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CAROLS ON THE SQUARE - 20TH DECEMBER 2021

After missing a year, Carols on the Square is back, on Monday 20th December. For those who haven't been before, Carols on the Square is a very simple carol service, with traditional carols and short readings, held on the Square outside McColls. Martlesham Brass will be joining us to play the carols, and there will be tea and coffee served in the church afterwards. It's a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit as we all gather together to sing.

It starts at 7pm and lasts about half an hour. Wrap up warm as it does get cold, and a torch can be helpful to read the words.

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have 2 Brownie Packs (ages 7-10), 2 Guide Units (ages 10-14) & 1 Ranger Unit (ages 14-18) meeting around the Parish. If you are interested in joining as a young member, or helping as a volunteer, please contact Jo on martleshamguides@gmail.com or www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved (HQ). Come join the fun & start your Guiding adventure today!

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact Timandra Howell martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com. Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Lindsay Macleod 07828559026 Lindsayfw@msn.com

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2022: 18 January

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Resignation of Stephen Denton a longstanding Parish Councillor

It was with sadness that the Parish Council at its November meeting accepted the resignation of Stephen Denton who has served as a councillor for 10 years. In that time, he has determinedly tackled some of the more challenging projects of the Council including leading on the production of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as chairing the Development, Environment and Transport Committee for several years. More recently he has been instrumental in setting up the Speed Indicator Devices (SID) for Martlesham.

The Parish Council thanks Mr Denton for his valued contribution to the Parish Council during his 10 years and is pleased to report that he will be continuing to help the Parish Council as a volunteer, in particular, with the SID.

Mr Denton's resignation will take effect from 31 December 2021 which will leave a third vacancy on the Parish Council. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten electors from the Martlesham Ward give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer. If no such notice is given the Council will be able to fill the vacancy by co-option. Please check our notice boards in February for details.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, we would very much like to hear from you. The Clerk will be pleased to provide more information on what you can expect!

Planning issues

McCarthy Stone application - DC/21/3305/ FUL Land to the east and south of The Square, Martlesham Heath.

At the time of writing the Parish Council's McCarthy Stone Working Group is liaising with ESC over the latest application.

ESC's draft Cycling and Walking Strategy Consultation (deadline 5pm on Monday 10th January 2022)

The Parish Council is currently considering its response to this consultation. For more information and to submit a response you can visit: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-policy-consultations

Defibrillator for old Martlesham at the Red Lion

In collaboration with the Red Lion pub, the Parish Council has installed a defibrillator within the area of old Martlesham. The new defibrillator is located on the rear wall of the

pub in the car park. The Parish Council thanks Tracey, manageress of the Red Lion and Green King brewery for agreeing to provide a place for what could be a lifesaving piece of equipment for the public to use.

Martlesham Tree Wardens

The Parish of Martlesham is very fortunate in having two tree wardens looking after the trees within its boundary. As Tree Wardens, John Burges and Jane Hall, are members of the Suffolk Tree Warden Network, affiliated to the Tree Council. For more information visit: <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/tree-wardens/> and <https://www.suffolktreewardens.org.uk/>

Recently, both tree wardens ran a very successful stall at the Climate Action Summit on 25th September which generated much interest from the public and have been successful in ordering 100 trees and 40 metres of hedging free from The Woodland Trust to be planted this winter.

The pair have also started on an exciting project to survey all 'Trees of Age and Interest' in the parish in order to give a record for posterity, to provide interest for the public, and to inform the Council of any special trees which may be affected by future planning applications. This will serve to update a previous survey carried out a few years back by John Forbes, the previous tree warden.

Tree work completed

Most of the work identified in this year's Health and Safety Tree Report (2021) covering sites owned or managed by the Parish Council has been completed. Many of the trees needing work were located on Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve. The skilled and experienced volunteers of the Portal Woodlands Conservation Group in agreement with the Parish Council will be undertaking the recommendations concerning the trees identified in Portal Woodlands over the coming winter.

FREE 2022 Calendar

Packed with month-by-month information on how to attract wildlife into your 'patch', whether that's a sizeable garden or a hanging basket on a balcony or anything in between, the calendar will be a helpful and inspirational guide to have all year round. Made possible with funds from ESC's Community Partnership, the calendar is part of Martlesham Climate Action's work on increasing biodiversity in the parish. The aim is to maximise the potential that gardens

have for supporting wildlife and increase the biodiversity of the parish. Collectively, these patches of wildlife will create natural steppingstones and corridors linking to important habitats such as Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve, Portal Woodlands and Martlesham Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) on Martlesham Heath enabling wildlife to thrive.

Look out for your free calendar coming soon!

Speed Indicator Devices (SID) update

By the beginning of December the Speed Indicator Devices will have collected about 5 weeks of data across two locations. This will be published on the Parish Council website so keep an eye out at <https://martlesham.onesuffolk.net>.

Forthcoming meetings

Please note that the following Parish Council meetings will be held in St Michael's Church Centre, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL. Please note there is no meeting of the Parish Council in December.

Finance & General Purposes – Wednesday 8th December 2021

Parish Council – Wednesday 12th January 2022

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 19 January 2022

All meetings start at 7.30pm and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during a public forum.

Before attending, we strongly recommend you check our website or noticeboards in case of changes.

Closure of the office at Christmas

Over the Christmas period we currently expect the office to be closed from 4pm on Thursday 23 December 2021 until 9am on Tuesday 04 January 2022, but please check our website and Facebook page for any change to this.

Contacting the Council

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

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REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021 FROM YOUR CONSERVATIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CHRIS BLUNDELL

Recovery. It is great to know and learn about the road to normality now that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. There is little doubt that it has been a trying time for all of us. As I have written earlier, my heart goes out to all those who have really suffered and lost loved ones as I lost one too. Some of us are now struggling to become financially secure so I am pleased to report that various charitable organisations such as the Suffolk Community Foundation now have funds available to help those in greatest need.

Bringing Empty Properties Back into Use.

East Suffolk Council (ESC) is continuing work to reduce the number of long-term empty properties in East Suffolk as they are a wasted resource, often becoming a target for vandalism, arson, squatters, fly tipping and other criminal behaviour. ESC reviews properties that Council Tax data reveals have stood empty for more than six months on an annual basis. Properties that have been empty for more than two years but would provide good quality housing that would benefit the community, are priorities during these reviews.

The last review, which was carried out in October 2021, showed that the number of

long-term empty properties in East Suffolk had fallen quite dramatically over the past 12 months, with a 23% decline in properties standing empty for more than 2 years and a 50% decline in properties standing empty for more than 6 months. ESC will continue to work with and support owners to help them return long-term empty properties to a positive use, providing much-needed good quality housing in East Suffolk. More information on what help is available if you own a long term empty property and how to report a property is available at:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/empty-properties

Sizewell C Examination: ESC Response.

As part of a 6 month Planning Inspectorate examination of the proposals for a new nuclear power plant at Sizewell, ESC welcomed a range of important revisions to the scheme and a multi-million pound financial package for investment back into our local communities.

A full response can be read at:
www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/sizewell-c-examination-east-suffolk-council-response/

Funding Boost for Innovative New Youth Project.

The ESC Cabinet has agreed to allocate £101,650 for a two-year pilot project which aims to support young people in rural parts of East Suffolk as they face ongoing

challenges from the pandemic. Delivered by Community Action Suffolk (CAS), the Rural Youth Support Project will initially focus on the four most rural Community Partnership areas in East Suffolk, that are within the Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Villages Community Partnership, the Carlton Colville, Kessingland and Villages Community Partnership, the Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership and the Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsular Community Partnership.

The aim of the project is to provide support tailored to each community, which will be based on engagement with its young people about their needs. This could include providing more social opportunities with a youth café or youth club, supporting a healthier lifestyle with activity sessions or making services more accessible with carpools.

Finally. I know it has been a difficult year for our many readers but I trust that the coming new year will bring much more happiness and joy. I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy new year 2022.

If you wish to have further information on any of the foregoing topics or any other district council matter, please contact me by email at chris.blundell@eastsuffolk.gov.uk. Otherwise by phone on 01473 622716.

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy

East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy Draft: this has a significant impact on MHHL land and you need to review it carefully and respond as you see fit.

Of most concern is the proposal to push a bridge across the A12, cutting through the woods between Coopers and Lancaster Drive, and create a new paved and lit cycling / pedestrian route from there through the Birch Woods (which East Suffolk Council refer to as Martlesham Woods). Assuming the same width as the Kesgrave cycle path this would be approximately 4.5m wide. MHHL feel that this would damage the nature of the woods which is essentially 90% unmanaged and is a very effective Carbon sink as well as providing habitat for local wildlife. It would also bypass the village centre yet still join onto the same cycle path on Eagle Way. Saving in distance is minimal compared to using the existing bridge.

We also have concerns regarding the path alongside the Police HQ and the way the council wants to join it up to a new paved path through Long Strops by cutting the corner off the path near the Control Tower. MHHL land starts at the bend in the Police Perimeter fence in Portal Woods.

Martlesham Heath Carbon Sink

Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd throughout its 40 years plus history is tasked to conserve the natural environment around the Martlesham Heath. This has ranged from preserving the local Sandlings and its flora and fauna in the form of a SSSI on the western corridor to the management of three areas of woodland: namely Birch Wood, the Northern Green Woods and an area of Portal Woods. We also care for the two village greens; the area now being run as a community orchard and the grassland around the Control Tower. In recent years meadows have been sown.

The first two woods have very much been managed by minimum intervention, with the Portal Woods section belonging to MHHL being more actively managed by the Portal Woodlands group. COP 26 made us think about how much Carbon sequestration takes place in our woodland areas. (Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide, also known as a Carbon Sink) Using a spreadsheet from the Woodland Carbon Code it calculates that we are sequestering 4500 tons of Carbon this year across the three areas. That increases each year as the trees mature.

Each person in the UK currently averages a carbon footprint of 13 tons each. That means

our three woodland areas only offset for 346 people. Martlesham Heath population is 3307. MHHL relies on volunteers and organisations such as the Martlesham Conservation Group, Portal Woodlands Group, Volunteer Directors (of which there have been 84 since the company's inception) and Volunteers of MHHL to maintain all this. We hope that this will long continue but it is clear more needs to be done.

Annual Maintenance Surcharge

Thank you to all that have already paid, and we would encourage everyone else to pay asap. Please remember that all members who have not paid the 2021/2022 Annual Maintenance Fee by 1 December will be charged an additional £10 surcharge.

Future Invoices by Email

If you would like to receive these invoices via email in future years, please go to the MHHL website mhhl.co.uk where you will find a blog with a link to allow you to register.

Contact and further Information

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Wow didn't autumn fly by! Hedgehog Nursery has exploded, popped, whizzed and banged our way thinking about November the fifth with colour mixing, firework paintings and making our own edible fireworks. We became peaceful and reflective, and learnt about how important the poppy is.



The hedgehogs have been busy turning traditional rhymes into stories and adding actions to them. They have also been telling their stories and getting them scribed to make a nursery story book!

Hedgehogs had a weeklong exploration of clay. They felt it, manipulated it and discovered the many possibilities it has to offer. The hedgehogs made many little sculptures and talked about their ideas.

We are well underway with learning our Christmas Show songs and we cannot wait for our families to see us performing them!

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At the moment we are sending out activity sheets by email and/or post for the children to enjoy doing with their family and/or carers. Unfortunately, we are not meeting in person at present due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are now looking at the Christmas story which started with an angel visiting Mary to tell her that she will be having a baby boy.

If you have or look after a child/children of pre-school age and would like to receive our sheets, please give us a call on the telephone number below; we look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Christmas to everyone
from Bright Stars

If you would like further information, please contact: Sonya & Maureen Burrows
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KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Kesgrave Library staff would like to thank all our customers for their wonderful support this year. It has been so lovely to welcome you back and to meet new customers throughout the year as well.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Sunday Crafts - Sunday crafts are on between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. In December we are making -

Sunday 5th - It's time to begin getting ready for Christmas. Pop along and make a festive Christmas tree card. Who will you send yours too?

Sunday 12th - This week we are designing Christmas baubles. What colours will you use to make yours?

Sunday 19th - Are you prepared for Christmas? We are getting prepared for Christmas Eve by making reindeer headbands. Which of Santa's reindeers is your favourite?

Sunday 26th - CLOSED - Boxing Day

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

Word Play Sessions - These sessions are now back in the library every week on a Thursday.

Tot Rock - 9.45 - 10.15 a.m.

Baby Bounce - 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.

No need to book. Please just pop along. We look forward to seeing you soon. No session Thursday 30th December.

Story Time - Fun stories, rhymes and songs every Friday 9.45 - 10.15 a.m. in the library. No need to book - just pop along. No session Friday 31st December.

Lego Club - every Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. Free play with each child been given a basket of Lego bricks to create designs of their choice. We hope to see you soon. No session Tuesday 28th December.

Book Club - Thursday 16th December 7.00 p.m. If you would like to join, please either pop along or give the staff a ring. The group is currently reading Fifty Fifty by Steve Cavanagh. The library supplies the titles being read.

Covid -19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Tests) - Did you know that your local library is a collection point for these tests? Please just pop along and ask staff for however many boxes you or your family require

Scout Post Box - This year the Scout's post box is with us from Thursday 25th November - Tuesday 7th December.

Christmas Opening Hours

Friday 24th December - 9.00 - 12.00 noon & 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 25th December - CLOSED

Sunday 26th December - CLOSED

Monday 27th December - CLOSED

Tuesday 28th December - CLOSED

Wednesday 29th - Friday 30th December - normal opening hours.

Friday 31st December 9.00 - 12.00 noon & 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 1st January - CLOSED

Sunday 2nd January - normal opening hours

Monday 3rd January - CLOSED

Tuesday 4th January - return to normal opening every day.

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PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Clearing around the wartime fuel tanks was the job for our Volunteers in October. These 4 buried 12,000 gallon tanks stored aviation fuel for the aircraft that flew from Martlesham Heath airfield.

The autumn season has certainly changed the woodlands. Take a walk on a sunny day and you will enjoy the rich colours of the falling leaves. A keen eye will spot fungi bursting out - sulphur tuft and chicken of the woods often creating impressive displays. Also, the oakmoss lichen on tree trunks and branches growing seaweed-like shapes. Squirrels and jays can be seen foraging for acorns to stash for the winter.

If you get a chance to visit the woodlands over the holiday period, please let us know if you see any interesting flora and fauna. Whatever you do, we wish everyone a peaceful and joyous Christmas and certainly a much less solitary one than last year!

Our December work morning is Sunday 19th, from 10:00 to Noon, meet at the Education Area. Please bring your own gloves, refreshments and, if possible, tools. Please visit <https://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/volunteer-work-mornings/> for full details of how we are operating our volunteer work mornings post-covid.

New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome. No experience needed. For further information, please contact us at pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone: 01473 612632 or visit our website: pwcg.onesuffolk.net or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

Stephen Corley, Chairman

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

You may attract more wildlife into your garden over autumn and winter by being a little less tidy. For example you could help a hedgehog to endure the winter months by leaving some vegetation to provide shelter. Please let autumn leaves rot where they fall or rake them in to piles. Please leave areas uncut over winter and always check for hedgehogs whenever you cut long grass or bramble.

Also a number of bird species will join us from colder climates to the north over the winter period; the heath had several visitors over the winter period in previous years such as Stonechat, Dartford Warblers, Redwings, and Fieldfares; even familiar species such as Blackbirds could have migrated from a considerable distance. If the weather is cold we may even get an influx of colourful Waxwings dropping in to feed on berries. Please spare a thought for our wild birds and other wildlife and put out food and water in your gardens and leave berries on bushes to help them through the cold spells.

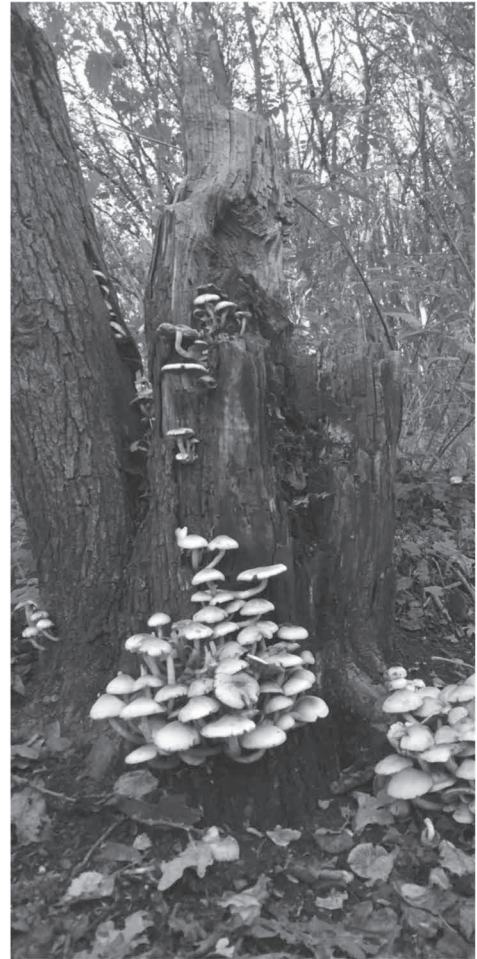
As we look towards the new year you may want to consider "wilding up" your garden to help wildlife and increase biodiversity. Try growing plants that caterpillars, aphids, beetles and other invertebrates feed on. These will provide food for a range of wildlife. It is staggering the number of caterpillars that some birds need to feed on. Try creating piles of twigs and logs or leaves, beneficial for a range of wildlife. Let your grass grow long and allow any wildflowers mixed in to develop flower and set seed. This could provide nectar sources for many insects, seed for birds, and shelter for invertebrates.

Consider having some sources of water, it does not need to be a garden pond, smaller pools or even a saucer will do. Make a compost heap which has an open structure and you could attract reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. Berry bearing shrubs are also a good idea.

Our work parties continue through the winter, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Please contact me if you are interested in taking part. Thanks to all those who have joined us on our recent work parties it is great to have things moving along again.

We wish you all a happy Christmas from Martlesham Conservation Group.

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Our Christmas Concert is on Saturday December 18th, at 7.00pm, also at St Michael's Church Centre. Admission £4.00 (primary school children free) by pre-booked, allocated ticket. Tickets available from Friday Rehearsals 7.00-8.00pm or by calling 07544 962205. Please note all our events are subject to change, so please check our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk for up-to-date information.

Our beginners band is now operating again, so if you feel you would like to learn to play a brass instrument, or if you already play and would be interested in joining us, please email join@martleshambrass.co.uk. Please note that we operate a waiting list for new members.

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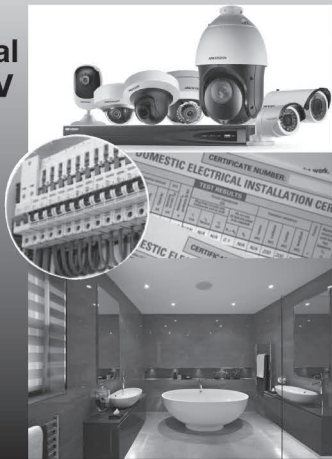


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There are dozens of Community First Responder (CFR) groups across Suffolk, and as volunteers we only respond to calls from Ambulance control to help patients in an emergency at the discretion of the Ambulance Service, depending on the individual circumstances of each call.

As we are a small team, we are not able to be on call all of the time, but working in conjunction with the BT Adastral Park Ambulance team, we do endeavour to be available as much of the time as possible. If anyone would be interested in helping us by joining the team and training as a CFR, then please take a look at <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/join-the-team/community-first-responders> or contact me at johnny.dixon@btinternet.com



Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group meets every Wednesday and Friday at Martlesham Heath Pavilion Session time is 10.30 – 12.00 (term-time only)

We have play time, along with song time with instruments, before providing a drink for the children, and tea or coffee for the parent/carers.

**Session prices are £3.00 for the first child and £1 for any additional children
£5 capped fee for Childminders**

Sessions have to be pre-booked as we are limited on attendees, so please follow our Facebook page. We are only taking bookings one week in advance and to book you need to message the Facebook page directly. Please email for more information.

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The extraordinary aviation history of Martlesham Heath from the Great War to the jet age, local wartime exploits, and other general Aviation topics, are covered at our monthly meetings. The 1st Friday of the month at The Community Centre, Felixstowe Road IP12 4PB @ 7:30 p.m. (subject to any Govt restrictions)

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Visit our Control Tower Museum, behind Parkers Place, off Eagle Way, IP5 3UZ. In normal times open Sundays 2-5 pm, from early April to the end of October. To find out more about the local story just turn up, - easy parking.



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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

On Friday 5th of November we were delighted to welcome Simon Gladas, a founding member of the Bentwaters Cold War Museum, who told us about his extensive research on the early days of RAF Bentwaters.

Whilst many in the large audience knew much of the later story about RAF Bentwaters, (when it became an important "Cold War" American base from the early 1950's), many were unaware of its earlier story.

Bentwaters and other local airfield Debach, were the last two bases built for the Americans in World War 2.

Debach became an American Bomber base – Bentwaters, (operational from Autumn 1944), became home to RAF Fighter Squadrons, mostly flying the outstanding North American P51 "Mustang".

From the windswept and bleak runways mission, often in broad daylight, were flown escorting RAF Bombers and Fighter Bombers, deep into occupied Europe and as far as Berlin. Often on the return journey, the Mustangs flew "Ramrods" – basically shooting up German Airfields, Troop concentrations, Trains, and Ack-Ack gun emplacements.

Our Service of Remembrance on the Barrack Square was held again this year after the break necessitated by the Covid restrictions. Many thanks to all for the good turnout. We were blessed with mild weather and the service was held at 2.30pm this year so that it can end whilst there is still plenty of daylight.

Our chairman, Martyn Cook was the Parade Marshall and The reverend Toby Tate conducted the service.

Many thanks to the various local organisations and representatives who took part. Lt Col Damon Mace from RAF Lakenham represented the USAF, Royal British Legion, Kesgrave Parachute Unit, Suffolk Army Cadet Force, 356th Felixstowe ATC, 1st Martlesham Scout Group, Martlesham and Brightwell Guides and Rangers, RAFA, Air Crew Association, Suffolk Constabulary, Martlesham Parish Council and the Iron Crows. Our excellent Martlesham Brass supplied the music and we received a generous donation from the Martlesham Industrial Estate. Mrs Pat Lisseman read the address from Mr Richard Barker who was unable to be present due to ill health.

The next meeting of the Society takes place on Friday 3rd December at 7:30 pm, when Peter Empson tells us about "15 years of Bush Flying in Africa".

Peter flew on mercy missions with no GPS, just a stopwatch and Compass, from very varied airstrips, one only 350 yards long at sea-level, others on mountainsides, one at 10,000ft.

The talk is at the Community Centre, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham Heath. IP12 4PB. Admission is £4 for non-members. Just turn up – no need to book.

Alan Powell. 01473 622458

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DEBEN ROTARY SANTA'S SLEIGH

Once again Santa, assisted by the members of the Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben, will be out on his sleigh this December. His routes are-Friday 10th December the Black Tiles area of Martlesham, Saturday 11th in the Woodbridge Thoroughfare, Tuesday 14th Martlesham Heath Birch Grove area, Wednesday 15th Martlesham Heath Forest Lane area, Thursday 16th Martlesham Heath Squires Lane area, Friday 17th Martlesham Heath Farriers Close area and Monday 20th Martlesham and Kesgrave. Go to our website www.debenrotary.org.uk and click on the Santa icon under Just Giving for more detailed information about the routes. The sleigh will also be at the Christmas Regatta in Whisstocks Place on Sunday December 5th.

On Wednesday October 27th the club, along with the Rotary Club of Woodbridge and Woodbridge Inner Wheel, hosted the first session of our Memory Cafe since the beginning of the pandemic. It was a great success, with over 30 visitors enjoying refreshments, conversation and entertainment from the ukulele band What No Cake. The Cafe, which is open to all sufferers of memory loss and their carers, is free of charge. Our next session will be from 10.30 to 12.00 on Wednesday November 24th at Woodbridge Football Club. If you would like any more information please contact Rotarian Martin Kenyon on 01394 386933.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST

The Scouts Christmas card collection and delivery service is back this year. The delivery area covers Kesgrave, Rushmere, Ipswich Borough and Martlesham i.e. all postcodes IP1 to IP5, together with Felixstowe, The Trimleys and Kirton and some of the surrounding villages including Claydon, Barham, Gt Blakenham, Westerfield, Winesham, Henley, Tuddenham and Old Martlesham.

Postboxes are available at Duncans Bakery & The Runway Cafe. BlackTiles Lane Post Office and J's Fish and Chip Shop, Martlesham, as in previous years.

The cost per card is 30p and the **closing date is Tuesday 7th December.**

All profits are shared between the scout groups taking part in the ratio of the number of cards collected and delivered. Further information about delivery areas and collection points can be found at www.scoutspostipswich.org.uk

USED STAMPS APPEAL FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE, IPSWICH

The hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich is an independent charity providing a free and vital service to our local community. They work not only within the hospice itself, giving specialist palliative care to patients and support to their families, but also within the community, helping people with life-limiting illnesses. They need £12.9 million each year to be able to deliver their care services and run the organisation and the majority of that figure is met through donations, fundraising and the support of volunteers.

One way you can help to support them is by donating your used stamps. They have a team of volunteers who sort through them and sell to dealers, collectors and on eBay, thus turning used stamps into cash. When you receive your Christmas cards and letters, instead of just throwing the envelopes away, save the corner with the stamp on (leaving a gap around the edge of the stamp to avoid damage). Any stamps will do – vintage, first and second class, special edition and foreign, even old stamp albums. Post them through my letterbox and I will take them to the hospice. Or if it more convenient, take them directly to one of the hospice shops in our area. Please continue to do this throughout the year – all the stamps received soon add up to a great deal – remember, every little helps!

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MARTLESHAM CLIMATE ACTION

Martlesham Repair Hub, Saturday 11th December, 10 - 12 St Michael's Church

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Email: Martleshamrepairhub@gmail.com

Climate Change Jottings

Most of us know there is a serious problem - we want to do our bit - but we are not sure what it's best to do. This series of articles aims to help you to choose what to do. We all have different abilities, support and money - we can't do everything, but each of us can do something, which will help the planet (more accurately, our civilisation: the planet will survive!). What will you and your family do?

The following is the first in a series of articles on Climate Change by John Hall former CEO of Essex Wildlife Trust who was awarded an MBE for services to the environment. John is a founder member of PACE Manningtree (Practical Actions for Climate and the Environment), a similar group to Martlesham Climate Action. The articles have been edited with his approval to help residents of Martlesham understand the key issues and hopefully inform the debate about how we protect the future for our children and grandchildren.

Article 1: Can our choices of food help the planet?

This is a common question from people as they become very aware of climate change and biodiversity loss and how these will impact on their futures.

Councils, Governments and International Treaties seek to address these massive issues with their rules and regulations - Martlesham Parish Council along with East Suffolk Council have declared Climate Emergencies and the UN has had its latest Climate Conference COP26 in Glasgow. However, they are powerless to act without the support of us all being prepared to do our bit.

Of the many things we can choose to do some will be more worthwhile than others. To help us understand what benefit the planet gets from our efforts I will refer to the Carbon Footprint Schedule developed by Prof Jules Pretty of the University of Essex. This explains that the carbon footprint of an average person is around 7.7 tonnes of carbon emissions per year. This includes the carbon dioxide emissions resulting from your food, powering

your home, getting around by car or other transport, providing your clothes etc etc. The internationally accepted target is to reduce carbon emissions by 2050 and to do this the UK accepts that we must half our emissions in the next 10 years. The aim is to reduce our average footprint from 7.7 tonnes to 3.85 tonnes in 10 years and to reduce it further to about 1 tonne in 30 years. This is an average, so some Suffolk people will already be below the 7.7 tonnes and others will be much higher, however, for most of us a massive reduction is required. (Some may argue that there is little point us doing anything in UK unless India and China and others also act - but we must remember that the great majority of people in these developing countries are currently at 2 tonnes emissions per person or less. We have a lot to do in Suffolk and we need to show leadership).

First let's look at the impact of your food choices. If you choose to go Vegan or Vegetarian, then this would reduce your average carbon emissions by about 0.9 tonnes or 0.7 tonnes respectively. This is because rearing animals results in much greater carbon emissions than growing plants.

Not all of us will choose to go Veggie, but we can achieve a similar reduction of 0.9 tonnes by eating less meat and ensuring that we eat meat and vegetables that are grown or produced locally or at least in the UK. To achieve this you will have to buy direct from local farms or check the labels carefully in the supermarket or grow some food yourself in your garden or allotment. Buying local food may well cost you a bit more and growing food will take a bit more of your time, but they are both very satisfying and very good choices to help the planet. There is a big difference between buying food grown locally and buying those from Spain, Kenya or Peru, which then must be transported by airfreight.

If you choose to eat fish, then look out for the



Marine Stewardship Council blue tick label (MSC) or check the Good Fish Guide online (this is kept up to date by Marine Conservation Society MCS). Both will show you which fish are sustainably sourced with minimal damage to fish stocks and the environment - good choices for the planet.

The two other main ways you can reduce your carbon emissions in relation to food is:

Reduce food waste. It is estimated we throw away 1/3 of food bought

Improve your cooking equipment. When the time comes to change your pans or cooker then think about the planet. If you invest in an induction hob and good pans with good lids, these can reduce your electricity use and hence your carbon emissions by up to 0.7 tonnes within one year.

With those choices relating to food, you can reduce your carbon footprint by at least 1.5 tonnes. That is a good start.

Next article: we will look at energy choices in the Home.

Dave Green, co-chair Martlesham Climate Action (a Parish Council working group)

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Gippeswyk Singers "On Christmas Night" conducted by Janette Ruocco

Gippeswyk Singers are pleased to announce their Christmas 2021 concert on Saturday 11th December, 7:30 pm at St Mary & St Peter Church in Barham

This will be a concert of beautiful Christmas music and readings to lift everyone's spirits for the festive season. The programme features Bob Chilcott's musical celebration of the Christmas story, 'On Christmas Night' and there will be carols for the audience to join in with the choir, accompanied by organist Simon Harvey.

Gippeswyk Singers are delighted to introduce Janette Ruocco, a highly experienced choral director and conductor, who brings her own special passion for choral music and performance to the choir. Upon meeting Gippeswyk Singers she was inspired to compose and dedicate 'A New Year Carol' especially for us!

Refreshments are included and will be available after the concert.

Tickets £8.00 at the door, but please purchase ahead as the audience will be limited. Covid social distancing will be observed and wearing masks is encouraged to keep everyone safe.

Advance tickets are available from Barham Church, choir members or email: liz9261@hotmail.com. By post - please send a SAE with a cheque payable to "Claydon and Barham PCC" to Mrs Stone, 6 Celandine Close, Stowupland, IP14 4DU.

Gippeswyk Singers are supporting two local charities this year: Inspire Counselling (Ipswich) and Suffolk Wildlife Trust. www.gippeswyksingers.co.uk

MARTLESHAM ACADEMY

We are so happy we have been able to organise educational visits again. A very excited Holly Blues class had a trip to Colchester Zoo for their theme 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. They enjoyed discovering and learning about many different animals and took part in a fantastic educational session which focussed on the biggest, fastest and strongest animals on earth.

We love to celebrate positive behaviour at MPA and have our Good to Be Green Scheme. Adonis Blues were green all term so choose to enjoy a pyjama day as their reward, they were all comfy and warm and enjoyed hot chocolate in class.

During October we focussed on a significant black person for every day of Black History Month, pupils really enjoyed learning about all the different influential people, learning about the impact they had on equal rights, all the great achievements of black people and the importance of treating people equally. We have also celebrated Diwali and had a wonderful school event with two workshops for all children where they made diya lamps and learnt traditional dance. The children were extremely engaged, learning about other religions and faiths as we prepare them for life in modern Britain.

We were delighted to welcome potential new families to the school at our recent open mornings. These have now finished but we still welcome families to find more about the school, including our Early Years provision, by visiting the school and meeting Miss Churchman, Head Teacher. We welcome all families, including those outside our catchment. More details about our school are on our website, you can call us on 01473 624409 or email office@martleshamacademy.org. We are MPA and we are proud.

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Due to the increase in coronavirus cases in Ipswich, we have returned to online meetings only. We hope to return to the Richard's Room in Martlesham, and use hybrid meetings as soon as the situation improves. Please check whether we are able to offer in person, or on-line only options, for the meetings that you would like to join.

Guests are welcome to attend Speak Easy to see what we have to offer, and to take part if you would like. On a typical evening, you can expect introductions, a round of impromptu speaking, three prepared speeches, and evaluations throughout.

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Speak Easy meetings are held on alternate Thursdays. Our next meetings are 11th and 25th November, and 9th December

Join at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start and finishing at 9:30pm

Speak Easy is an inclusive and diverse group, open to anyone 18 years or over.

If you would like any further information, or to attend one of our online meetings please contact Adam Green: Adam Green: vppr@speak-easy.org.uk or www.speak-easy.org.uk or find us on Facebook: [Speak Easy Martlesham](https://www.facebook.com/SpeakEasyMartlesham)

THE ORWELL SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Orwell Singers' Christmas Concert – A Celebration of Song – will be held on Saturday 11th December at 2.30 pm at St Michael & All Angel's Church, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL.

The Singers will be conducted by their new Musical Director, Lindsay Gowers, and accompanied by Peter Willsher. Guest baritone will be Richard Blay.

There will be some social distancing measures in place, such as, seating will be further apart and there will be some ventilation in the hall.

Refreshments will be served before the start of the concert as there will be no interval. The entrance fee will be £8.00 for adults, free for accompanied children.

For further details please contact d.sharman@btinternet.com or 07768 911512.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Enjoying your winter garden

With winter now upon us it is a great time to sit back and continue to enjoy the spectacle of coloured fruits and berries still on many deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees, along with the winter wildlife enjoying them too!

As well as those with beautiful berries, evergreen plants, those that keep their leaves all year round such as the traditional Christmas holly and ivy, really come into their own, providing colour and structure during the cold winter months. If you have no evergreens already maybe you could add one or two to your garden, or supplement those you already have. Hollies, euonymus and pittosporum for example come in a wide variety of sizes, forms and colour between them including green, cream variegated and yellow variegated and will cope with many different garden situations. Euonymus in particular can even cope with a very tricky location – dry shade.

They all, like other evergreens, can provide welcome shelter for wildlife in winter. An evergreen, or group of a few, planted in a container with ivy and winter bedding, such as violas or pansies, will also brighten up any outdoor space.

Wishing everyone and their garden wildlife best wishes for Christmas!

For further information please contact:

martleshaminbloom@gmail.com or J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

BRIGHTS ORCHARD

Community Orchard Working Group

The Working Group would like to thank all the volunteers who watered the Brights Orchard trees this summer. The trees obviously appreciated the attention as they are looking well.

On Tuesday 25th January 2022 we will be planting ten more fruit trees in the orchard (weather permitting), if you would like to help with planting or would like to join our rota of volunteers with watering these trees next summer (there is a water supply with watering cans on site) it would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to help with either of the above, please let us know via Martlesham Parish Council as follows: -

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Closing Date: **16/12/2021**

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It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000

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- Outcomes for pupils are excellent. Pupils enter the school in Reception with broadly average achievement. As a result of the outstanding Quality of Education, pupils exit Birchwood with achievement above that of their peers nationally. Often, significantly above in terms of both progress and attainment. Impact is far greater than simply test results. Birchwood is one of only 2 school DEFRA approved egg production units in the UK! The children record daily egg production, label and market the eggs, produce weekly spreadsheets on profit v outgoings, order food and materials and care for the flock. This gives them first hand business 'life experience,' before transferring to Secondary school.

- We offer an extensive range of additional clubs, activities and support and extension programmes for children to participate in and our staff team constantly research and embrace new initiatives.

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If you would like to find out more about our school or arrange a visit, please contact the office

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MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Martlesham Bowls Club sends greetings to all the residents of the of Martlesham. It has been a strange couple of years for all including the bowls club. We were closed for most of 2020 with only a very few bowlers venturing to play bowls during the latter part of the season whilst taking all necessary precautions. This has continued this year with social distancing, sanitising of equipment and not using the indoor facilities. More members have returned and we have been able to play in the Leagues all be it with reduced numbers.

Our new season starts on 23rd April 2022 and we would love to see more people coming to play bowls. We will be having a stall at the village fete on 16th July so hope to see you there. In the meantime if you think you might be interested in playing bowls or are new to the game you can contact the Secretary on 01473 622598 or visit our website martleshambowlsclub.org

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Now the days are getting shorter we will really appreciate being able to meet friends and enjoy an afternoon in friendly company.

On 21st October a party of members and friends enjoyed a coach trip to Beth Chatto's garden. The weather was dry and sunny and we spent several hours exploring the different gardens from a dry gravel garden to an area of ponds surrounded by beautiful herbaceous borders. We couldn't resist the temptations of the plant centre and tea room!

There are two meetings planned for December. On 2nd December we are having an early Christmas Party with entertainment by the Tyler – Kemp Trio. They will be playing popular and Christmas music. On 16th December Janet Greengrass will show us how to make festive table decorations ready for our own celebrations.

Looking ahead to 2022 – the first meeting of the New Year will be on 13th January when a speaker from the Lighthouse Appeal will tell us about their charitable work with women, young people and children who are affected by domestic violence and abuse.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas.

Meetings are held at 2 30pm in the Richards Room. To find out more contact June Peck 01473 790126.

GOLDEN GIRLS

Because our meeting fell on Armistice day we met at 10.30am The vicar Toby Tate kindly joined us and led a short service to acknowledge the importance of the situation and we were able to incorporate a two minutes silence at 11 am. Sadly there were only 10 of us available but none the less it was a moving tribute

After the service we held a short meeting and as I have mentioned before have decided not to make an plans for the future until the New Year

Afew of us then repaired to The Douglas Bader for a welcome light lunch

So it just remains for me to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and look forward to meeting up in the New Year lets just hope that 2022 proves to be more amenable and constructive than the one just drawing to a close

Judith Longman



Doorstep Carols 2021 with Footsteps

"I hope that singing en masse will remind us all that music, especially vocals, can bring everyone together whether in unison or harmony. We must not let recent troubles make us fearful of using our voices.

Sir Tim Rice, supporting Doorstep Carols 2021

At Footsteps we agree with Tim and we are delighted to be involved with Doorstep Carols again this year.

We would like to invite everyone to come and join us to sing carols together on the Green.

The carols are played on BBC radio, and all we have to do is turn up, join in and spread some Christmas goodwill together.

Carol sheets can be downloaded from the website <https://www.light-wave.org/doorstep-carols> and everyone is welcome.

When?

Wednesday 15th December
6-7pm

Where?

The Green Martlesham Heath

How?

Sing along with radio Suffolk

Who?

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12 December

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Thursday 23rd December 8.30am – 12pm

9 & 23 January 6 & 20 February



MOTIVATION

I'm a runner and, during the summer, this was great fun. Long light warm evenings made running through the fields a pleasure. Pulling on your shorts and headtorch to slog through the cold along dimly lit roads is a lot less exciting. So, to motivate myself, I have signed up for a mad run. It's not until May but needs a lot of training. And so, I have the motivation to get out there and run, even when I really don't want to. That's the theory anyway.

As we approach Christmas and the hope of time together with our friends and family that we were largely denied last year, perhaps it's worth considering God's motivation. Hopefully you know that Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus some 2000 years ago. Giving each other gifts as a response to God's gift to us. But what was God's motivation?

In the bible, in John 3:16 we read that 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'. God's motivation is clear. It was out of love for us that Jesus came. Love that wants to draw us to him.

May you have a great Christmas celebrating together, and may you know God's love this Christmas.

Rev. Toby Tate

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MARTLESHAM MOTHERS UNION

Mothers Union met on Wednesday 3rd November at St Michaels Church.

We had an enjoyable afternoon watching our Treasurer, Deborah Cutts (who is a trainer florist), creating a beautiful Christmas table decoration. The group is so fortunate to have members with such gifts.

The decoration was raffled off to raise funds to purchase Christening gifts that The Mothers Union present to each child Christened at either St Michaels or St Marys.

On December 1st we meet again to celebrate Christmas by sharing a fish and chip lunch. Any members who have not booked for this lunch can still do so by getting in touch with Mary Stalley on 01473 623752. It would be really great to have all our members there.

Monica Twaits

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

You are invited to Friends on Friday, a community group which was started a number of years ago.

We meet each Friday morning from 10.30am till 12 Midday in St Michael's and All Angels Church on the Green at Martlesham Heath.

It is for those who are retired or needing company in a relaxed environment .

There are a number social activities, including table tennis, pool and board games.

We also have newspapers and general discussion over refreshments from the Runway Coffee shop next door.

Please just call by we would really like to welcome you.



MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

Still Open All Hours!

The Martlesham Community Hall and Richards Room are popular and convenient venues, We still have hire sessions available though - ideal for your activity or event. Our hire prices are held until at least Spring 2022.

At the time of writing, there's a very encouraging downward trend in COVID-19 positive test results and the associated data. Hopefully this will continue and we can remain fully open, though with hirers and attendees taking sensible

precautions through the winter months. You can download our COVID-19 Special Hire Guidance from our website - mchall.org.uk/shg.

Many of our previous regular hirers have now returned. We also have some new regulars. Check out the Regular Hirers website page (mchall.org.uk/regular-hirers). Where the hirers have given contact details you can contact them directly.

The Richards Room was refurbished and redecorated this Spring and now has a projector and sound system. You can find out more at mchall.org.uk/richards-room. Both the Community Hall and Richards Room have free Wi-fi Internet access.

Interested in making a booking? Go to mchall.org.uk/booking for a simple '1-2-3' booking request process. There's details of the venues and booking calendars online. Alternatively you can call our Bookings Secretary on 01473 623203.

With best wishes for a (more normal!) Happy Christmas and New Year, from the Management Committee.

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's Martlesham St Mary's Brightwell St John's	Online on Facebook and YouTube. Search for 'Martlesham Benefice'
Sunday 5th December	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion with Junior Church	10am Holy Communion 5pm Zoom After Hours
Sunday 12th December	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion St John's 3pm Advent Carol Service	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 19th December	St Michael's 10am Family Carol Service St Mary's 6.30pm Carol Service	10am Family Carol Service 7pm Zoom Reflecting with God
24th December Christmas Eve	St Michael's 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion	
25th December Christmas Day	St Michael's 10am Christmas Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion	10am Christmas Morning Worship
Sunday 26th December	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship	

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services in our church buildings and online.

It would be helpful if you could contact Toby by the Saturday before for Zoom codes.

In the event of changes to Covid-19 restrictions find up to date service information on our Facebook page.

Midweek Services

Wednesday 8th, 22nd and 29th: 10am Holy Communion at St Michael's

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

December

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Plan prayerfully for Christmas 6 Work of parish & district councils 7 Terminally ill and hospice workers 8 Residents of Harvesters Way 9 Safety of ships and aeroplanes 10 Pray for a stable & honourable government 11 Give thanks for long-time friends 12 Nativity Plays 13 Doctors' surgeries and clinics 14 School Christmas productions 15 Residents of Heather Close 16 Christmas music and carols 17 All who are mourning or grieving 18 Clergy and all church workers 19 Christmas prayers & meditations 20 Safety on our roads | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 Prisoners and prison staff 22 Residents of Heathfield & Heathfield Mews 23 Give thanks for happy families 24 Night shelters and hostels 25 Thanks for the Son of God on earth 26 Humankind to work for peace 27 Rich to remember the poor 28 Give thanks for our armed forces 29 Residents of Higgins Place 30 Families unable to be together 31 All engaged in terrorist activity <p>January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Humankind to work against conflict & hatred 2 Families needing reconciliation 3 Thanks for God's everlasting love 4 Give thanks for warm homes |
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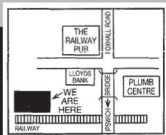
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