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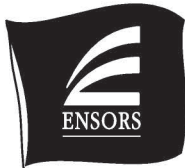
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THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

Well done to the 27 volunteers who successfully collected 35 bags of rubbish and an assortment of other large items. This year's haul included a vacuum cleaner, a microwave, a car exhaust and a very long plastic pipe.

Spring is a busy time and volunteers are needed at Portal Woods, and on the SSSI with paths being cleared and new homes being created for Martlesham's insect population, so we can look forward to the iconic Silver Studded Blue butterflies later in the year. Help is always needed, so get in touch with the groups inside this month's Martlesham Monthly to make a difference!

Photo to the right—clearing paths in Portal Woods by S Corley.



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 Rachel Pennick 01473 610437

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have

1 Rainbow Unit (ages 5-7), 4 Brownie Packs (ages 7-10), 2 Guide Companies (ages 10-14) & 1 Ranger Unit (ages 14-18) meeting around the Parish.

If you are interested in joining as a member or helping as a volunteer, please contact chris.s.cooper@btinternet.com (Martlesham) or www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested (HQ).

Come join the fun & start your Guiding adventure today!

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Douglas Bader: 3.00–4.30pm
14 May, 11 June, 9 July,

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2 May, 30 May, 27 June

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Result of Uncontested Election for Parish Councillors

On 05 April 2019 we received confirmation from East Suffolk Council (ESC) that the three Martlesham wards will not be contested & therefore there will not be a poll. However, don't forget to vote for your district councillors on Thursday 02 May 2019!

Your newly elected parish councillors, who take office on 07 May, are:

Martlesham Parish Ward: Jackie Bear, Chris Blundell, Laurence Burrows, Stephen Denton, Jane Drummond, John Forbes, Mike Irwin, Ros Jones, Ian O'Brien Baker, Richard Staines, Edward Thompson & Mike Williamson.

Martlesham North Parish Ward: No valid nominations received by ESC.

Martlesham West Parish Ward: No valid nominations received by ESC.

Therefore 12 out of the 15 seats have been filled and we are left with 3 vacancies; 1 in each ward.

The Parish Council is quorate overall and therefore the vacancies may be filled by co-option. This means that, if you thought of standing but didn't get around to it, there is still an opportunity to become a councillor! The new Parish Council will be in a position to co-opt at its first meeting on Wednesday 08 May.

Please contact the Clerk for further details. You will need to verify that you are eligible to stand as a parish councillor and explain briefly why you wish to become a councillor.

The New Council: farewell to the old and welcome to the new!

Four current councillors did not put themselves forward for election this time: Messrs Brome, Calver, Kelso & Welch. Messrs Brome, Kelso and Welch are long standing members of the Council and will be sorely missed. They have contributed so much to the Council over many years & take with them a wealth of experience – we cannot thank them enough.

Leo Brome's contribution was particularly related to planning, serving as the Development Plans Committee Chairman for 8 years, representing the Council's & parishioners' views on numerous occasions on planning matters and consultations. He has also in recent years actively represented us on the Suffolk Association for Local Councils (SALC) and became a SALC Area Chairman. Mr Brome has contributed in very practical ways too, helping with small work parties in the parish & overseeing the installation of the automatic barrier at the Community Hall car park which has greatly reduced anti-social behaviour.

John Kelso has taken an active interest in all things happening in the parish, with a particular focus on planning issues. He has combined this with his role as district councillor, from which he is also stepping down after many years. He has spent much time researching planning applications, making site visits, giving feedback and providing his expertise. He has represented the Council on MHHL for many years. Mr Kelso is currently a member of our Sports Fund Working Group so involved with developing new sports facilities for the parish. He actively participates in our litter picks and Common Open Days. As both parish and district councillor, and previously even county councillor, for Martlesham, Mr Kelso has been dedicated to serving and representing his parish.

Last but not least - Wally Welch has served as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chairman of the Recreation & Amenities Committee (for the past 6 years, although he has taken on that role more than once!), Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and even a short spell as Chairman of the Development Plans Committee! He has overseen the installation of new play areas, bus shelters, notice boards, benches, dog & litter bins, the development of management plans for the Common and Recreation Ground, always taking a hands-on and very active role. Mr Welch also regularly inspects play areas on a voluntary basis. We are very grateful that he has offered to continue to help in practical ways once he is no longer a councillor.

All the things listed above are just a snapshot of the work that these 3 councillors have undertaken & much will have been missed. We thank them for their time, commitment and dedication to the parish over innumerable years. We wish them the very best for the future.

Michael Calver is not returning due to personal reasons but we hope that he might re-join us in the future when circumstances allow. We are grateful for Mr Calver's expertise and contribution in the short period he has been on the Council.

However, we look forward to working with & getting to know Ros Jones and Mike Williamson who are joining the Council in May.

New pedestrian crossings on the Martlesham Retail Park/Potential closure of the Felixstowe Road

As part of the Costa Drive Thru planning permission, the developer agreed to provide two much needed pedestrian crossings on Anson Road & Felixstowe Road.

We expect the Anson Road crossing will be complete by the time you read this.

According to Suffolk County Highways (SCC) the installation on Felixstowe Road is more complex due to the width of the road. SCC therefore requires a road closure for up to 3 weeks, with completion the end of June. The last time the Felixstowe Road was closed for about a week last autumn it caused daily gridlock on the Retail/Business Park creating problems for local businesses and residents.

The Parish Council remains in favour of traffic calming on the Felixstowe Road and remains unhappy that it is now a popular rat run. There are also wider issues relating to movement of traffic through old Martlesham. Until these are fully addressed by the planning authorities taking account of the Brightwell Lakes development, we have the unsatisfactory current situation where the use of the Felixstowe Road appears to be vital to local businesses and residents. We are consequently seeking alternatives to full closure at the time of going to press.

Annual Litter Pick



A huge thank you goes out to staff from Tesco Martlesham and our other volunteers for their help with our annual litter pick. 27 volunteers successfully collected 35 bags of rubbish and an assortment of other large items including a vacuum cleaner, a microwave, a car exhaust and a very long plastic pipe.

East Suffolk Council recognise community groups cleaning up their neighbourhood, and award £20 for taking part. These funds will be used by the Portal Woodlands Conservation Group members who do fantastic work in looking after the woodlands for all to enjoy.

Black holes on Martlesham Common!

As part of the management of Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve and to create a network of nectar rich pollinator habitat, David Dowding, former Ipswich Urban Buzz Conservation Officer for BugLife, with the help of an expert JCB operator scraped away 4 areas of bracken to expose bare, dark, peaty soil.

Two of these 'holes' have been strewn with heather cuttings from Hollesley Common to increase the amount of Ling and Bell Heather favoured by Silver-studded Blue butterflies. The other two patches have been sown with wildflowers seeds suitable for acid grasslands and include Harebell, Viper's-bugloss and Bird's-foot-trefoil.

When in flower these will be important sources of nectar for resident and migrant invertebrates.

Thanks goes to BugLife for their contribution to the management of the Common. We will be monitoring these scrapes and hope for good germination rates.

Forthcoming meetings:

Please note the Parish Council meeting does not take place on the first Wednesday in May due to the election process.

Annual Parish Council – Wednesday 08 May 2019

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 15 May 2019

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 29 May 2019

Parish Council – Wednesday 05 June 2019

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

Contacting the Council

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

Telephone: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times:

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Martlesham Village Fete

Saturday July 20th

Join us for a day of fun for the children, and grown ups, without breaking the bank

Building on last years activities we plan to have a larger and more varied choice of activities to cater for the younger members of the parish, currently our planning includes:

- ◆ Fairground rides and activities for the younger children to enjoy
- ◆ A mini multi sports tournament open to individual older children and adults in different age groups which will give you a chance to demonstrate your sporting skills and score points to find who is the best on the day. Will you appear on the podium at the end of the day?
- ◆ An opportunity to practice your artistic and crafting skills
- ◆ Taster sessions of yoga for younger children
- ◆ Some of our stallholders are co-ordinating their activities to ensure a good range of games and pursuits will be available for all to enjoy
- ◆ Other stallholders will have fund raising and other activities for children and adults alike

All of this in addition to the entertainment programme, art display, a wide variety of refreshments, stalls and displays from local organisations, charities and businesses

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- ◆ COMMUNITY GROUPS, LOCAL CHARITIES, a chance to showcase your activities raise funds and awareness and recruit volunteers
- ◆ RESIDENTS? Would you like to join the small team to help organise the event? Or can you volunteer on the day?
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Some years ago we changed the policy on the use of the MHH visitors parking spaces to allow residents to use them. However recently we have seen a trend for large liveried vans to park on them. These in many cases are too large for the spaces and are overhanging the paths. We would ask that these vans are parked on drives rather than the parking spaces which are only really suitable for cars. Many of the spaces are located such that large vans can obstruct people's windows so please park with consideration towards others.

We have been carrying out maintenance on a number of trees in the village as a result of a recent health and safety survey. Further work is planned for the Northern Green. MHH has been proactive in cutting back gorse to improve visibility at the blind spot of the junction Parkers Place and Eagle Way. If you know of any other blind spots caused by overgrown vegetation please do contact us.

With the better weather we hope you get out to enjoy the woods & SSSI. Should you wish to report anything you find please contact us.

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The children were pleased to have their Mummies come to Nursery at the end of term, we sang to them and shared a special bag of homemade treasures. To finish, we gave our VIP ladies a small bunch of flowers to say thank you for all that they do for us!

We have explored gloopy paint and what it looks like on different surfaces; the Hoglets got really absorbed in watching the paint dribble and drip down the big pieces of paper on the easel. We hung our art work up in the room so we could all see the amazing effects.

Jack and his beanstalk made an appearance as did Jasper the cat! Both characters have helped us to continue our interest in gardening. Some 'magic' beans appeared in the room, where did they come from? Who put them there? What will happen to them if we planted them? We set up an experiment to look at the roots of the magic beans. What do you think you will find at the top of your beanstalk?

The children continue to enjoy the challenge of puzzles, we are even turning the pieces upside down so we look at the shapes rather than the colours and patterns!

We are looking forward to the warmer days to continue developing our outdoor classroom to fire up our curiosity for the world outside.

If you are 'curious' and have a three or four-year-old, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office to let us know you're coming or to arrange a visit.

Mrs. T. Haig

Nursery Lead Teacher

Hedgehog Nursery is open Monday-Friday, 07.30-18.00 for 3 and 4 year olds. If you would like more information please visit www.gorseland.net or contact the School Office on 01473 623790.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

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

Sunday 5th –Yesterday was Star Wars Day. Why not pop along and make a BB8 to take home?

Sunday 12th –Today is Edward Lear's birthday. One of his most famous poems is The Owl and the Pussy Cat. To celebrate, we are making 3D cats;

Sunday 19th – Did you know that vegetables can be jazzy? Make a 3D jazzy veg to brighten up your room!

Sunday 26th – Are you scared of sharks? Create your own Big Mouth Shark picture.

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

Free BookStart Sessions – every Thursday including Holidays.

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 10.30am – 11.00am - Tea & Coffee

Free Story Time Sessions – every Friday 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. including holidays. This session combines stories and rhymes. All welcome. Why not pop along?

Other Library Events for May 2019

Every Tuesday afternoon (Term Time) 3.45 – 4.45pm Lego Club. Parents must stay with

under 8s.5The themes this month are 07/05 – Free Play, 14/05 – Boats, 21/05 – Farms. No need to book. Just pop along! This is a free activity.

If you are interested in joining any of the groups, please ring or speak to a member of staff

New for May 2019

Second Monday morning of the month –

13/05 – Sofa Storytime 10.00-11.00 a.m. –

Third Monday morning of the month – 20/05

– IT Drop In sessions 9.30 – 12.00 noon

Fifth Monday morning of the month – 20/05

– MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Mornings

10.00 onwards – Once a month the library is

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cancer and their carers. This group is an

opportunity to meet others, chat and offer

each other support. Leaflets offering advice

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also be provided. Just pop along, if you would

like to attend. We now have a volunteer, who

worked for Macmillan, helping to run this

session now.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Reading

Challenge - Are you interested in

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Library run this year's Summer Reading

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You are welcome to come along to any of our mornings, just turn up, no need to let us know in advance.

The next session dates, for the Summer Term 2019, are:

13th May

Half Term

10th June

24th June

8th July

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Sonya & Maureen Burrows

Tel.01473 625196

to a member of staff who will explain what the reading challenge entails and the process involved to become a volunteer.

IT Help Sessions – Are you having trouble getting to grips with a piece of technology? Or would you like help downloading e-books to your e-reader? A member of staff at the library; still has spaces in their IT help sessions for May. If you would like some help with your technology, please phone up or speak to a member of staff about booking you one of our half-hour slots.

Bank Holidays – The library will be closed on the following Mondays – Monday 6th and Monday 27th May.

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The weather through the late winter and early spring has been very variable. February was comparatively warm, whilst March was wetter and colder with early April being cold and dry. The impact on wildlife is difficult to predict. Chiff Chaffs appeared locally in early March. On the warmer days a few butterflies including Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, and Peacock, have put in an appearance but the sudden changes to cold and damp weather may have been detrimental.

Throughout May more butterfly species should appear including the Green Hairstreak butterfly, a heathland species that relies on gorse as its food plant, as well as the wandering Orange Tip, and Speckled Wood. As for birds, hopefully our heath and woodland will resound again to that prolific songbird the Nightingale especially at night, whilst other species including migrants such as Blackcap and Whitethroat add to the soundscape during the day. Last year the Willow Warbler failed to appear on the heath perhaps reflecting the long term decline of this species.

On our last work party in April we were working to create small scrapes of bare ground in amongst the heather. The intention being to produce small areas where the ground temperature is higher than surrounding areas, which should be beneficial to a range of insects and may encourage ant colonisation amongst the heather. Some kinds of ant are involved in the lifecycle of the Silver Studded Blue butterfly as their caterpillars provide a sugary secretion for the ants, whilst the ants provide some protection for the caterpillars against other insect predators.

So what is good for the ants ought to be good for these butterflies too. Bare ground should also be of benefit to other butterflies as they need to take in minerals to help them function. The creation of the bare patches by our volunteers effectively mimics the action of rabbits that would create them naturally.

Our work party in May will be on Sunday 12th May at 10 am. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader pub. We will aim to undertake a bird survey of the woodland to the south of the green.

Please bring a pair of binoculars if you have them.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

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Our Preliminary & Beginners Bands will be showcasing their talents at 'Tea & Tunes' on Saturday 18th May 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3SL.

Free admission.

There will be a raffle & cake stall, and refreshments will be available.

We would love to hear from new players, young and old, with or without experience.

Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

Liz Howard. (Publicity Officer)

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PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

After the recent sustained periods of rainfall, we have noticed that surface water on the perimeter path often fails to drain away and the resulting puddles are frequently to the annoyance and safety of the walkers, cyclists and other users. As such, in March our Volunteers attended to clearing out the French drain which had become completely blocked up with sediments and other material from the run off accumulated over the past few years.

The Volunteers also continued the clearance of the perimeter path that is the most used route in the woods. We hope that you will have noticed and appreciate the difference!

Dates for the Diary

Volunteer Work Morning (all ages) Saturday 18th May, 10:00am – Noon.
Meet at the Education Area. Tools, training and light refreshments provided.
All welcome - no need to book.

Nature Explorers (11-18 year olds) Saturday 18th May, 9:00am – 11:00am.
Subject TBA. Please book a place via our email below.

Nature Watch Club (5-11 year olds)
2019 dates to be confirmed.

Unfortunately, our numbers are dwindling as members get older, so if you want to learn about conservation and add experience to your CV then please enquire below.

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.

George Pennick, Nature Explorer and Young Volunteer

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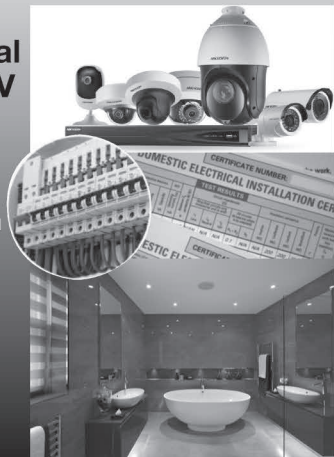


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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on Friday 5th April attracted another very good attendance for a talk by David Horton, "Grandma Flew Spitfires." The amazing story of the Air Transport Auxiliary, whose job during WW2 was to ferry aircraft from the manufacturers to the operational airfields.

1,152 male pilots were employed in this vital role, but it was the 168 female pilots who have attracted so much interest in an era which at first considered women to be unsuitable for this role. Initially women applicants were ignored, but needs must and with a shortage of pilots the women of the Air Transport Auxiliary were to become famous in this role.

David explained that eventually women ATA pilots routinely flew up to 5 or 6 different types of aircraft in one day. Given the enormous flying characteristics of different aircraft types this was extraordinary flying skill. Some of the women ferried heavy bombers alone, with just a flight engineer on board. All this when ATA pilots flew without radio assistance simply by following the railway lines and roads to their destinations. Sadly there were inevitably fatalities amongst the ATA pilots due mostly to bad weather conditions. Another amazing story of courage to come out of WW2.

David Horton came all the way from the Maidenhead area to deliver a most fascinating story and a vote of thanks was given by our President, Richard Barker.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 3rd May at the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, IP12 4PB and is the occasion of our AGM. To be followed after a coffee/tea break by rare films.

All meetings start at 7.30pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £4 at the door.

Our Control Tower museum is now open from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday afternoons. Admission is free. Donations gratefully received.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

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MARTLESHAM OUTDOOR BOWLS.

The new season is now well under way and it is great to be playing outdoors once more. We are an active club playing in four different Leagues as well as playing friendly matches with other clubs. We have rollups and social bowling during the week on Thursday and Saturday afternoons where there is opportunity to get to know other members in a friendly, relaxed setting, learn the game and practise bowling skills so if you think you might like to give bowls a try, why not drop in.

For those who are not sure where the bowls club is, we are situated in the Recreation Ground which is located in The Street, Martlesham. The address and a map can be found on the website: martleshambowlsclub.org

We welcome new members with or without experience of bowls so if you are interested, information can be found on our website or you can contact the Secretary on 01473 622598 or email mary.drake@talktalk.net

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY - MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2019

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MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

We have finally completed our Winter League matches, and I am pleased to report that we just managed to take top spot in our Division. Well done to Captain Christine Rowland, and all of the club members who participated in the League. We can now look forward to the challenge of competing in the First Division next winter.

In the Club Singles competitions, Sharon Clarke beat Gloria Dimelow in the final of the Ladies Singles. Vic Harrup and Bob Wellington will meet in the Men's Final, and Vic has also made it to the final of the Club Championship, where he takes on Gordon Levett.

The Cub Fours competition was held on Sunday 24th March, and although only three teams entered we still had a good time. The winning team were Vic Harrup, Gloria Dimelow, Bob Wellington, and Eddie Manning.

I have to apologise for an error in last month's edition. I incorrectly included Judith Longman in the list of winners of the Triples Competition. It should have been Ena Manning. Sorry, Ena!

By the time you read this, we will have had our Annual Dinner, at Woodbridge Golf Club. More on this next month.

The AGM will take place on Tuesday, 7th May, starting at 1:30 pm. I hope all of our members will be able to attend, as this is your chance to raise any issues with the Committee.

You can keep up to date with the Club Diary, and the latest competition results, by checking our website at www.martleshamcbc.appspot.com.

We still have a few vacancies at the club, and would welcome new members. We meet on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 pm., and Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 10 pm., at the Community Hall in Old Felixstowe Road, behind Tesco. Just turn up or you can ring our secretary, Ian Hunt, on 01473 611947, or e-mail douglas.benger@btinternet.com, especially if you plan to come along on a Tuesday evening, as there may be a League match. The club provides all of the necessary equipment. Why not give us a try.

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On 23rd May Mick Lowe, a fire safety officer, will advise us how to stay safe in our homes.

Looking ahead to next month – on 6th June Elaine Whitmore will give a talk on the Mary Rose, past, present and future.

With the coming of the lighter evenings perhaps more ladies will be tempted to come to one of our interesting talks where they will receive a warm welcome.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday evenings in the Richards Room at 7.15pm. For more information contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

MARTLESHAM HOLIDAY AT HOME 2019

Martlesham Holiday at Home 2019 is taking place from Monday 10th June to Sunday 16th June. Holiday at Home is a holiday with a difference; a week of activities organised specially for the over 55's who live in Martlesham and the surrounding areas. An interesting programme has been arranged to include entertainments and outings plus lots of tea and cake. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and you are welcome to come to just one event or as many as interest you.

Programmes and booking forms are now available from St Michael and all Angels or the Runway Café, Martlesham Heath, St Mary's or Martlesham Post Office, Blacktiles Lane, Martlesham and from St John's Church, Brightwell.

For more information contact Hazel on 07896 728332.

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Our Summer programme begins in May with our Plant Sale on Sunday 5th May at 2pm at Foxburrow farm. We will be selling a wide range of plants and other items (such as books) with refreshments and cakes available in the barn.

Please come along and support the work of Suffolk Wildlife Trust and perhaps buy some plants for your garden, take a stroll around the farm or enjoy some tea and cake.

We have a walk to experience Spring wildlife with a visit to the Bromeswell Green reserve on Friday 10th May at 7pm. We may hear Nightingales and a range of birds and take a look at some spring wildflowers. Please meet at the reserve car park Post code IP12 2PQ. Please consider sharing lifts as there is limited space in the reserve car park.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

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Thank you. Carolyn Smith 01473 625630



The Roger David Burrows Music Fund

The Archaeology event on March 11th was very successful and much enjoyed but unfortunately we had to turn many people away as the venue was full! We are very sorry for any disappointment this caused so, back by popular demand -

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Andy is an archaeologist who has been working across East Anglia for the last 15 years and over the last two years on a major project, the East Anglia One cable route. He will be talking about the amazing and unexpected finds discovered during this work, some close to Martlesham, including an exciting array of new settlement evidence, including Roman and Saxon buildings and an exceptional prehistoric monument, trackway and artefacts that may coincide with the earliest settlements and agriculture in the region approximately 4000 years BC. Some of these were featured on BBC4's Digging for Britain in December last year and earlier in the local press.

Further information about the above event and the Music Fund can be obtained from Burrows family (01473 625196) or www.rogerdavidburrows.co.uk

HISTORY, CHEMISTRY & TRAVEL: THEMES OF EAST SUFFOLK U3A 2019 PROGRAMME

Historical events, scientific theory, sporting life and travels – some of the themes of U3A's spring programme of events for its members. Meetings are held at five different venues in East Suffolk throughout the year, and full details of membership are available on the website: www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk.

Please note a future date for the diary. The U3A East Suffolk AGM is on Monday 10 June at 2.00pm at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave IP5 1JF.

Thursday 11 April 2.00pm Market Hall, 29 High Street, Saxmundham IP17 1AF
Being a woman racing driver and racing at Le Mans: presented by Celia Stevens
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Monday 29 April 2.00pm Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave IP5 1JF

Burston - a striking village: presented by Anne May

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WOODBIDGE LIBRARY EVENTS

From Saturday 4th May throughout the month – Sale Of Donated DVDs

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MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM 1987 to 2019

The Future and our Aspirations

The future depends on you the Parishioners of Martlesham, the past generation raised the funds, built the halls and have a vibrant working building complex serving the community.

The Management Committee need additional members to share the work load, bring forward ideas, chase up grant aid to help refurbish and modernize and most importantly, guide the Community Hall complex into the next decade.

The members of the committee contribute steadfastly to the running of the halls however time limits their commitment. I shall leave the committee at the AGM in April 2021, until then, I am prepared to continue as Chairman; Treasurer and Maintenance co-ordinator, to pass on my experience working as a founder trustee and committee member since 1987.

In the last couple of years, we have taken steps to improve our energy footprint in both halls by replacing fluorescent lighting with LED lighting panels and more robust energy efficient heaters in the Community hall. This year we will look into replacing the Richards Room/Parish Building double doors and windows to save energy and improve security.

The aspiration for the future includes the refurbishment of the toilets, to include an extra cubicle for the ladies in the Community Hall, replacement of the floor tiles in all the toilet areas with a smooth finish treatment which will be more hygienic and easier to clean. Perhaps look at repositioning the entry lobby area in the Community hall with access from/to the car park, install an audio/visual system with projection facility and a large screen. We should take another look at technology, to harness the conservation of energy, by optimisation of the heating, renewable energy/ PV solar panels and the thermal energy losses from the buildings.

The administration of the booking system is effective however with a website could be more reactive for hirers, to show the availability of the hire time slots, the facilities and information about the halls <dimensions and seating capacity etc> while the booking and payment system could be enhanced On-Line.

All of the above can be achieved to meet the expectation of the next decade, but it will need the extra help from the community, to access funds from grants which are available and the energy of individuals to join the committee to help drive the projects forward.

I thank Martlesham Monthly for publishing the articles "Community Hall and Richards Room" which I hope you have found interesting and will encourage you to step forward, to help and join the committee to activate our objectives for the future.

Its good to finish on a positive note, to report that at the AGM a relatively new member of the Committee stepped forward as Vice Chairman expressing and endorsing the aspirations for our future which clearly indicated we are heading in the right direction.

Please contact the booking secretary or myself if you can help or require more information, alternatively come to our next committee meeting on the 6th June at 7.30pm held in the Parish Council Meeting Room, you will be most welcome.

DWA Embery

Chairman/Treasurer

April 2019

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FAREWELL CONCERT FOR MUSICAL DIRECTOR

OF THE ORWELL SINGERS

Gloria Wilson, Musical Director of The Orwell Singers, will be retiring from conducting the choir this summer after 22 years.

During her time as Musical Director, the choir has performed in the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition and the Suffolk Festival.

The choir has also appeared on the classical stage of Music in the Park in Ipswich and has carried out concerts for local organisations in aid of charity and been hired to sing at weddings.

Some of the highlights of the past 22 years have been joint concerts with the Barry Male Voice Choir from Wales and West End Singers in Southampton.

The choir has also travelled abroad to Germany, France, Belgium and The Netherlands to perform concerts.

Gloria's farewell concert with The Orwell Singers will be on

Saturday June 1st at 7.30 pm

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

The music will encompass the last 22 years of music-making.

Entrance of £8.00 can be paid at the door and will include refreshments.

The choir is seeking a new Musical Director and new members.

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Well the good news that we celebrate as Christians – and especially at Easter time – is that we don't have to worry about possible access to a distant monarch, we can have direct access to the Lord of Universe. No waiting around for a letter to be delivered, no wondering if our tweet will get passed to someone else. God is waiting for us to speak to him. The psalmist said: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Psalm 145:18).

So rather than worrying whether the Queen is up at 4am waiting for your tweet, why not talk to God, who you can guarantee is listening? And if you want to talk more about this, you can email me, or find the church on Facebook – and I will read it and reply.

Revd. Toby Tate

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On May 1st at 2.30pm

Karen from Age UK will tell us about her work with the charity.

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Sunday 5th May	9.45am All Age Service Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 12th May	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 19th May	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th May	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong

Midweek Services

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

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

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

May

- 5 Pray for persecuted Christians across the World.
- 6 For our newly elected local government & parish councillors
- 7 Pray for Food Banks and those they help.
- 8 For the residents of Carlford Close.
- 9 Pray for The Church Mission Society.
- 10 For those affected by domestic violence.
- 11 Pray for Street Pastors working this evening.
- 12 For the success of Christian Aid Week
- 13 For making childbirth safer for all mums and babies.
- 14 For comfort for the lost and lonely.
- 15 For the residents of Carol Avenue.
- 16 For the work of Water Aid.
- 17 For all who teach.
- 18 We thank you Lord for every act of kindness & compassion
- 19 Praise God for loving and caring for us.
- 20 For all those suffering from memory loss.

- 21 For those facing financial hardship.
- 22 For the residents of Chandos Court.
- 23 For children and young adults taking exams.
- 24 For all who care for others.
- 25 For those travelling over the weekend.
- 26 Loving God, thank you for the time to pray and reflect.
- 27 We praise you Lord for the beauty of your Creation.
- 28 For those working in Adastral Park.
- 29 For the residents of Chandos Drive.
- 30 Ascension Day: may we seek & serve our ascended Lord.
- 31 For those facing the challenges of ageing.

June

- 1 For children living in difficult situations.
- 2 Lord, thank you for being our Rock in difficult times.
- 3 For all farmers and those working in agriculture.
- 4 For those who are sick, suffering, bereaved and dying.



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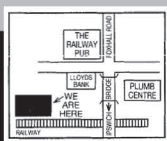
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