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A photograph of some of the flowers from MHHL's newly planted wild flower meadow near Eagle Way and Parker's place from Chris Rogers of MHHL.

The photograph on the front cover is of Martlesham Creek from Alan Powell.

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have
1 Rainbow Unit (ages 5-7), 3 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 Jo at jo.d@btinternet.com (Martlesham) or www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested (HQ).

Come join the fun & start your Guiding adventure today!

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact
Timandra Howell
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Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact
Rachel Pennick 01473 610437

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Douglas Bader: 3.00—4.30pm
6 July, 3 August, 31 August, 28 September,

Thursdays:
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22 July, 19 August, 16 September, https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/mobiles-home/using-the-mobile-library-service/

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

For the latest government information on coronavirus, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

In early June, as this is written, we still face uncertain times ahead as the Delta COVID-19 variant is rapidly spreading. It seems likely that there will be a delay to the easing of restrictions further. Please get vaccinated when you can and continue to follow the guidance to keep yourself and others safe. Don't forget that you can get regular rapid lateral flow tests if you do not have symptoms of coronavirus. About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. For full details, go to https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/

ONGOING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Government guidance has remained "work from home where you can". As we plan for a safe return to working in the office, we are likely to continue with a mix of working from home and in the office ensuring that office opening hours are covered. We'll report changes as they take place.

By the time you read this, we should have held our first face-to-face full Council meeting since the start of lockdown in March 2020. Due to ongoing uncertainty regarding restrictions, we have decided to hold the July meeting in St Michael's Church Centre too (as in June), so that we have a larger venue to allow for social distancing. At present all our scheduled committee meetings remain cancelled.

Please check our website and noticeboards for updates on meetings.

This does not mean however that we are doing any less work! Land maintenance services have continued uninterrupted. Our many working groups are continuing to meet remotely on projects to benefit the parish.

RESULTS OF THE JUBILEE PLAYSPACE SURVEY

Thank you to all those who responded. In total 122 responses were received. The survey results concluded a resounding preference for Option 1, for a new all-weather sports surface (19m x 8m), with 2 stand-alone football goals and 2 cantilever basketball posts and hoops and a new steel multi-climber and circular nest swing in the play area. As mentioned in the survey, the project will not commence this year due to constraints on supply and installation.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB): DON'T TOLERATE IT! REPORT IT!

We are sad to report ongoing ASB, often resulting in criminal damage to property at a cost to the parish. We continue to work with the Police as best we can. Unfortunately, the ASB is rarely witnessed so it is difficult for the Police to find the perpetrators. It is very important that ASB is reported direct, even if discovered after the event, so that the Police can build up a picture of what is happening and target resources.

How to report ASB:

- Online: www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something
- or: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/anti-social-behaviour/
- Telephone Suffolk Police on: 101, or in an Emergency: 999

ASB Awareness Week is happening between 19- 25 July – look on social media, our website and noticeboards for more details. In partnership with East Suffolk Council, we will be contacting local businesses during the week to raise their awareness.

PLANNING ISSUES

McCarthy & Stone planning application for retirement homes – planning permission was refused by East Suffolk Council (ESC) on 25 May 2021. It was pleasing to see the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan quoted in the reasons for refusal and local concerns taken into account. The applicant failed to demonstrate that the overall parking provision was adequate. ESC also state in their refusal, "The displacement of cars onto the former runway area would result in a car dominated environment that would undermine the quality of the area both in terms of its open setting in relationship with The Green and its functionality as open space."

In June the Council considered two applications of particular interest to parishioners:

DC/21/2571/VOC - Variation of Condition(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25 and 26 of Planning Permission DC/16/1992/FUL - Proposed development to provide 47 dwellings, access, School car park, landscape/wildlife corridors, open space and landscaping – land off Black Tiles Lane

DC/21/2036/FUL – Douglas Bader Public House, 29 The Square, Martlesham Heath - Remove existing play kit, provide new 1100mm fencing to perimeter of the site to form patio area. New paving slabs to existing surface with new feature timber framed pergola with slatted detailing to rear. New festoon lighting and general lighting to patio area and new play kit with wet pour surface. New bi fold doors to front elevation.

For full details & to see our comments, please go to https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/ and type in the reference.

PARISH COUNCILLORS STILL NEEDED – COULD THAT BE YOU?!

Join others and help improve the quality of life for your fellow residents. If you are interested in what it means to be a parish councillor, take a look at our website and facebook page, join a council meeting or contact the Clerk who can put you in touch with an existing councillor to hear all about it first-hand!

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 28 JULY, 7.30PM, ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE, MARTLESHAM HEATH (In case of change, please check details in advance on our website or by contacting the Clerk)

Members of the public are welcome to observe and participate in the public forum at this meeting.

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

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk (best way to contact us)

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Report for July 2021 from your Conservative District Councillor Chris Blundell.

The Pandemic I expect that we are all looking forward to much greater freedom from the restrictions that we have all had to face for some time. At the time of writing, which is prior to the latest government announcement, I hope that we will all be free of the restrictions by the time you read this.

The Strategic Planning Committee met on the 7th June 2021. This committee meets four times a year to update councillors on the progress of current planning policies that include meeting government targets on new house building, nationally significant infrastructure projects such as Sizewell C, matters relating to the offshore wind farms and progress on unauthorised developments including storage of waste materials.
Councillors who are members of the North and South Planning committees are encouraged to read and study the Planning Inspector's reports when an applicant has had a refusal and takes the option of going to appeal. The majority of appeals are lost with very few being allowed, usually with conditions. These reports help to improve the understanding by members of the planning committees of what is and what is not acceptable in planning applications.

Changes to the local Planning System. The Government has before it a 'White Paper' on proposed changes to the planning system that will have some effect on the way applications are determined. Proposals appear to include:

- Changing local plans so that they provide more certainty over the type, scale and design of development permitted on different categories of land.
- Significantly decrease the time it takes for developments to go through the planning system.
- Replacing the existing systems for funding affordable housing and infrastructure from development with a new more predictable and more transparent levy.
- Using post-Brexit freedoms to simplify and enhance the framework for environmental assessments for developments.
- Reforming the framework for locally led development corporations to ensure local areas have access to appropriate delivery vehicles to support growth and regeneration.

This suggests that the Government is likely to pursue at least some of the main elements of the White Paper but with the detail still to be determined.

Community Partnership. Our upcoming priority is *Road Traffic and Safety*. The local partnership of Kesgrave, Martlesham, Rushmere, Carlford and Fynn Valley and also Purdis Farm is calling for important representation from all the Village and town councils to participate in tackling our next priority – Road Traffic and Safety. ESC recognises that it is an issue across our Community Partnership area.

We are currently working with partners to better understand the issues, but to funnel resources to the areas of greatest need we require Parish Council attendance and engagement. Without this, we will not be able to understand the local issues and therefore cannot have a practical impact on your parish. The local partnership has a current budget of £25k that must be used this financial year and in addition each ward councillor has a personal budget of £7.5k which may also be used to enhance safety matters. Further information regarding Community Partnerships can be found via the East Suffolk Council Website.

Representation should be sent to Andy Jolliffe, Communities Officer by Monday 28th June via andy.jolliffe@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Potential Sources of Funding for Community Projects/Organisations. If your organisation is still seeking funds for projects then visit the East Suffolk Website where you can find a link to a number of organisations who have funds that may be available to help with further community projects.

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@eastsuffolk.gov.uk
Otherwise by phone on 01473 622716

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

MHHL AGM

The 46th AGM of Martlesham Heath Householders took place on the 7th, June in the church hall. We had 17 attendees plus the directors and Volunteers. We would like to thank all those who used their proxy forms to vote on the resolutions as well. All resolutions were passed unanimously. MHHL will look at changing the Articles of Association to bring them up to date to account for Zoom calls etc. If we have issues such as the pandemic in the future, we will then be able to run remote AGMs. However, we very much hope next year we can hold it as a "face to face" event without limited numbers.

Fire Risks during the Hot Weather

With the warmer weather please remember we are at higher risks of fires in the area. We do continue to ensure all the land we maintain can be accessed in emergencies and have recently installed an additional access point for any such instances onto the SSSI via The Oaks at Pine Bank.

Wild Flowers

We are pleased to see our wild flower area has, at the time of writing, some poppies appearing and hope other flowers will have appeared by the time you read this.

Enjoy the Open areas

Whether it is the village greens, the heathland or the woods, I hope that you all get out and enjoy what Martlesham Heath has to offer. One lady, I met recently, told me that she has lived in a number of places in the UK and overseas, but Martlesham Heath was the best – enjoy your walks.

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
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HEDGEHOG NURSERY

As the warmer weather has arrived, so has our interest at discovering those miniature monsters that live in our gardens! Minibeasts have been located and observed underneath logs, tyres and in the garden's bushes. We have also been observing the life cycle of a butterfly with our very own caterpillars. It was very exciting when we were able to release them out into the wild.

The oldest Hedgehogs are getting ready for their big move to their schools in September, with dressing up in school uniforms, looking at books about school and being involved in lots of other fun things that involve big school. We will be sad to see our Hedgehogs leave the Nursery but are also excited for the next adventures that they will be going on in the future. Good luck to you all and thank you to all our families who have been so supportive and helped make this strange year so fantastic.

Hedgehogs Nursery is part of Gorseland Primary School and is led by a qualified teacher, who is supported by highly qualified and experienced staff. We are very lucky that we have the use of the school's fantastic facilities including our forest school, ICT suite, library, large sports hall and extensive grounds to explore. This makes our provision very special. We provide a learning atmosphere where children can explore and investigate in a safe, stimulating and challenging environment. We capitalise on the children's interests to springboard them into learning experiences that extend what they can already do.

We offer wrap around care from 7:30 to 18:00 with our breakfast and afterschool clubs. Hedgehogs Nursery is open Monday to Friday for 3 and 4 year olds. If you are looking for a Nursery, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the School Office on 01473 623790 for further details.

GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have a busy last few weeks of term planned before the holidays begin and these will include our Year 6 children having an "Activities Week" with visits to Pleasurewood Hills and Suffolk Ski Centre, alongside events in school, as well as our usual end of year Sports Days for all of our children to take part in and enjoy.

We wish the children who are leaving us every success at their new schools and we very much look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families who are joining us in September.

We hope you all have a safe and restful summer, take care.

MARTLESHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

As part of National Schools Football Week , the children created their own teams and played football against each other. The children all played so well in the heats and displayed fantastic collaboration. The final was super exciting and the whole school were able to watch and cheer everyone on. The winners received a large trophy and have taken great pride sharing this with their friends and families.

On 28th May we had a non-uniform day when children came to school dressed in bright colours. The aim of this day was to support a project from Suffolk Mind where every four and five-year-old receives a book called "Sammy the Sea Squirt" This book has been written to support children's emotional wellbeing. We raised a total of £111.00 for this charity.

85% of our children engaged in Walk to School Week. What an impact we made to traffic reduction that week. It was a pleasure greeting the children who were so proud to have walked/ biked/ scooted to school. It just shows the power of pulling together and what a difference we can make.

Our Year 3 and 4 class had a special visitor from SARS (Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service). They showed us the equipment in their vehicles and answered our many questions about what it is like to be a paramedic and what they do. The children were lucky enough to hear the loud siren and see the flashing lights too.

A CULTURAL CELEBRATION!

At Birchwood Primary School, children in all year groups study Modern Foreign Languages. For the last two years we have focussed on Mandarin, bringing language acquisition, learning and culture alive in the classroom and outdoors. To support children's spoken Mandarin, we capture the children's imaginations through activities like sharing traditional Chinese stories, creating paper cut dragons, decorating and making Chinese lanterns, writing common words and sentences in simplified Chinese, comparing eating cultures, understanding the importance of the Chinese tea ceremony and inventing their own dragon dance.

A cultural feast of fun!

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION – REOPENING PLANS

We are pleased to say we are reopening the Pavilion in phases, following the Government 'roadmap' dates. We look forward to welcoming our hirers back.

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Our options to open are expected to gradually increase during the summer months.

Dates:
We reopened on 17th May 2021 - regular users only - capacity limit of 15 persons. 'Rule of six' or two household applies.
*Dependent on final Government approvals: **
From Monday 19th July 2021* - regular users and casual hirers (e.g., children's parties) - capacity limit of 30 persons.
The Pavilion will open at 10am to allow for daily cleaning, there will be limits on the number of bookings accepted per day and we will open one day at weekends.

We have made many changes to make the Pavilion 'covid-secure' and keep our hirers safe. These include:

- New vinyl and wipeable chairs.
- One-way systems.
- Hand sanitisers.
- New toilet arrangements – so only one person can enter them at one time.
- Social spacing reminders on the floor.
- QR for scanning details.
- New special conditions of hire.

Top tips:
We have good Wi-fi -so you can 'mix and match' meetings using 'Zoom' etc and personal attendance.
You will need some windows open - so please bring appropriate clothing.

We look forward to seeing you back!

Martlesham Community Hall - The Latest

The Richards Room is currently open for an allowed range of hires, including some of the activity classes from our regular hirers.

The COVID-19 Community Test Centre in the Community Hall has now closed, together with all the other similar centres in Suffolk. We'll be opening the Community Hall again from 21 June.

However at the time of writing we're not sure what the Government plans are for 21 June onwards. We may or may not be able to open both the Hall and Richards Room for normal hire from that date. We'll let you know as soon as we know!

Please check our website - mchall.org.uk - for the latest updates and further hire details.

Nevertheless, we're taking bookings provisionally again. For single event hires, you can check our booking calendars and make a booking request online -mchall.org.uk/booking. You can also call our Bookings Secretary on 01473 623203.

You can also contact us with general queries, via our website contact form or call us/leave a message on 01473 623203.

We're (still) looking forward to welcoming you back!

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY

It is planned that Woodbridge Library will be back to its normal opening hours the week commencing 28th June 2021.

Monday 10am-4pm, Tuesday 9am-7.30pm, Wednesday-Thursday 9am-5.30pm, Friday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm.

Until then our opening hours are 10am-4pm on Mondays, 9.30am to 5pm on Tuesdays, 9am to 5pm Wednesdays to Saturdays and 10am-1pm on Sundays.

You can always get the latest information at https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus or contact Woodbridge Library on 01394 330855, woodbridge.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk, www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/branches/woodbridge-library

Items can be returned to Woodbridge Library outside opening hours via the book drop box.

There is a sale of withdrawn books in the Library foyer. Adult fiction is available at 30p per book or four for £1; non-fiction books are priced individually; junior books are 20p each. These are real bargains!

Also please note that we now have supplies of Covid-19 Self-Test kits that you can collect from the library.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is back in action at the library this year from 17th July! The theme is Wild World Heroes - a group of friends making their town even better for the people and animals that live there..

The challenge is open to all children – once they sign up, read six books over the summer holidays and collect a prize for each one from the library. If they complete the challenge, they'll collect a certificate.

Saturday 31st July, 6pm - Local band East of the Sun will be performing in the open air in Elmhurst Park in the bandstand. Tickets are free but must be obtained by visiting https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/music-in-the-park-tickets-156117296035. Please bring your own seating and refreshment and during the interval we will be collecting donations for the work of Friends of Woodbridge Library (FOWL).

Realise Futures walk in advice and guidance sessions for people with a learning disability and//or autism

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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

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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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.
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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

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PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

It is the start of June and we are tentatively looking forward to getting back to the woods.

Unfortunately, I am sad to report that most of our first jobs will be to repair vandalism. This has included destruction to some of the fencing around the pond and to our brand new notice board that was only installed in November. The mentality of these vandals is beyond comprehension. The police have asked for all incidents of vandalism in the local area to be reported.

On a more pleasant note, the woods have seen a good number of visitors over the past year, with people reporting how their wellbeing has been helped during the hard lockdown months. This year, there have been good displays of spring flowers, particularly bluebells. Creatures of note to look out for at the moment on a dry warm evening are bats, stag beetles and glow worms.

So assuming Government plans for relaxing COVID restrictions happen as planned, we expect to be emailing and publishing dates for volunteer events in the summer.

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

A female Stag Beetle

Photograph by K Corley

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The adult Silver Studded Blue butterflies had not appeared on the Heath SSSI at the time of writing but should have appeared by the end of June, significantly later than last year; the weather this spring has meant that the appearance of most things has been on the late side. These butterflies may be on the wing for a period of up to six weeks so have a look out on the Heath or Common (land between Black Tiles and Tesco) at the start of July as it may be your last chance to see any until next year. The Group will aim to count these butterflies at the peak of the flight period. Last year the numbers were very low, we hope for better results this year.

The Heath SSSI is a very good site for other butterflies. Species that may be seen through July include the Meadow Brown (in grassland), the Ringlet (in shady grassland), the Purple Hairstreak(high on Oak trees), Large, Small, and Essex skippers (in grassland), Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Large, Small, and Green Veined White (all very mobile and could alight almost anywhere) and several others. Please take some time to take a look. You may even find some of these species in your garden.

My thanks to those people who have reported sightings of snakes. We have two native species of snake present on the heath, the adder and the grass snake as well as two other native species of reptile, the slow worm and the common lizard. These reptiles are cold blooded animals and consequently need to bask sometimes in sunny spots, usually close to cover of some sort so that they can easily disappear if disturbed. Alternatively in hotter weather they may seek shade in order to lower their body temperature. If you come across one unexpectedly and you are concerned it is best to step back and let the animal get out of your way of its own accord. It may take a few minutes if the animal is cold. This happened to me on a walk around the Heath SSSI on a hot day in June, when I at first failed to notice an adder on the path in a shady spot and almost trod on it. After I rapidly stepped back the adder went into a strike position before it decided to move away into the undergrowth. You should never try to pick one up or attempt to harm them. Adders are venomous. For further information consult the ARC (Amphibian and Reptile Conservation) website http://www.arc-trust.org . It has lots of useful subjects such as identification, conservation and FAQs. Please take care whilst walking around the heath.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 - or via e-mail to martleshamconservationgrp84@gmail.com

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST - WOODBRIDGE WILDLIFE GROUP

We have various walks and other events that are likely to take place over the summer. It is best to access the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website for the most up to date information or you may receive an e-mail about local events if you are already one of our members.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Martlesham in Bloom

Hanging baskets and planted containers

in The Square

The Square is looking much brighter for this summer with the floral hanging baskets and several containers of summer bedding plants. We are very grateful to the following who have given a donation towards the cost of the baskets and containers:-

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1st Brightwell & 2nd Martlesham Heath Guides

Since the end of May the Guides have been meeting outdoors, & taking part in games, litter picking, Tai Chi, geocaching, & finishing off the term with a game of capture the flag & smores round the campfire. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who help us run the Units & to Jason from RUBBISH WALKS who ran the litter picking for us. Have a lovely Summer holiday everyone.

1st Martlesham Heath Rangers

The Rangers have been busy this term both online holding a relaxation & mindfulness evening, followed by meetings outdoors doing yoga, bird watching, litter picking, a chips & chat night, & a final night spent round the campfire. Happy Holidays Rangers!

Currently we have spaces at both our Guide & Ranger Units, for young women aged 10-14 years & 14-18 years. If your daughter would be interested in joining us, please contact martleshamguides@gmail.com , thank you.

MARTLESHAM BRASS
'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

All of our bands have returned to rehearsals now, and are eagerly awaiting the time when they can recommence engagements and concerts. We continue to follow all the latest guidance from both the Government & Brass Bands England.

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.

If you already play a brass instrument, and would be interested in joining us, please email join@martleshambrass.co.uk

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KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS – July 2021

From Monday 5th July, the library is returning to its 'Pre-Covid' opening hours, which are: -

Monday 9.00 – 12.00 a.m.
Tuesday 9.00 – 12.00 p.m./2.30-5.00 p.m.
Wednesday – 2.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday – 2.30 – 8.00 p.m.
Friday 9.00 – 12.00 p.m./2.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Saturday 10.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 10.00 – 3.15 p.m.

At present, we will still be limiting numbers on site; plus, the following guidelines will be in place.

Track & Trace – all customers who come into the library will be asked to either complete a Test & Trace form or to scan the library's QR code on their phone, to log that they have been on site. All completed test and trace forms will be kept safely and destroyed after 21 days, if we are not contacted to say a customer has tested positive.

Face Masks – Please can we remind customers that it is a mandatory requirement (unless exempt), that they wear a face mask which covers their nose and mouth when collecting their requests or coming into the library. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Word Play Sessions – These sessions returned on Wednesday 19th May at the Kesgrave Community Centre. Due to the Covid restrictions, we have reduced capacity until guidelines change. To attend, you will need to ring the library on 01473 626103 to book a place. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Story Time with Maggie – These sessions will begin again outside in the library garden from Friday 9th July at 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. Numbers are limited, so please ring to book your place 01473 626103.

Summer Reading Challenge – The library is hoping to be able to run the reading challenge in some capacity on site this year. The theme is Wild World Heroes and is in conjunction with World Wildlife Fund. Please look out for posters detailing how you can join in the fun this year.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon. Thank you for all your continued support.

Maggie Lusher
Kesgrave Library Manager
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Footsteps
Walking with you

At Footsteps we have been continuing to offer counselling for young people throughout the pandemic. As you will understand for some the lockdown has been particularly difficult and we have seen a significant increase in the demand for our services.

We are immensely grateful to our supporters who give their time and money to enable us to carry on and we are now looking forward to the summer and the freedom to hold some fundraising events.

On Saturday August 14th we are holding a barbecue on the Green, from 5pm to 7pm. Please bring your own chairs and picnic blankets, and also your own drinks. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please email us for more details.

Email: info@footstepswwy.org.uk

Christine Pinder

BRIGHT STARS

Do you have or care for pre-school aged children?

Would you like to receive our Bright Stars Activities sheets?

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 present we are keeping in touch remotely, sending out activity sheets by email and/or post for the children to enjoy doing with their family and/or carers, due to the coronavirus pandemic which means we are unfortunately not able to meet in person. In our last activity sheets we found out about Lydia, a lady who traded in purple cloth. She heard about Jesus from two of his followers, Paul and Timothy, and we created a 3D house onto which we could stick pictures of her, her household, Paul and Timothy.

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

Martlesham Climate Action

Martlesham 'Climate Emergency Summit',

Saturday, 25 September St Michaels Church, Martlesham Heath.

You are cordially invited to attend our first 'climate summit' on Saturday, 25th September and we have an interesting line up of talks and stands already. The summit will have 2 'threads' reflecting the working group's activities in line with the November UN climate summit (COP26) terminology. Although you might think 'it's too big for one person, I'll leave it to the experts and governments to sort', if enough individuals start to make changes, it will have an increasingly big impact both on carbon emissions and governments' policies. The 2 threads are:

1) **Mitigation.** As many of us are homeowners and we are all consumers, how can we mitigate climate change through reducing our carbon footprints (i.e. reduce direct emissions and ones we cause by our buying and eating habits)? By sharing and promoting residents' experiences we can start to make a real difference.
2) **Adaptation.** How do we build resilience to help us, and wildlife adapt to a changing climate? A major theme here is re-wilding, building on all the wildlife related projects already undertaken in Martlesham. We aim to highlight these and other initiatives like garden re-wilding and enabling wildlife corridors with neighbouring parishes in a bid to make Martlesham a 'wildlife friendly village'.

To this end, already confirmed are talks by residents on their experiences of reducing their own emissions through technology solutions (solar panels, batteries, heat pump, EV cars etc), a talk from the Woodbridge Refill Eco shop (reducing carbon emissions by reducing consumption of single use plastic and using eco friendly products), a talk from our local East Suffolk council cabinet member for the environment on getting to 'net zero' and a talk from 'Save Our Suffolk Swifts' on their conservation work. Others are in the pipeline so there should be something for everyone! Static stands will also be there on the above topics as well as Vegan cake stall (the Runway café will also be open), some sort of family friendly activity plus 2 commercial suppliers of home solar, battery and heating solutions used by residents. We are also launching a primary age competition with prizes to 'design a wildlife friendly garden' hoping to get the 3 local primary schools involved and local wildlife experts as judges with children's entries displayed on a stand on the day.

If you want to get involved in organising or contributing, please get in touch.

What's a Watt?

All this talk of 'kilowatts' and 'kilowatt-hours' confuses most people but it is actually quite simple (honest!).

Your electricity consumption is charged by how much *energy* you consume. This is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh) and you are usually charged a standing charge per day + a usage charge of typically 10-20p per kWh consumed depending on time of day and supplier. A kilowatt (kW) is simply the *rate* this energy is supplied. So an appliance rated at 2kW (note *kilo* means a thousand) e.g. a kettle, would use energy at the rate of 2kW (or 2000W which if you remember anything about your school science is 2000 Joules of energy per second) and you would have to leave it on for an hour before you used up 2 kWh of energy costing you somewhere between 20 and 40p.

Solar panels are rated in kW telling you the rate they produce energy if the sun is shining (more if it is at 90 degrees to the panel, less if the sun shines at an angle). They also generate a surprising amount even when it's cloudy. Typical solar installations on roofs are 4kW so on a sunny summer day can easily supply 20kWh + of energy, more than enough to run most houses and export some to the grid (or to your battery). Batteries are rated in kWh and tell you how *much* energy they can store. A Tesla Powerwall 2, for example, can store 13.5kWh. This is enough to run most houses in the evening and overnight depending on what else you do with the electricity (e.g. charging an EV car will need a lot more energy). Come to the summit to learn more!!

Dave Green
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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 plan to return to the Richard's Room in Martlesham in June, . As Zoom enables us to include guests from further afield – we plan to continue with both formats for the foreseeable future too.

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 24th June, and 8th and 22nd July 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

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Martlesham Community Hall is available for bookings again from the beginning of July, and understandably, they wanted to know whether the Club would wish to continue to use the hall on the days we did before the pandemic. Therefore the Committee, first elected in May 2019, met outdoors on 14th May this year, to make a decision. We have booked Tuesday afternoons and evenings, starting on 6th July, with Friday 9th July the first Friday session. At the time of writing (6th June 2021) it is not known if there will be any restrictions as to numbers allowed to attend or any other conditions that may be announced by the Government between now and our start date. The Committee also fixed the date for the next AGM, that is on 10th August 2021.

No decision has been taken by the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association as to the completion of the Winter League 2019/2020. We had three matches outstanding when the first lockdown began. Two full teams number 32 players, so this may be an issue too.

Vic Harrup

MARTLESHAM ART GROUP - CHANGE OF MEETING DAY

Martlesham Art Group is up and running again albeit with, at the time of writing, only six members meeting at any one time. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this the whole group will be able to meet together.

Our big news is that we have changed our meeting day from Friday afternoon to Tuesday mornings. Maybe you have been thinking of joining us but could not make a Friday, perhaps Tuesday suits you better.

We are a small, friendly group of varying artistic abilities who meet to paint together in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. The session is not tutor led but inspiration and learning, if required, comes from each other. Knowing you have a set time each week simply to be creative is relaxing and liberating.

At present we have space for a few more members. If you would like to know more please give me a call on 01473 659257. My name is Diane and I would be delighted to chat with you about Martlesham Art Group .

GOLDEN GIRLS

Hello everyone a long time since we have been in touch but finally it looks as though things might be moving in the right direction !

We are a group of ladies who live on their own and we meet up for friendship and mutual support.We are hoping - all things being equal - to recommence our monthly meeting in September which will be on the second Thursday 9th at 11 am in St. Michael's Church centre.

Anne tells me she still has the Fish and Chip money from our rudely cancelled meeting all those months ago but I think we will still save that for a later date and content ourselves with just meeting up for a coffee and chat in case plans have to change at the last minute.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all again and lets just hope that come September things will be back on a more even keel.

I have to add that we are always looking for new members and welcome the opportunity to add to our ranks.

Judith Longman

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Now Summer is here and with lockdown restrictions relaxing we can start to make plans for reopening the club. It will be wonderful to meet again face to face and catch up with all our news.

There will be a meeting on Thursday afternoon, 1st July 2021 at 2 30pm to discuss future plans. All old and any new members will be very welcome.

Please bring your own tea and biscuits.

If all goes to plan we hope to hold our first meeting in the Richards Room on Thursday afternoon, 9th September at 2 30pm.

To find out more contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768

WOOLLY WONDERS

We've been going for seven years now ,and recently I counted up a list of 33 different charities we've supported in that time.

We're pleased to back seeing each other , chatting and knitting / crocheting in person. Although from October- May we managed to hold weekly meetings using Zoom.

If you want to find any of us, come to The Runway any Thursday morning 10-12.

Rachel Pennick

Home-Start in Suffolk receives The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Home-Start in Suffolk Volunteers, who provide vital support to families across Suffolk, have been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

Representatives of Home-Start in Suffolk will receive the award crystal and certificate from Clare Fitzroy, Countess of Euston, Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, later this summer. Furthermore, two volunteers from Home-Start in Suffolk will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May 2022 (depending on restrictions at the time), along with other recipients of this year's Award.

Tara Spence, Home-Start in Suffolk's CEO said "We are beyond delighted that our amazing volunteers have been nominated for this honour and absolutely thrilled they have been selected to receive such a prestigious award. We are so proud of our incredible team of more than 270 volunteers who provide such a vital support to so many Suffolk families. This is such a wonderful achievement and is well-deserved recognition of the commitment and dedication that our volunteers have towards the wellbeing of families in our County."

To find out more about Home-Start in Suffolk visit: www.homestartinsuffolk.org

Deben Rotary

New Programme Starts in July – although Deben Rotary runs continuously, we do start our search for new ways we can help our local communities whether in local actions, donations or just support.

Have you ever wondered what we do in Rotary? We are always happy to tell folk what we do, what we represent and always ready to look for new members and with some exciting new initiatives to ensure friendship and community service is built around modern lifestyles and work life balances.

To contact us about anything of the above items or anything else where we may be able to help or you would like to know about us, either go to our web page: www.debenrotary.org.uk or email us at mail@debenrotary.org.uk

Patience is a virtue????

We had the weekend planned. We'd had visitors staying with us and decided to have a couple of days away, just the two of us. No one else to worry about or plan for. Peace at last! Well, as the saying goes, the best made plans of mice and men .....!

We had our final trip out and on the way back the driver's window on the car jammed open – fortunately the rain had almost stopped, but it couldn't be fixed immediately! The following day we checked the bees and one of the hives looked a bit dodgy so we had to call the bee inspector to look at them and he couldn't come for another 24 hours, the day we were due to leave. You can guarantee these setbacks occur at the most inconvenient times can't you. We make our plans and we expect everything to run smoothly.

I sometimes wonder how God feels about the plans he's made for each of us. Fortunately, there is that wonderful verse in St Peter's 2nd letter recorded almost at the end of the Bible. He says *'God isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.'* Thank goodness he has more patience than I will ever have.

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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 4th July	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion with Junior Church	10am All Age Holy Communion 5pm Zoom After Hours
Sunday 11th July	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 18th July	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion Service	10am Holy Communion 7pm Zoom Reflecting with God
Sunday 25th July	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	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 Weekly: Wednesday 10am Morning Prayer on Facebook and YouTube

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

July
5 for all who are full time carers
6 for a change to our wasteful lifestyles in 'Plastic Free July'
7 the residents of Church Lane
8 for working animals worldwide & those who care for them
9 give thanks for family and friends
10 that we respond to the plight of bees and other pollinators
11 give thanks for God's all-embracing love and care
12 for our local nursery and childcare workers
13 for the work of the World Health Organisation
14 the residents of Clayton Court
15 for unemployed young people and those in low-grade jobs
16 for farmers and food producers
17 give thanks for picnics and good times in outdoor spaces
18 for all who worship with us today
19 for victims of crime and all working in the justice system
20 for pupils and teachers at the end of term
21 the residents of Coopers Road
22 for all struggling to make ends meet
23 for those suffering from racial discrimination and abuse
24 for the work of the Samaritans and all they help
25 St James' Day: pray for persecuted Christians worldwide
26 for safety for those who work at sea
27 for those who work to overcome cancer, and all who are suffering today
28 the residents of Copse Close
29 those struggling with mental health issues
30 for refugees and victims of people trafficking
31 for families looking forward to holidays together

August
1 that we may worship God with love and joy
2 for safety on the roads at this busy time
3 for greater understanding between people who differ
4 the residents of Crane Close

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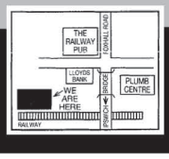

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