Martlesham Community Hall was officially opened on 24th April 1987. The Richards Room was officially opened five years later on 24th July 1992. Many groups and societies use them on a regular basis. They are also used by occasional hirers for e.g. Children's parties, anniversary events and various other functions. The Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee is made up of the regular hirers of the halls and parishioners all on a voluntary basis. The Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 19th March 2015 in the evening at The Parish Room (which is adjacent to the Richards Room), they look forward to seeing parishioners, regular hirers and anyone interested in the halls at this meeting. If in the meantime you would like to know about using the halls as a regular hirer or for a one off event please contact the booking secretary on any of the ways below as at the moment there are spaces in the halls.

Address: The Booking Secretary,  
Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe  
Road, Martlesham. IP12 4PB

Tel. Booking Secretary. 01473 623203

e-mail. [martcomhall@btinternet.com](mailto:martcomhall@btinternet.com)

## **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Our first work party of the new year will be on Sunday 11th January. We will again be working on the heath but in a different location, over by the mound, towards Dobbs Lane. We will be aiming to cut and coppice some trees with the intention of removing shade from an area of heather. All are welcome all tools and equipment are provided.

In the colder weather continue to look out for migrant birds such as Redwings, and Fieldfares. Who knows we may also get some of the rather colourful Waxwings feeding upon berries.

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

Coming up in February we will have our regular work party on Sunday 8th February followed by the Megabash event later in the month.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS-**

We wish all our members a Happy New Year.

A mulberry tree donated by Mr. John Bryan, a resident, in response to his dismay at the vandalised trees near Demesne Gardens, was planted on the 28 November on the Green. A small ceremony took place as this also marked the last job carried out for the village by John Naylor before his retirement. John has worked for us since approximately 2001. He was thanked for his hard work and help over the years. His colleague Roy was also thanked for his assistance to John. Some year 6 children from Birchwood School also attended.

The parish council and MHH have received many letters and comments re the loss of trees from private gardens on the Heath. MHH have no authority or jurisdiction over privately owned trees and their removal. MHH are only responsible for trees on MHH land. However, we do encourage residents to replant/replace trees which are removed and details of our tree policy can be found on our website.

The residents of Farriers Close sent an anonymous letter recently regarding the parking of tractors and slurry tanks in the road. The restrictive covenants which mention parking of caravans etc. are between the householders and Bradford Property Trust (Graingers plc) and not MHH. MHH are the beneficiaries of one of those covenants (usually number 12 in the title document) which requires the new householder to become a member of MHH and ensure their buyers also become members. MHH are only responsible for the land and buildings in their ownership for the benefit of all members. We do have some car parking spaces but are not responsible for parking on the highway or residents private drives. We have passed this letter to Grainger for their attention. Details of how to contact Grainger can be found on our website. If parked vehicles pose a danger or nuisance then residents should contact the Highways dept. at Suffolk County Council and/or the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (telephone 101).

A reminder that the AGM will be held on Thursday 12 March at St Michael & All Angels Church Centre at 8pm. The usual annual report document will be distributed to all members in February.

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

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ANGLIA CARE TRUST**

Hi everyone we are Anglia Care Trust a local charity right on your doorstep with our offices located on the Square in Martlesham Heath.

We are focused on supporting vulnerable adults and young people 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
- Money Advisers
- Independent Visitors for children in care
- Advocates for children in care
- Mentors for both young people and adults
- Supporters for those who are victims of domestic abuse
- Mediators for both family and neighbourhood mediation

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 you can be one of our volunteers. Please contact [stephenstokes@angliacaretrust.org.uk](mailto:stephenstokes@angliacaretrust.org.uk)

Or visit our website at [www.angliacaretrust.org.uk](http://www.angliacaretrust.org.uk)

We hope to make this a regular feature in the Martlesham Monthly to keep you updated on our progress and successes

Best regards

The Anglia Care Trust Team



## **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY - [www.mhas.org.uk](http://www.mhas.org.uk)**

We were privileged to a most interesting illustrated talk by Mr Steve De Roeck at our meeting on Friday, 5th December.

Steve was accompanied by his wife. He has piloted many aircraft during his career. The insight he gave us about his time as an airline pilot was particularly interesting. Nowadays he researches many aspects of aviation history and is a very keen photographer. His projected images of aircraft were outstanding.

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

Our next meeting will be on Friday 2nd January, 2015. Bill Smith will present a talk entitled, "War in the Wilderness. The fascinating story of the Chindits - a British special force that served in Burma and India during WW2. Long range penetration units fighting the Japanese.

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

Alan Powell, 01473 622458.

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

Happy New Year to you all, and thank you to all who supported us over the Christmas season by donating towards our chosen charities. In next month's article we shall report back on the final amount raised.

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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## **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS**

By the time you read this we will be half way through our Winter League programme having won four of the eight games played. We received a real drubbing at Chelmondiston but hope to redress that when they come to ours for the return game in February.

We managed a speedy exit from The Joe Rice Cup competition, being beaten by Claydon. We now will go into the draw for The Plate Competition which will start in the New Year.

As I write this we are winding down, or should I say -gearing up - for the Christmas festivities. As there is not much to report I will just take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2015

Judith Longman

## **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

Mounties, Rockies, Snow - that's about the sum total of my knowledge of Canada. But here's an interesting fact - Canada was the birthplace of the W.I. In 1898 in Stoney Creek a young woman called Adelaide Hoodless gave a talk to the Farmers Union. As a result the first Women's Institute was set up bringing together women from isolated communities to learn more about home economics, child care and farming. In 1915 the first W.I. in Britain was set up in Anglesey, in that place with the impossibly long name - you know the one. So this year we celebrate the centenary of the W.I. in this country. Of course, we were one year into the "Great War" and people were beginning to realise that far from "being over by Christmas" the war was going to drag on, and food supply was vital. So the formation of more W.I.s was encouraged with the aim of educating women in the art of food growing and preservation. Well, as we celebrate our centenary, we've come on a long way since then - so do come along and find out more.

In Martlesham our first meeting of the year features home grown talent. Our member Maureen Simpson has an amazing collection of typewriters, some we would recognise from our own working days, some much older. She has talked about them before but we found it so interesting we have asked her for an encore, especially as we have new members we didn't hear her first talk. That will be in the Richards Room at 7.30 on January 16th.

Competition "Favourite Christmas Card" -more information from Anne on 01394380110.

Susan Cunliffe

## **ST MICHAELS' COFFEE SHOP UPDATE.**

A letter was printed in the December edition of the Martlesham Monthly concerning the Art Group which meets in St Michaels Church.

The decision to open a not-for-profit coffee shop in part of St Michaels building was the decision of Martlesham Parochial Church Council, which is the elected management body of the church. This followed an 18-month consultative process. We have been encouraged by the many supportive comments from local residents.

The Art group has been offered alternative rooms in St Michaels for their sessions.

We believe that the coffee shop will be a positive asset for the area and will provide a focal point for many aspects of community life.

If you would like any further information about the coffee shop project please contact the PCC secretary.

Lynne James

PCC secretary

## **COFFEE MORNINGS IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

I would like to put the record straight regarding coffee mornings in St Michael's Church re Don Isley's comment.

The coffee mornings are open to all shapes, sizes, gender, religion, non-religious, colour, ages [sorry if I've missed anyone out]. When I attended them, many conversations took place and various subjects were covered, too many to list here, and a good time was had by all, and as many cups of tea or coffee you could drink and a good choice of biscuits! On occasions there could be 10/15 people around the table.

I understand numbers have dropped and that's a shame, perhaps they need a bit more publicity.

Maureen Read

## **THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FLOWER CLUB.**

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the members of the Club for the most unexpected gift presented to me from you all, it is a lovely picture and greatly appreciated.

Thanks to you also for attending our final meeting which was such a great (even though very sad) occasion, also thanks to all who worked hard to facilitate it.

Best wishes,

Florence

## YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET

We offer to you all A HEALTHY NEW YEAR.  
Great news we reopen at Martlesham Heath on January 13th 2015 at The Pavilion, The Square Martlesham Heath 9.15 to 11.15. and at Kesgrave on the 17th January 2015 at the Scout H/Q Twelve Acre Approach Kesgrave 9.30 to 11.30. On Community Market days this time is extended 9.00 to 12.30.

On our first opening day we would like to welcome you and the NEW YEAR to tea or coffee, and to enjoy our party table of cooked goodies free and to meet the Producers of Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath Country Market who has served the community for over 12 years weekly.

Margaret Gayfer  
01473 623849

## MODERN PATCHWORK AND QUILTING CLASSES

Happy New Year!

I am running patchwork and quilting classes on Martlesham Heath suitable for Beginner and Intermediate sewers. The classes are from 9.30 to 4.30 and cost £20. You will need to bring a packed lunch and your sewing machine.

The first class of the term for beginners will be on Wednesday 14th January when we'll be making a chevron-pattern cushion cover. This first class will show you how to cut the fabric using a rotary cutter and sew it together accurately so that you will go home with a completed cushion to be proud of! The next class will be on Wednesday 11th February when you can start a wallhanging using a half square triangle design

For more experienced quilters this term there are the following classes –Wednesday 7th January – New York Beauty, a block made using foundation piecing and curved seams. Friday 9th January – Twisted Pinwheel, a heart shape ready for Valentines day! Saturday 24 January – Quilted table runner using squares and rectangles

I will also be starting a fortnightly evening quilting group where you can bring an unfinished item, start something new or just come for a chat. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January, 6.30 to 9.30pm, £5, including refreshments. You don't have to have been to my classes to join in!

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

Tel: 07708258765  
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Website: www.facebook.com/busybee36

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE WEDNESDAY WOOLLY WONDERS!

If you are a keen knitter or would like to learn this year, please come along to the Scout HQ on Wednesday 7 and/or 21 January 10-30-12.30.

We are a sociable group & you will be most welcome, however often you'd like to come. £1.50 per session to cover costs & refreshments.

## WELCOME THE NEW YEAR IN WITH KESGRAVE PARKRUN

As I write this article, Kesgrave parkrun has just packed up and cleared away after event number 12. This morning 114 parkrunners braved the freezing weather and turned up at 9am at Millennium Field to take part in a FREE 5km run that is 'parkrun'. We saw young runners trying to beat their best time; we had regular runners encouraging friends and family to beat their own times; we had dog walkers putting on their trainers instead of their walking boots and running 5km. The best bit for me was seeing a 75 year young gentleman and Martlesham resident, coming over and attending his first parkrun and walking round the course as fast he could accompanied by our volunteer who kept his ears warm with the chat!

By the time this article comes through your door, Kesgrave parkrunners will have run well over 10,000km in the 16 weeks it will have been running. How amazing is that! I am so pleased to see the community has well and truly embraced what parkrun is all about. We have at least 20 people every week who are prepared to volunteer and help set up, pack away, cheer on, direct and support this community event. I've not once had to question our runners about sticking to the Under 11's rule (Under 11's must be accompanied by an adult), and only a few have forgotten their barcodes, the key to getting a time!

During November we had our biggest turnout with 166 people finishing the course. I am pleased to report that a lot of these are local so they're walking or jogging to the event or using a bike on our brilliant cycle paths. Of course people can drive if they wish; we've got 3 car parks in operation (see our website for details). We ask that people are considerate to residents needs with regards to parking and at least two volunteers monitor the local parking situation as often as possible.

So if your New Year's Resolution is to be more active, then please feel free to come over and have a look at what we are doing. You don't have to run or volunteer, just come and see what's happening over at Millennium Field, have a hot drink and speak to a wonderful community group that's growing in our town; if you don't like it, we have a 100% money back guarantee! (Did I mention that it's free?!) We look forward to seeing you.

www.parkrun.org.uk/kesgrave kesgraveoffice@parkrun.com  
Jenny, Event Director Kesgrave parkrun

## COULD YOU BE A ONE TO ONE BEFRIENDER, OFFERING REGULAR SUPPORT TO A LOCAL PERSON?

We currently have people living locally who would love to find a volunteer befriender to enjoy mutual interests/activities, e.g. shopping, gardening or just having a chat over a nice cup of tea! Here is a sample:

*AS is in her 40's and likes spending time in her garden. She would enjoy going out for coffee or trips to the zoo.*

*PB is a lady in her 80's. She has interests in movies, bridge and painting but poor eye sight restricts active involvement. She would like to go into town for coffee, and maybe go to the theatre.*

*AT is in his early 50's and enjoys walks, photography, boats, cooking and computers. He would like a male or female befriender to share his interests.*

*FA is 17 and enjoys dancing, hip hop music, X Box, drama and eating out. He would like a friend to help him with his scripts, script reading and to go swimming, play golf and generally 'hang out' together.*

If you, or anyone you know, might be able to share a few hours a week/month to help a vulnerable person in your community, please get in touch. Full and ongoing support is given and out of pocket expenses are covered.

To find out more, contact us at The Befriending Scheme ([www.thebefriendingscheme.org.uk](http://www.thebefriendingscheme.org.uk))  
Tel: 01787 371333 Email: [info@thebefriendingscheme.org.uk](mailto:info@thebefriendingscheme.org.uk)

Thank you, you could make a real difference to someone's life.... and enrich your own.



## THE MOTHERS UNION

On Wednesday January 7th at 2.30pm

### Annual General Meeting

followed by service of Holy Communion

On Wednesday February 4th at 2.30pm

David Baker will talk about a visit to the Philippines.

Both meetings at St Michael's Church Centre.

All welcome.

## MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

A Happy New Year to all our members.

Our first meeting of 2015 will be on 8th January when Mr C Hopper will give a talk entitled the History of Magic and on 22nd January Ken Stone will give an illustrated talk about the lives of the Royal Family.

On 5th February we have a talk by Sonia Burrows with the fascinating title - Do Plants Wear Coats ?

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

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

To find out more ring Doreen Boar 01473 622768

**HEALTHWATCH SUFFOLK** is now seeking to build its team of local volunteers which will visit services on its behalf to observe and assess the service being provided, collect the views of people using the services and make recommendations to those who run and pay for the services.

More information and details of how to apply are available on the Healthwatch Suffolk website ([www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk)). Alternatively please call Amanda Stevens on 01449 703949 who will be able to talk to you about what it means to be an authorised representative for Healthwatch Suffolk and provide more information about how to apply.

## NIA DANCE

Discover the joy of movement and feeling of well-being at Nia dance classes. Nia is a gentle, sensory form of dance which combines dance, the healing arts and martial arts. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre, Felixstowe Road. Every Thursday from 8th January 2015 at 2pm - 3pm and 4pm - 5pm. £6, concessions £5. For more info. contact Linda Sharp on 01473 517431

## Lighter nights

I love this time of the year. From the end of December the evenings begin to gradually get lighter and we have that wonderful expectation of Spring as the snowdrops pop up through the cold earth and produce those tiny, delicate flowers which can't fail to make you feel a sense of hope that warmth is on its way.

We've been doing some work on our house and have spent some time without ceiling lights. The house has had a sort of cosy mystery about it as the lamps have produced shadows and secrets in the parts of the house where the light cannot reach. But then 'normal service' resumed and the light quietly crept into every hidden crevice. It was wonderful to see things clearly, with bright colours and patterns and to find some lost items unseen in the previous gloom. But the light also illuminated the cobwebs and dust, previously lost in the dimness of floor lamps.

Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." The light of Jesus gives us a clarity in our lives. We can see where we are heading and if there are obstacles ahead we know we won't be them facing alone. We become more aware of the love he has for us, but it also highlights the 'cobwebs' that hang around and stop us from being the people we would like to be.

As the Psalmist said 'The Lord is my light who saves me; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?'

Margaret Rittman  
Assistant Curate.

## THE ROGER DAVID BURROWS MUSIC FUND

### 'Christmas Concert of Light Music'

Our recent fund-raising event, 'Christmas Concert of Light Music', held on 6th December in The Richards Room, Martlesham, was an enjoyable concert comprising of light music with a Christmas theme. The concert included both singing and instrumental pieces and the audience enthusiastically joined in with some of the songs, for which they were provided with the words; there were many comments about the great atmosphere of the afternoon.

Our thanks go to all who helped make the event a success - the performers, Helen Ellison, some of her students and the singers, Maureen Burrows, Jo Dixon and Sonya Burrows, as well as all those who helped on the afternoon and of course the audience.

Thank you to all who supported the event.

Further information about the Music Fund can be found on the website: [www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk](http://www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk) or from The Roger David Burrows Music Fund, c/o The Burrows Family, Tel. 01473 625196.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP IN HOSPICE RETAIL CENTRE

St Elizabeth Hospice is appealing for more volunteers to help out at its busy and vibrant Retail Centre in Ipswich. The store has been open nearly a year now and has had a very successful first year and more help is needed to keep up that success!

Terry York, St Elizabeth Hospice Shop Manager said: "Volunteer at our Retail Centre and you can rummage to find hidden treasures, specialise in a particular area such as books, create eye-catching displays and much more!

"The shop is packed with everything from vintage gems to beautiful crockery and antiques, furniture and quality clothes. You'll enjoy working with our friendly team and helping raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice."

What are you waiting for? If you have a few hours each week or month to spare, call Terry on 01473 233246 or pop into the shop in Holywells Road.

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

We provide transport, refreshments and entertainment for those who find it difficult to leave their home. If you are housebound or know someone who would like to go to our afternoon tea, please could you telephone Barbara Rose 01473 622017. (Please ask the person's permission before you put their name forward)

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**THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

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**CURATE:** The Revd Margaret Rittman Woodlea The Street Martlesham 07914 771061  
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Malcolm Rittman, Woodlea, The Street, Martlesham

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Lynn Wilder Kenton Nr Debenham. 01728 860627

<b>Services for the Month</b>	<b>Martlesham Heath St Michael's</b>	<b>Martlesham St Mary's</b>	<b>Brightwell St John's</b>
<b>Sunday 4th January</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy communion
<b>Sunday 11th January</b>	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Sunday 18th January</b>	9am Breakfast @9 Prayer Walk	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 25th January</b>	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Sunday 1st February</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion

**Midweek Services**

Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's.  
**A warm welcome awaits you at all our services**

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

5th For Teachers and Pupils in a new Term  
6th Wise men brought gifts to Jesus. The wise seek Him still.  
7th Bealings Road  
8th Pray for divided families  
9th For Missionary Aviation Fellowship  
10th Gorseland School  
**11th For an increase in Church congregations**  
12th For families and individuals in financial difficulties  
13th Pray for Government leaders to make wise decisions  
14th Birch Grove  
15th Martlesham Primary school  
16th For the Tear Fund organisation  
17th For peace and restraint in Syria  
**18th For a desire to hear and obey God's Word**  
19th Pray for Hospice patients and staff  
20th For the elderly and the lonely

21st Black Tiles Lane  
22nd Remember F.I.N.D. (Families in need)  
23rd Kesgrave High School  
24th For an end to conflict in Sudan  
**25th For people to enjoy the privilege of Prayer**  
26th Pray for the work of 'Tools with a Mission'  
27th For those involved in 'Open the Book' assemblies  
28th Borrett Place  
29th Pray for the many refugees in camps  
30th For Young People exploring Faith  
31st For the Medical work of 'Mercy Ships'  
**1st Feb Pray for the leaders of local Churches**  
2nd Birchwood School  
3rd Pray for an effective solution to the Ebola Crisis  
4th Bradford Court