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Front cover Birchwood Primary School's Vegetable Garden

**Right:**

A Garden in Warren Lane from Alan Powell.



**GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM**

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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](mailto:martleshamguides@gmail.com) or [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved) (HQ).  
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[martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com](mailto:martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com).  
Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact  
Lindsay Macleod 07828559026  
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Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2.30–2.55pm  
Douglas Bader: 3.00–4.30pm  
28 September, 26 October, 23 November, 21 December  
2022: 18 January

**Thursdays:**

Douglas Bader: 10.15–11.45am  
16 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December  
2022: 6 January  
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# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Grants to local organisations in 2022

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact us for an application form (see contact details below) or go to our website, to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by Monday 11 October 2021. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2022/23 and, all being well, will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2022 (we hope it will be face-to-face next year!). Any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should also submit their project details and business plan by 11 October 2021 at the latest.

**MAKE A CHANGE**  
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## Two Parish Councillor vacancies

Are you passionate about your community?

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If so, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds to help make a change. You can make a real difference in your community through having a voice in the decisions that your Council makes on the services and projects it should take forward. The work can be both exciting and rewarding, e.g. establishing the Community Orchard, getting involved with the Recreation Ground Management Plan, joining Martlesham Climate Action to bring about change in our community to tackle the climate emergency. If you want to improve the quality of life for your fellow residents, see Martlesham Parish Council as a tool to make that change.

Please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested.

## Planning issues

At the time of writing, East Suffolk Council issued 4 planning applications for the Brightwell Lakes development –

DC/21/4002/ARM The construction of 173 dwellings (including 80 affordable houses)

DC/21/4003/ARM The construction of 22 dwellings

DC/21/4004/ARM The construction of 119 dwellings (including 34 affordable houses)

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Go to [www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/brightwelllakes](http://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/brightwelllakes) for more details, please also check the East Suffolk Council website <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/>

## Speeding problems

The Parish Council voted to buy a moveable Speed Indicator Device (SID) some time ago and the equipment has now arrived from the manufacturer (Westcotec in Dereham).

We have agreed six sites where the SID can be deployed and four new poles have been installed by County Highways (two other location will use existing poles).

Three sites are on Eagle Way and three on the A1214 through Martlesham.

The SID will be moved from site to site every two weeks or so.

The SID displays a vehicle's speed and flashes Slow Down as appropriate. The system will produce reports on the speed and volume of vehicles by time of day and help to identify hot spots for targeted use of police speed cameras.

Deployment of the equipment will start soon and if you'd like to join our team of enthusiastic volunteers to run the project please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Anti-social behaviour

Please report any anti-social behaviour to the Police at [www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something-or-www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/anti-social-behaviour/](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something-or-www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/anti-social-behaviour/)

or telephone Suffolk Police on 101 or in an Emergency: 999.

## Forthcoming meetings

Please note that the Council has agreed to hold some of its formal meetings in St Michael's Church Centre to allow for social distancing. Other venues are also being considered. Before attending, we strongly recommend you check our website or noticeboards in case of changes.

Parish Council – Wednesday 06 October 2021

Development, Environment and Transport Committee – Wednesday 13 October 2021

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 27th October 2021 venue to be finalised.

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.

Venue: St Michael's Church Centre, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL

## Contacting the Council

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

Telephone: 01473 612632 – please leave a message if no reply and we will get back to you as necessary

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**REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021 FROM  
YOUR CONSERVATIVE DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR CHRIS BLUNDELL**

**The Women's Cycle Tour.**

This will start in Haverhill on 9th October 2021 and is expected to pass through Woodbridge and Old Martlesham at about 2.30 pm passing along Sandy Lane, School Lane, Waldringfield Road and Heath, and then on to the finish in Felixstowe. Precise details of the tour route can be found on the East Suffolk Council Website.

**Murrell's Park .**

Murrell's Park in Purdis Farm will soon be having a complete make-over as both a park and recreation area for use by young and the not so young as well. This has required attention for some time so I am pleased to report that the refurbishment should be completed by March 2022.

**Covenants on Martlesham Heath**

It was interesting to read in the September Edition of the Martlesham Monthly the 'Covenants Reminder' by Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd., an article on Covenants that apply to properties built on Martlesham Heath.

I felt that I should respond to this as some clarification was needed. East Suffolk Council's (ESC) Planning Department does not normally recognise covenants. If any householder wishes to erect an additional building on their land, then planning permission is required. It should be remembered that the Local Planning Authority (LPA) is concerned with the 'use of land' and is not concerned with who owns the land.

In constructing a boundary fence then it must not exceed 1.87mtrs (6ft) in height including any trellis added to the top of the fence. New boundary walls must not exceed 0.91mtrs (3ft) in height. In item 3 of MHHL's list, the proposed use of any new proposed building is usually also the concern of the LPA.

With respect to item 10 in MHHL's list which is concerned with the parking of vehicles on footpaths and grassed verges. This is extremely difficult to enforce. I understand that in many cases where a road has been adopted, up to 3ft of the grassed area alongside a public highway may be the responsibility of the Highways Authority which in most cases is Suffolk County Council. With newly built estates the amount of space allocate to parking is in my opinion woefully inadequate and therefore if a drive is taken around those new estates both cars and commercial

vehicles seem to be parked both on and off the highway.

Again, with Item 11, the keeping of livestock at any private residence would require the permission of the LPA.

However, on some occasions I have been able to argue successfully, as a member of the planning committee at ESC that since houses can not be either bought or sold on Martlesham Heath without the attached covenant then the covenant must remain in force.

**Brightwell Lakes.**

I am pleased to report that the first stages of the reserved matters have been approved. They are the 'Construction Environmental Management Plan' and the 'Construction Environmental Plan: Biodiversity Silt Pond Remedial Works' have been permitted.

**The District Councillor's Locality Fund.**

For the first time since it was introduced in 2013 no organisation has come forward in my ward to seek funding for any community project. Therefore, I still have ample funds to spend so please put your thinking caps on. A good project would be the purchase of new chairs for the Community Hall.

**Overgrown Trees and Hedges.**

I recently manage to persuade one of our local residents that his lovely laurel hedge had grown almost 3ft over the pavement such that prams and mobility vehicles were having difficulty in getting past it. Since I spoke to him and pointed out the problem, that resident has now significantly reduced the overgrowth thus allowing for the full width of the pavement to be available. I would like to say 'Thank You' to that resident.

On a more serious note, there is a significant problem with trees that grow just inside fences, walls and hedges. When the trees are allowed to go on growing such that they produce substantial amounts of branches that hang down and interfere with walkers, cyclists and scratch passing vehicles. If those branches cause material harm to either the person or vehicle then the owner of the tree is liable for damages. If the tree is on council owned land, then the council is liable. If you have one or more trees that are overgrown, please manage them.

*If you would like to have further information on any of the foregoing topics or any other East Suffolk Council matter, please contact me by email at [chris.blundell@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:chris.blundell@eastsoffolk.gov.uk) Otherwise by phone on 01473 622716*

**Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd**

**Annual Maintenance Fee**

The annual maintenance fee has recently been issued to all our members on Martlesham Heath. We are fortunate on Martlesham Heath as householders, to own the many acres of land surrounding the village and to have a direct say in how this asset is managed. The areas include the Main Village Green, the Northern Green, Birch Woods and the SSSI area and the Control Tower. They are not owned by the County or District Council and therefore nothing to do with the Council Tax. Thank you to all that have already paid, and we would encourage everyone else to pay asap.

**Saturday 9th October 2021**

Payments may be made at the Pavilion on the Green on Saturday 9th October 2021 between 9.00am and 1.00pm. As per last year, only Contactless Card Payments will be accepted on this day. This is for Covid-19 protection for everyone including the MHHL volunteers. Please remember your face covering.

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**The Wild Flower Meadow**

The first season for the wild flower meadow has been successful. Volunteers are now preparing the site by removing brambles so the flower seeds can fall to the ground ready for next year. The meadow will be cut, and we wait for next year's display.

New meadows take a few years to establish and hopefully the yellow rattle, which is semi-parasitic on grass will gradually become established, reducing the grass and allowing the flowers to flourish.

**Future Planned Works**

Now that the bird season is over, we have lots of work planned around the village. This work includes a tricky section which borders Dobbs Lane, an area behind Whinfield and several others.

**Contact and further Information**

If there are any issues that you feel that need attention please do not hesitate to contact Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd by leaving a voicemail on 01473 612207 or by email to [mailto:martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com](mailto:mailto:martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com) or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

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## **GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – OUR NEW RECEPTION, SEPTEMBER 2021**

What a fantastic start for our Reception children in Caterpillar and Butterfly classes. Thursday 2nd September was the first day of their school journey here at Gorseland Primary School. WOW, the time has flown by already; we have seen the children get to know their new classroom environments, build positive relationships with peers and adults, settle into routines and most importantly have fun whilst navigating the start of the learning and development journey. All of the staff at Gorseland School are extremely proud of the children and thank them and their families for such a brilliant start to the year.

### **Gorseland Primary School - Open sessions for new Reception, September 2022**

Starting school is such an incredibly big milestone for parents and their children; we know it is a decision you are not going to take lightly. In order for you to make an informed decision, we are offering a number of 'Reception Open Sessions', if you wish to gain an insight into our Gorseland community. Our sessions intend to give you an opportunity to meet our Headteacher, Mr. Jackson and some members of our existing Reception team as well as have a tour of the school with our Year 6 pupils.

This year's open sessions are being held on:

Wednesday 13th October from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Monday 18th October from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 20th October from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday 2nd November from 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 4th November from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Please contact the School Office on 01473 623790 or email [office@gorseland.net](mailto:office@gorseland.net) to confirm the date you would like to visit us; we look forward to welcoming you to our school if you so desire.

### **HEDGEHOG NURSERY AT GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Hedgehog Nursery is part of Gorseland Primary School and is led by a qualified teacher who is supported by highly qualified and experienced staff. We love using all of the school's facilities including our forest school, ICT suite, large sports hall and extensive grounds to explore. This September, we are delighted with how all Hedgehog Nursery children have settled in so quickly to all the exciting activities to experience and building their independence.

For children in all year groups at Gorseland, including Nursery, we offer wrap around care from 7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with our breakfast and afterschool clubs. Hedgehog Nursery is open Monday to Friday for 3 and 4 year olds.

If you are curious about what we have to offer you and your family, we warmly welcome you to come and visit our setting. We are holding open sessions on the following dates; please contact our School Office to book a place:

Wednesday 10th November 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 11th November 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

If you would like to know more about our Hedgehog Nursery, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 01473 623790 to arrange a visit.



### **Would you like to receive our Bright Stars Activities sheets for pre-school aged children?**

Bright Stars normally runs free fun Activity Sessions for Pre-school aged children with their parents, grandparents, friends, family and/or carers at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings of each month during term time. They usually involve singing, games, making crafts to take home and telling stories from the Bible.

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.

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.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Sonya & Maureen Burrows  
Tel.01473 625196

## KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS – October 2021

Congratulations to all our young readers who completed this year's Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge. This year we had nearly 300 children sign up which is a fantastic number. The staff would like to thank the eighteen volunteers who gave up their time over the summer to help with the running of the challenge.

**Sunday Crafts** – Sunday crafts are gradually being reintroduced. We have been issuing craft bags to customers throughout September and from Sunday 12th October, customers can ring and book their children into our weekly craft sessions.

In October we are making -

Sunday 3rd – Autumn is here, and the hedgehogs are beginning to hibernate. Why not collect a craft bag and make your own hedgehog to decorate your room?

Sunday 10th – Create an autumn owl picture. Don't forget, from this Sunday, you can phone up and book your place at the crafts sessions?

Sunday 17th – Make a scarecrow from a paper plate. What colour hat will yours have?

Sunday 24th – Design a sea turtle to celebrate Beach Bonkers being at the library today.

Sunday 31st – We are making a Halloween inspired noughts and crosses game in today's craft session.

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

### **Covid -19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Tests)** –

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**Word Play Sessions** – These sessions are being held at the Kesgrave Community Centre on a Wednesday, with Tot Rock at 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. and Baby Bounce at 10.45 – 11.15a.m. With the relaxation of covid restrictions, these sessions are no longer bookable, but some guidelines do still apply. If you would like to attend, please pop along to the community centre.

**Story Time** – Story Time will continue every Friday outside in the library garden, weather permitting, for as long as possible 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. Booking is no longer necessary – please pop along – we look forward to seeing you.

**Beach Bonkers** – Sunday 24th October 10.00 – 12.00 noon at the library – free activity. Have you ever held a woolly

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**Half-term events** – we are currently planning an event for half-term. More details to follow. Please look out for posters and social media posts.

**Lego Club** – this is beginning again on Tuesday 12th October. Please ring to book a place – numbers are currently limited I'm afraid.

**Book Club** – the library's book clubs are returning this month. If you are interested in returning or joining, please do give us a ring. We currently have an afternoon and evening club. We hope to see you soon.

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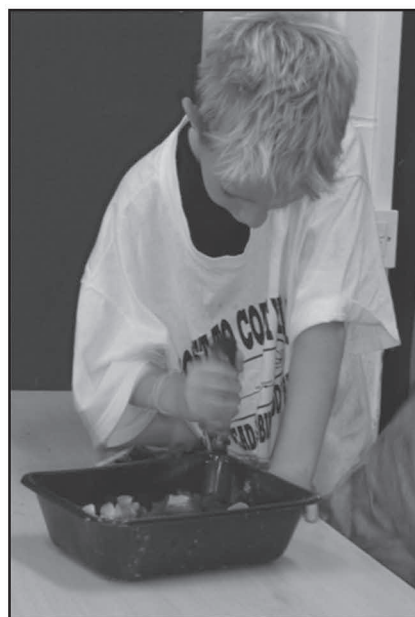
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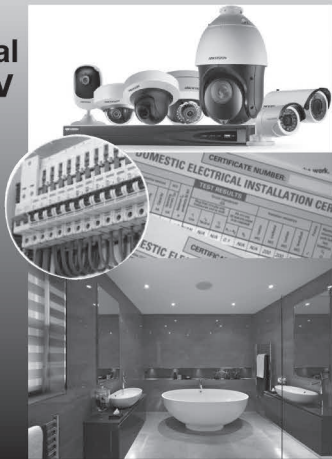


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There are dozens of Community First Responder (CFR) groups across Suffolk, and as volunteers we only respond to calls from Ambulance control to help patients in an emergency at the discretion of the Ambulance Service, depending on the individual circumstances 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](mailto: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 snacks and a drink for the children, and tea or coffee for the parent/carers.

### **Session prices are £2.50 for the first child and £1 for any additional children**

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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**General contact details:**  
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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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**PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP** (PHOTO S CORLEY)

**Hooray!! Our first volunteer work morning since lockdown, took place in August. We did not get a huge number of people but all were very enthusiastic to get stuck in. It was great that two new volunteers came along.**

We focused on the perimeter track which had become very narrow from the overgrown foliage. In some places it had become so narrow making it inconvenient for cyclists and walkers to pass each other safely. The area around Katie's Tree was cleared and tidied. And pleased to say that her tree is looking in very good health.

**Our October work morning is Sunday 17th, from 10:00 to Noon, meet at the Education Area.** Please visit <https://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/volunteer-work-mornings/> on our website 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](mailto:pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com), phone: 01473 612632 or visit our website: [pwcg.onesuffolk.net](https://pwcg.onesuffolk.net) or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

*Stephen Corley, Chairman*

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Heathland will begin to transition towards woodland if it is not managed either by grazing with animals such as sheep, horses or rabbits or by more direct management using tools and machinery. As we do not have the option of using grazing on our local heaths due to the high level of public access, we have to use the second approach to try to maintain and expand the tracts of heather and open landscape that characteristic of heathland. Why not consider coming along to one of our work parties in order to manage this special landscape and wildlife ?

Many thanks to all those who came along to our last work party on the heath SSSI when we cut some bracken that if left unchecked would submerge areas of heather and acid grassland. Bracken does not support much wildlife whereas heather and grassland supports a much more wildlife because of the range of plant species and structural diversity that can be used by invertebrates, birds and reptiles.

In October we begin our autumn and winter cycle of scrub clearance on the heath. The bird nesting period is over and so there is no danger of disturbance. Our work party will take place on Sunday 3rd October at 10am. Please meet at the north end of the Heath SSSI opposite the track that comes from the windsock close to the position where we have previously held a bonfire.

As we transition into autumn mushrooms are likely to begin to appear. The appearance of these fruiting bodies is often triggered by a slightly cooler spell accompanied by wetter weather. We should see many varieties through October and November adding their own palette of vivid colours and shapes to our local landscape.

If you are interested in the activities of the group or have any interesting wildlife observations please contact us.

*Phil Smith 01473 625630 e-mail [martleshamconservationgrp84@gmail.com](mailto:martleshamconservationgrp84@gmail.com)*



### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

#### **Autumn in your garden**

As the days start getting shorter and we move into autumn, gardeners sometimes start thinking about tidying their garden, but stop! Think again!

Did you know that the leaf litter that has built up on your borders and beds, made up of fallen autumn leaves and twigs is a vital habitat. In there lives a myriad of different organisms some visible to the naked eye, others not, from fungi to worms, woodlice to beetles. This leaf litter provides them with shelter and food and in turn provides birds and other animals further up the food chain with mini beasts to feast on as well as providing goodness to your borders as the leaf litter rots down.

It may also be tempting to cut back all the dead stems on your herbaceous plants, however these can look really architectural in the winter sunlight especially when covered with frost and they provide an ideal site for insects and other invertebrates to spend the winter, in the hollow stems for example. Leaving dead stems standing also helps to protect the crown of the plant below from frost.

We often think about our prickly friends, hedgehogs, in autumn as they prepare to hibernate. Piles of leaves and twigs, undergrowth or under sheds are all places they may make their nest. Also vital to them is being able to travel around the area from garden to garden. By providing a ground level gap in your fence, 13cm x 13cm which is about 5" x 5" (with your neighbour's permission) you are enabling them, and other wildlife, to access your garden and those beyond.

By leaving some of that leaf litter on your borders, some dead stems on your plants and having a hedgehog hole in the bottom of your fence you will be making a real difference to nature by giving creatures a home and bringing your garden alive with wildlife!

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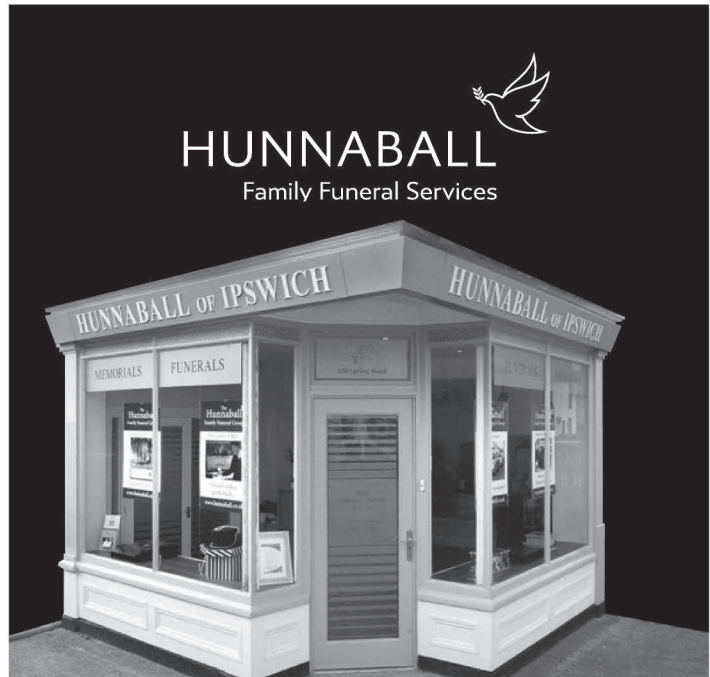
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## MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

**Our August monthly meeting is traditionally replaced by an evening outing. A party of us travelled by coach to the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum at Flixton near Bungay.**

We were greeted by enthusiasts from this remarkable museum with refreshments before looking around at the amazing number of aircraft and memorabilia.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum is situated near to the site of the former RAF Bungay airfield. It was first established in 1972 and more than sixty complete or partial aircraft can be seen there.

The airfield was famous during WW2 as the home of the 446th Bomb Group, who came to be known as "the Bungay Buckaroos" after the name of their Suffolk base. They flew B-24 Liberators on strategic, support and interdiction missions over Europe.

Friday September 3rd and we were able to host the second monthly meeting since the lock-down. Air Commodore, (retired), Phil Wilkinson was our distinguished speaker.

Phil Wilkinson's 40 years in the RAF involved thousands of hours in the air. His time on the ground was equally challenging, including exchange appointments at both the French and United States Air Forces War Colleges,

and assignment as commander of the RAF station in Berlin at the time of the Fall of the Wall. His final period of duty was based in Moscow, as Defence and Air Attaché, during the turbulence of Russia's emergence from the Soviet era.

Phil concentrated his talk on the ups and downs of our association with Russia between the Russian air force and politicians in a century of co-existence from the Russian Revolution of 1917.

He travelled widely across the former Soviet Union, including journeys to Murmansk and Archangel, accompanying RAF and other British veterans as they revisited the scenes of their operations in World War Two.

600 RAF men, and aircraft to form two 'Hurricane' squadrons, made up the cargo of the first-ever Arctic Convoy, in August 1941. Those veterans are still linked and supported by a Royal Air Force Russia Association, of which Phil is the director.

We are pleased to be able to report that the Control Tower Museum will once again be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm. until the end of October.

Our next monthly meeting is on Friday, October 1st. Nick Black, who lives at Woodbridge, will be relating the true story of the fatal friendly fire incident that helped the RAF win the Battle of Britain.

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*Photo: taken at Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Open Day from Chris Rogers*



## **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

We have restarted playing at the Community hall. Usual times, Tuesday afternoon 1:30 and Evening 7:00 plus Friday afternoon at 1:30. Existing members are welcome back and anybody who is interested in joining us are also welcome, for further information contact our secretary, Ian Hunt on 01473 611947.

We will be holding a Special General Meeting on Tuesday 12 October at 2:00pm to elect new officers and committee and set the subscription rate of the remainder of the year.

## **MARTLESHAM CLIMATE ACTION**

### **Carbon Reduction Challenge!**

Martlesham, Kesgrave and Waldringfield are taking part in a challenge managed by Groundwork East (<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hubs/east/>) to reduce our carbon footprints. There is lots of no cost and low cost advice on doing your bit to mitigate against the effects of climate change that will have an increasing effect on all our lives and especially on the lives of our children and grandchildren. There is also advice on investing in technologies that can make a big difference in the carbon footprint of your home. The Martlesham Climate Advice Hub is running every Saturday morning 10-12 in the Runway Café adjoining St Michaels Church where free advice sheets are available. They are also available on our website.

The challenge is to beat Kesgrave and Waldringfield in reducing our carbon footprint the most so you are urged to take a survey at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/greensuffolkbefore](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/greensuffolkbefore) to get an idea of your current carbon footprint and then take it a few months later when Groundwork East will estimate how much carbon each parish has saved. The survey doesn't take long and shows you the types of behaviour changes and technologies that have an impact. Please take the survey so we can beat our neighbours!!

### **Climate Summit**

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the summit. If you couldn't make the summit or missed any talks you were interested in, the presentations should be available on our website.

Dave Green

Co-chair, Martlesham Climate Action (A Martlesham Parish Council working group)

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## **U3A EAST SUFFOLK PLANS A RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITY**

As this is written, it's early days and impossible to predict what the autumn will bring. But u3a East Suffolk is looking forward with optimism and its programme of talks and presentations for members is ready to recommence!

Thursday 7 October 10.30 to 12.30

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Life & Survival in Antarctica. Presented by Dr Peter Clarkson MBE.

While all necessary guidance is taken into account and precautions followed, we strongly advise members to check on the u3a East Suffolk website to avoid unnecessary journeys should meetings need to be cancelled or postponed.

As well as a speaker programme (with presentations in Kesgrave, Woodbridge, Felixstowe and Saxmundham) East Suffolk u3a offers its members the choice of 160+ different interest groups to enjoy. Members can learn about and discuss the arts, history, science, current affairs, converse in foreign languages or participate in walking, dining out, quizzing, practice musical instruments and much more.

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## **FOR PATIENTS OF MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY**

First some staffing changes. Following on from the imminent retirement of two of the receptionist staff, the surgery has successfully appointed two new receptionists (Lucy and Suzanne) - both are in training and should be fully in post by end September. The surgery also has two paramedics in post now: Kieron Godby and Phil Strich. They cover the whole week and will be looking after minor illness appointments.

At the time of writing, the flu vaccines have arrived, due to be given during September. The PPG gave its support by organising volunteers to help with the Saturday clinics and we are most grateful to all those who responded to our call. Thank you.

For further information, it's always worth checking the surgery website at [www.mhdoctors.co.uk](http://www.mhdoctors.co.uk).

*Prue - Chair, Martlesham Heath PPG*

## **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

### **'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'**

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Seats will be allocated to ensure social distancing. We request that all audience members wear face coverings unless exempt. Please note that refreshments will not be served at this concert, as there will be no formal interval.

At the moment, we are unable to operate a beginners band, but those already on our beginners waiting list will be offered places when circumstances permit.

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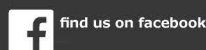


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"Pupils are taught a highly stimulating curriculum which is both broad and balanced. They have many and varied opportunities to study and hone their skills. The learning environment in lessons enables pupils to thrive and develop into self assured, confident individuals. Pupils have exceptionally positive attitudes to learning. They take huge pride in their work and are keen to show their successes both inside and outside of school" (OFSTED October 2016).

- 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.

Our vision statement underpins all that we do.

"Passionate about learning."

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

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## MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

At the time of writing we are all looking forward to our first face-to-face meeting and catching up with old friends and perhaps making new ones.

If all goes according to plan we have two meetings planned for October.

On 7th October 2021 Wendy is coming to give us a pottery demonstration and on 21st October we are provisionally planning to have fish and chips if members agree.

Looking ahead to next month, on 4th November 2021 Ann Day will give a talk entitled 'Remarkable Women of Ipswich'

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday afternoons at 2 30pm in the Richards Room. There is always room for new members to join our friendly club.

To find out more contact June Peck 01473 790126.

## DEBEN ROTARY NEWS

The Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben recently hosted a Charity Golf Day at St.Audrys Golf Club in Melton, raising money for Woodbridge Riding for the Disabled and the club's charities account.

The event attracted 78 players in 20 teams, playing for the golf club's Marie Hunt Shield and team prizes, and enabled us to raise £2930. We were fortunate to have good weather on the day and the course was in excellent condition. Our thanks go to St.Audrys for allowing us the use of the course, and particularly their greenkeeper for the playing conditions. Thanks also go to our sponsors and advertisers for their generous support and to the several non-Rotarians who turned out to help on the day.

Finally our thanks to the players who made up the teams and helped to make it a memorable day. We look forward to seeing them again in 2022.

Our Charity Busk took place in the Thoroughfare on Saturday September 4th. Despite the date clashing with the festival in Elmhurst Park we raised another £475 and our thanks once again go to the people of Woodbridge for their generous support.

In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Woodbridge and Woodbridge Inner Wheel we are hoping, if Covid regulations allow, to relaunch the Memory Cafe on Wednesday October 27th.

The cafe, which is held at Woodbridge Football Club from 10.30 to 12.00 on the last Wednesday of every month, welcomes sufferers of all forms of memory loss and their carers. Refreshments and occasional entertainment are provided and there is no charge.

If you would like further details please contact Rotarian Martin Kenyon on 01394 386933.



## Speak Easy Martlesham

Speak Easy is part of Toastmasters International, and we offer public speaking opportunities. We provide a fun and supportive forum to speak, and to evaluate.

We have now returned to the Richard's Room in Martlesham!

To control numbers, this is by agreement first, and we are still using our Zoom format as well. Those joining on line are connected with those in the room, and the experience is getting better and better with each meeting!

Guests are welcome to join 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.

We hope you will choose to become a member, whether to beat public speaking nerves, develop your abilities, enter competitions, or help us run the club!

Speak Easy meetings are held on alternate Thursdays. Our next meetings are 16th and 30th September, and 14th and 28th October

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@speakeasy.org.uk](mailto:vppr@speakeasy.org.uk)

or [www.speak-easy.org.uk](http://www.speak-easy.org.uk)

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**12 December**



## MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

### Open to all!

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Many of our regular hirers have returned or are returning during September. We also have some new regulars. We'll update the Regular Hirers website page at the beginning of October ([mchall.org.uk/regular-hirers](http://mchall.org.uk/regular-hirers)), so you can contact the hirers if you're interested in their activity.

The Richards Room has recently been refurbished and redecorated and now has a projector and sound system. You can find out more at [mchall.org.uk/richards-room](http://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](http://mchall.org.uk/booking) for a simple '1-2-3' booking request process, with online calendars you can check. Alternatively you can call our Bookings Secretary on 01473 623203.

### MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

**You can find out about our venues at our website—[mchall.org.uk](http://mchall.org.uk).**

You can check hire rates, if they're available and make an online booking request.

Alternatively you can call our Booking Secretary on 01473 623203.

If leaving a message, please speak slowly and repeat your telephone number.

### THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

Martlesham Heath Pavilion is a great location for children's parties at the weekend.

You can check availability and book the Pavilion online at:

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Alternatively, please contact the booking secretary:

**email: [bookingsecmhp@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsecmhp@gmail.com)**

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### MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HALL TOP STREET

Although we have regular bookings for evenings throughout the year, morning and afternoon sessions are available.

The hall is ideal for small groups who need to meet at a reasonable cost, discount for residents of Martlesham.

*For any queries or bookings please contact 01473 623655.*

## GOLDEN GIRLS

Hi Everone

How nice it was to see you all at the September meeting and great to catch up with your news.

We confirmed that the money which has been held over for the last months ! We will finally be able to spend on some well deserved Fish and chips at our October meeting. We also decided to go slowly getting back to normal if that is going to be at all possible.

We agreed that once again we will book a Christmas Lunch at the Bader and apart from agreeing that we could go across there for lunch from time to time no other plans for any trips were finalised it was generally agreed that any outings should be put on hold until the New Year and consensus of the meeting was that any firm plans should be delayed until the Spring.

However it was lovely to hear what everyone had been up to - not a lot it must be said !!However we all enjoyed a welcome cup of coffee thanks to Mary who had the foresight to bring the necessary from home as all the left behind items were well out of date !

For the time being I think we are all content just to catch up with everyone else's news and enjoy some company

I look forward to doing it all again next month with the added pleasure of Fish and Chips.

We are always on the lookout for more members you will find us a friendly bunch but if anyone is interested please contact AnnPrice on 01473 620832

Judith Longman

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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'
<b>Sunday 3rd October</b>	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion with Junior Church	10am Holy Communion 5pm Zoom After Hours
<b>Sunday 10th October</b>	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	10am Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 17th October</b>	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 7pm Zoom Reflecting with God
<b>Sunday 24th October</b>	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	10am Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 31st October</b>	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 3pm Remembrance for the Departed	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 13th and 27th October: 10am Holy Communion at St Michael's

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

October

5 Volunteers keeping many organisations going  
6 The residents in Elm Close  
7 Those working through the night in supermarkets  
8 Those fleeing to this country for their own safety  
9 Stop and look at the wild plants and animals  
10 Celebrate the harvest from the land and sea  
11 Those who risk their lives to save others  
12 Pray for peace in our troubled world  
13 The residents in Farriers Close  
14 Tradesmen & women who repair & maintain our homes  
15 Those settling in new neighbourhoods after moving house  
16 Those without fresh water and sanitation  
17 Hymn writers and composers  
18 All feeling overwhelmed by the circumstances of their lives  
19 People who make deliveries to our doorsteps  
20 The residents in Felixstowe Road  
21 NHS workers still under constant pressure

22 Give thanks for very good friends  
23 Research workers looking to improve our world  
24 Bible Sunday— give thanks for the Bible & help us to understand  
25 Give thanks for the technology that has helped us in the pandemic  
26 The unemployed trying to match their skills with vacancies  
27 The residents in Forest Lane  
28 People working from home missing contact with colleagues  
29 Those training for ministry in the church  
30 All those who dread the long dark evenings  
31 May God fill us with the Holy Spirit and be his witnesses

**November**  
1 All Saints Day— we remember all who have died  
2 For the UN Climate Change Conference  
3 The residents in Fynn Road  
4 For wisdom for parents

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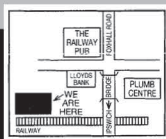
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