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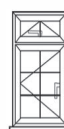


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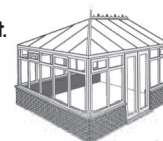
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FRONT COVER

The 19th of this month is Village Fete day!

Look inside for the details of the events that are taking place.

While most of the fete takes place on The Green in Martlesham Heath, don't forget to pop into the St Michael's for the Art Show and the Scout Hut where the Scouts and Guides have set up archery and axe throwing!

Everyone Welcome !

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Contributors are requested to limit their articles to approximately 250 words.

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Tree of the Month – Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)



This interesting group of Alder trees can be found on the Run Meadow part of the Martlesham Circular Walk. Alders are commonly found near to fresh water or wet clay areas. The cycle of natural hydration and dehydration assists with the prevention of rotting when the wood becomes waterlogged. For this reason, it was historically used for mill clogs and canal locks.

Male catkins open very early resembling a yellow-brown sugar puff, whilst the little dark red female flowers on the same trees, open into cone-like woody fruit whose seeds float on water. Alder leaves remain on the tree dark green into November. Mature trees can reach a height of around 28m and live to approximately 60 years. Thanks to Tree Warden, John Burges for proposing this month's tree.

GIRLGUIDING

Currently we have 1 Rainbow Unit (ages 4 – 7), 1 Brownie Unit (ages 7-10) & 1 Guide Unit (ages 10-14) meeting on the Heath.

If you are interested in joining as a young member, or helping as a volunteer, please contact www.girlguidingsuffolk.org.uk & select the "join" or "volunteer" buttons on the home page.

Come & join the fun & start your guiding adventure today!"

1st MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

We have Beavers (6-8) who meet each Tuesday, Cubs (8-10.5) each Monday, Scouts (10.5-14) each Thursday and Explorers (14-18) who meet the first Monday of each month. For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact membership@martleshamscouts.org.uk. For becoming a helper or hiring the Scout HQ, please contact Lindsay lindsayfw@msn.com

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June 3, 2025
July 1, 2025
July 29, 2025

Thursdays (Route 3)

Play2Day Nursery Gloster Road 10.10 - 10.40,
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June 19, 2025
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August 14, 2025

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Martlesham Council

Welcome to a New Councillor

Martlesham Council was delighted to welcome new councillor, Lana Galbraith at its June meeting.

Lana is interested in problems such as littering and waste management. She also has a keen interest in the health and well-being of residents, sports skills development opportunities and leisure facilities.

Lana writes, 'we live in a beautiful locality in a wonderful county, and I consider it a privilege to 'do my bit' for Martlesham.'

Welcome Lana! We look forward to working with you.

If you too are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk for further information.

Development News

Bramble Way, Black Tiles

Councillors and staff were pleased to be invited to the official opening of 'Bramble Way,' Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham on Friday 16th May. Hastoe Housing Association has worked in partnership with East Suffolk Council, Martlesham Parish Council and Homes England to deliver 47 new homes for local people. This is Hastoe's largest land-led development to

date, providing much needed affordable housing for the local area. The Black Tiles Hastoe development consists of 24 homes for social rent and 23 homes for shared ownership. The development includes open space and a small play area. Also present, were architects Ingleton Wood, Rose Builders Ltd and employer's agent, Potter Raper.

We extend a warm welcome to all the residents of 'Bramble Way' and wish them every happiness in their new homes.

Brightwell Lakes

Members of Martlesham Council attend meetings of the Brightwell Lakes Community Forum. At the April forum, members were given an update on the progress of the proposed new school by members of the School's Infrastructure team at Suffolk County Council:

Design work is being undertaken for a new primary school at Brightwell Lakes. Suffolk County Council is currently undertaking the 'presumption' process to select an Academy Trust to operate the school. A reserved matters planning application for an Early Years and Primary facility will be submitted in winter 2025. Taylor Wimpey will transfer the school land to Suffolk County Council.

The Construction period for Early Years and Primary facilities will run between May 2026 and August 2027. An Early Years and Primary facility will open in September 2027.

The smallest secondary school Suffolk County Council will be permitted to open by the DfE is 600 places. Forecasts suggest the demand for places from Brightwell Lakes is 300 pupils. An additional 150 places will be added to Kesgrave High School from September 2027. Suffolk County Council will continue to monitor places for secondary school pupils.

Financial Matters

At its June meeting, the Parish Council approved the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). If you would like to view any of our financial annual reports, please visit our website at: martleshamparishcouncil.org.uk

Summer holiday family fun for all ages funded by Martlesham Parish Council

Martlesham Parish Council is delighted to be working in partnership with Suffolk Wildlife Trust to 'help save wildlife'.

Join us to create wildlife habitats for the parish rooms and community space - valuable wildlife corridors to Martlesham Wilds.

We will be digging stag beetle habitats, making minibeast homes, bird homes and much more.

All activities are available on a 'drop in' basis. Why not bring the family and perhaps a picnic?

Parking available, but please walk, cycle or lift share if you can.

The area is accessible but please do email the Council with any queries.

Thursday 24th July 10.30am-12noon

Wednesday 27th August 10.30am-12noon.

Forthcoming Meetings

All Council meetings are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the Council during a public forum.

The full list of this month's meetings is as follows:

Wednesday 2nd July -Parish Council

Wednesday 9th July-Recreation and Amenities Committee

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

Contacting the Council

Councillors and staff can be contacted at the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4BP.

Telephone 01473 612632. Please leave a message if no reply and we will get back to you as necessary.

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Recently two people were walking their dogs on leads on the woodland path which runs from Heathfield to Mayfield. They were startled by an adder basking on a path in the sun inches away from their dogs, They had full control of their dogs and the adder moved fast into the undergrowth.

Therefore please be aware that there is always the possibility of coming across adders on the heath and the woods.

Martlesham Village Fete - Saturday 19 July 2025

Please be aware that Martlesham's Village Fete is scheduled for Saturday 19th July 11.00 – 4.00 on The Green, Martlesham Heath - please come along and enjoy..

Phantom Litter Pickers and "Edgingeagle"

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those residents who, without being asked, have been regularly picking up litter discarded in our community. Your thoughtfulness and dedication to keeping our environment clean makes a significant impact on the image and well-being of our shared space. Your actions not only contribute to a cleaner neighbourhood but also inspire others to take pride in their surroundings.

MHHL Fiftieth Anniversary

Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd (MHHL) was incorporated in June 1975, so this year MHHL is 50 years old. To date there has been 86 volunteer directors along with countless volunteers who have ensured the over 150 acres of open spaces and The Control Tower have been well maintained in the most cost effective and environmentally aware manner.

Well done to all the volunteers past and present..

Annual General Meeting

The Martlesham Heath Householders Limited AGM took place on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion starting at 8.00pm. Mr D Foster, Mrs L Calver and Mr D Markham resigned as volunteer directors and we would like to thank them for their invaluable contribution.

Mr M Hudson and Mr R Boggon were elected as volunteers directors and we wish them well in their new roles.

Please use the MHHL Website

On a regular basis we are asked questions about a whole host of different issues with regards to Martlesham Heath. About 90% of these queries could be resolved by simply looking at the MHHL website.

A lot of effort has gone into this website, and you will find a lot of answers on the website. The website includes information on the various covenants. Furthermore, you will find information about the policies including car parking, GDPR, Building Work, Fire Breaks, Trees, Drones & CCTVs etc. Additionally, you can find an interactive map of Martlesham Heath and much more information.

Please refer to www.mhhl.co.uk

Volunteers

This is a call to any residents who would like to volunteer a bit of time. It is important that a good base of volunteers is maintained.

For anyone interested it is a good opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes and have your say on a variety of issues that arise from time to time. Should you be interested please leave a voicemail on 01473 612207 or send an email to martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com

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 martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

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Martlesham in Bloom



Warm weather is with us now and any summer showers will be appreciated by all our trees, shrubs and wildlife, also by us gardeners. Some early flowering plants will be past their best, but many summer flowering plants can be helped by deadheading to prolong flowering. With dahlias and cosmos for example if the blooms that have died are removed it encourages further buds to grow. Always be careful when deadheading plants that you are removing the spent blooms not new buds! It can be easy to do! If in doubt leave them for a little while and watch to check that what you are about to remove was the spent one, then put your new knowledge into practice.

Look in garden centres and nurseries for perennials such as Salvia 'Hot lips' and Nepeta which can be added to borders to fill gaps or grown in containers; both are examples of different shaped flowers that we enjoy and benefit pollinators. Bees, wasps, hoverflies, moths and other insects are all very important garden visitors and residents, they pollinate our flowers including fruit and vegetables.

Other wildlife is also important such as hedgehogs, foxes and badgers. Having a small source of water in several areas of your garden is of enormous benefit to all wildlife and can be as simple as a saucer, which is not too deep or has sloping sides so that creatures can climb out. Many birds are still nesting so be careful when cutting any hedges which have put on growth in the last few weeks.

Watering is key at this time of the year, many plants can cope with out extra water particularly established ones, however containers will need to be kept watered and the best time is in the evening to reduce water evaporating and maximize what gets to the roots. Perennials and shrubs which you have planted this year may also need watering if the weather is dry to get them established. Remember rain does not always reach areas near fences, hedges and walls, this is called a rain shadow and will always be drier than your open garden. Summer flowering annuals and fruit and vegetables in containers or baskets will also benefit from feeding, which helps keep them healthy.

Summer flowers and foliage of ornamental and edible plants will be putting on a lovely display this month for you and the local wildlife to enjoy.

For further information about Martlesham in Bloom please contact:
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ENTERTAINMENT

11:15 - 12:00 Pete Jezard and 'The Usual Suspects'
12:10 - 1:00 Police Rock Choir
1:30 - 2:30 Pete Jezard and 'The Usual Suspects'
2:45 - 4:00 Martlesham Brass

DEMONSTRATIONS

11:15 - 12:10 Grange Fitness
12:30 - 1:00 CDC Street Dance
1:30 - 2:00 Northgate & Associated Karate Clubs
2:30 - 3:00 Louise Kate Dance

RSPCA DOG SHOW

Featuring a variety of classes including 'Happiest Hound', 'Young at Heart' (dogs 8+), 'Second Chance' (any rescue dog) and 'Kids & K9s'. Enter at the dog stand on the day! All proceeds to RSPCA Suffolk Central Branch to help local animals in need.

Food & Drink

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Art Exhibition in the Pavilion

Enjoy a showcase of local artwork and vote for your favourite painting! The People's Choice artist will receive a prize and be featured in the Martlesham Monthly.

Stalls

Explore stalls from the many volunteer organisations and charities that look after our community and work to improve our environment. Plus, visit local business stalls to treat yourself or stock up on gifts.

PARKING AND ACCESS

Runway Heritage Car Park is reserved for Blue Badge holders and emergency vehicles only. Overflow parking is available at the Control Tower. Please walk or cycle to the fete if possible.

FACILITIES AND ASSISTANCE

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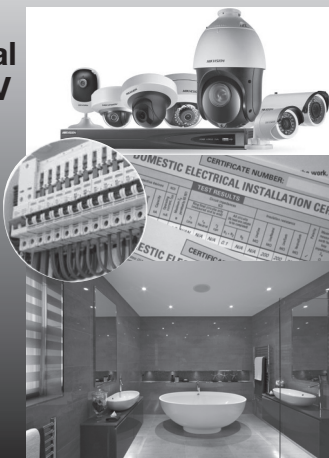
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The activity sheets usually include a story, song and a craft or game about a theme or a story from the Bible.

Our activity sheets for June were about all the different flowers we can see in the summer and included a song to be sung and a prayer to be read together with a colouring sheet of different shaped flowers.

If you have or look after a child/children of pre-school age, or slightly older 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

Sunday Crafts 10.00 – 12.00 noon – during July we will be making the following crafts:

Sunday 6th – Today is Happy Hippo Day – come along and create a hippo to celebrate.

Sunday 13th – This week we are creating beautiful butterflies.

Saturday 19th – Saturday 26th – The Reading Quest begins: create your avatar. This will be moving around the library with you throughout your quest. What will you choose?

Sunday 27th – Saturday 2nd August – Create an underwater scene. What creatures will you include?

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

Word Play Sessions – Every Thursday Morning.

Trained staff run these free sessions which are continuing throughout the summer holidays.

Tot Rock – 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. – active songs and rhymes for pre-school children.

Baby Bounce – 10.45 – 11.15 a.m. – Gentle songs for you and your baby to enjoy.

No need to book. Please just pop along. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Story Time – Fridays 4th, 11th, and 18th July
9.45 – 10.15 a.m. We are taking a break for the summer whilst the Reading Quest is running.

Lego Club – Tuesday 1st, 8th, and 15th July
3.30 – 4.30 p.m. We are taking a break for the summer whilst the Reading Quest is on.

Stay and play – Tuesday 1st, 8th, and 15th July
10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

This session will be stopping over the summer whilst the Reading Quest is running.

Reading Quest –

This year the quest is running from Saturday 19th July to Sunday 31st August.

Why not pop along to sign up to this year's Reading Quest?

This year's theme continues with the myths and legends of Suffolk.

Kesgrave Library is running the following sessions each week throughout the challenge:

Monday 9.30 – 12.00 p.m.

Tuesday 2.30 – 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 2.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 2.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Friday 9.30 – 12.00 p.m.

Saturday 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Sunday 10.00 – 1.00 p.m.

This is a free activity and open to all 2–12-year-olds. Children will need their own library card, which can be issued before the challenge begins. Please speak to staff. Adults will need to bring ID to act as a guarantor.

To finish the challenge each child needs to visit the library six times throughout the holidays and tell our amazing volunteers all about what they have been reading. They can read anything they choose but we do ask for at least one of the choices to be non-fiction.

There are prizes and stickers throughout the challenge to motivate our young readers to finish, as well as competitions to enter. Those who finish the challenge will be invited to the presentation of medals and certificates on Sunday 7th September.

Why not pop along and join in the fun!

MARTLESHAM PRESCHOOL



We are delighted to share with you that following our recent OFSTED inspection we have been graded Outstanding in all areas.

The report states that 'Children are praised, valued and respected and encouraged to be the best that they can be at preschool' and that 'high-quality teaching inspires wonder and curiosity'. The full report is available to view in full: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50277891>

If you would like to book a visit to look around for a space for your child, please get in touch as soon as possible, as spaces for September are filling up. Either pop us an email: martleshampreschool@outlook.com or call us on 01473 625986. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our preschool family.

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

In May, our Volunteers cleared more of the perimeter path. They were helped by the 1st Martlesham Scout Group, who did a fantastic job! We are finally seeing some wet weather, so thank you to whoever did the 'rain dance'!

Our next work morning is Saturday, 19th July, from 10:00 to noon, meeting at the Education Area. New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome; no experience is needed. For further information, please contact us at pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone 01473 612632, visit our website: www.martleshamparishcouncil.org.uk/what-we-do/portal-woodlands-working-group, or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting. *Stephen Corley, Chairman*



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UPDATE FROM MARTLESHAM WILDS

If you've been for a walk at Martlesham Wilds recently, you will have noticed the dragonflies have started appearing.

Last year we recorded 12 species of dragonfly and 3 species of damselfly. This year we hope to record more.

The number and variety are great indicators of the health of the freshwater habitat at Martlesham Wilds, as these species can live for several years as nymphs in freshwater ponds, before emerging as stunning acrobats and delighting us as we walk! If you are a keen dragonfly enthusiast and would be interested in joining the survey team, this summer, please do email martlesham.engagement@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Work will be starting soon on creating more ponds and scrapes on the ex-arable fields and the grazing marshes, which will further improve habitats for these and many other species – so do keep a look out.

You may also have seen some lovely new benches on your walk as well. These have been donated in memorium of loved ones, and are a welcome rest for tired feet. While we highly recommend taking a moment to sit, relax and enjoy the views and wildlife around, it is really important, especially at this time of year, not to put out cigarettes on the dry ground, as this is a huge fire risk on such tinder dry grass.

Thank you for all your support, care and interest in Martlesham Wilds.

We hope to see you on a walk soon!

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Martlesham Conservation Group would like to thank all who took part in the Martlesham Heath Open Gardens event on 7th June and especially to the organisers for the donation to our Group, which will be spent on furthering our conservation work in the village particularly on Martlesham Heath site of special scientific interest (SSSI).

We would like to thank Mike Ward for masterminding the event, all the people who put their gardens forward for a visit (with all the hard work behind that), the Scouts and other helpers, and all who came along. It was a great afternoon. Also, it was great to see the variety of garden concepts and all the different ways that people are encouraging wildlife whilst producing beautiful gardens.

Thanks again to Martlesham Scouts who joined members of our Group on 5th June and cut back intrusive vegetation along a path on the SSSI and helped to suppress the growth of invasive bracken on an area of young heather. These actions should benefit both wildlife and walkers.

This is all part of our annual summer campaign to cut and clear bracken on the heath SSSI.

Our long term aim is to increase the area of heather and reduce the area of bracken because heather supports a much wider diversity of wildlife than bracken and is particularly good for invertebrates, which include the nationally rare Silver Studded Blue butterfly. These butterflies are not on the wing for long so if you get on to the Heath before early July or sooner it may give the best chance to see them until next year. They may be seen around the clumps of heather next to the paths towards the southern end of the publicly accessible part of the heath SSSI.

Martlesham Heath SSSI is a very good site for butterflies. As well as the Silver Studded Blue butterfly other species that may be seen through July include the Meadow Brown, the Ringlet, the Purple Hairstreak, Large, Small,

and Essex skippers, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Large, Small, and Green Veined White and several others. Please take some time to take a look. You may even find some of these species in your garden.

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. 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> which has lots of useful information such as identification, conservation and FAQs

Our work party in July will be on Sunday 6th July at 10 am. Please meet on the Heath SSSI on the bank that runs east-west across the site just along from the interpretive sign between "Heathfield" and "The Oaks". We will aim to cut some more bracken and promote the growth of heather. No special skills are needed, tools will be supplied but please bring some sturdy gardening gloves.

Please consider coming along and giving us a hand. We welcome all new members.

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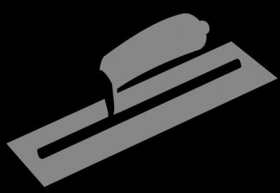


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Martlesham Heath Aviation Society report for Friday 6th June Meeting

Members and friends came along on Friday 6th June to hear fellow member Stuart Buxton reveal a critical part of national infrastructure - with his deeply researched talk "The Secret Oil Pipeline That Helped Win the War".

He started with the truism that modern nations (and this includes the Second World War) cannot successfully wage war without fuel. To this end the Petroleum War Board (PWB) was set up at the start of World War 2, with the cooperation of oil company experts from home and abroad. It was obvious at the start of the second World War that we needed to greatly expand the fuel that we as a country would need – however there had been strong moves in this direction from earlier in the 1930's.

The RAF in 1935 was told at that time to stock only enough fuel for 6 weeks. Consider a Squadron of Spitfires, each plane initially held 85 gallons of fuel, and a Hurricane fighter Squadron would burn over 1,000 gallons per mission. The PWB looked at the possible future requirements, and it became apparent that road tankers, especially in wartime, were not going to be able to cope, and railways would likely be overwhelmed with the requirements. It was proposed that a network of buried pipes be set up across the UK, along with extra storage tanks at strategic points. The system was swiftly constructed – with 170km of unwelded pipelines (buried only 5 feet deep - surprisingly shallow) installed from June to November 1940. This was just the start. It soon became operational, with special patrols set up to patrol and look for leaks. The system ended up being 1,500 km long. Extra strain on the supply in Eastern England and elsewhere was caused with the arrival of the Americans, with their Air Armada., and stretched further by the requirements for DD Day and afterwards – the invading Allied forces being supplied by a Pipe Line Under the Ocean (PLUTO) from the Isle of Wight to Cherbourg. The Germans never managed to match the fuel capacity of the Allies and as the war developed, with the bombing of their Refineries etc, they became starved of fuel. This was a vital key to the Allied Victory, despite the Germans in desperation, extracting fuel from coal. The pipeline network is still in use today, feeding Airports, with the Pipework updated. Some is also used these days to transport gas. The talk was a revelation to most in the audience.

Onto next month:

On Friday 4th July we welcome Graham Murchie of the Bawdsey Radar Trust "The Eyes of the Few" will tell us about the events, people and technology that led to Bawdsey becoming the world's first operational World War 2 Radar Station, and what happened in the Post War period.

We expect another large audience for this one. The talk takes place at the Martlesham Community Centre, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham Heath, IP12 4PB.

Pay £3 on the door if you are a Society member, £5 if you are not. You can join the Society at the meeting if you wish.

Martlesham Brass - 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Martlesham Brass Main Band will be performing in St Margaret's Church in Ipswich on Sunday 6th July at 2.55pm, as part of Ipswich Music Day.

You can hear the Intermediate Band at Martlesham Village Fete, The Green, Martlesham Heath on Saturday 19th July between 3.00pm & 4.00pm.

There is another chance to hear the Main Band playing on Sunday 20th July at 2.30pm, as part of the 'Brass on the Grass' series of free concerts in the Bandstand, Christchurch Park, Ipswich.

If you feel you would like to learn to play a brass instrument, or if you already play and would be interested in joining us, please email join@martleshambrass.co.uk - we currently operate a waiting list for our beginners band.

If you wish to hire the band to perform at an event, please contact our booking secretary by emailing booking@martleshambrass.co.uk

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MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

The annual coach trip in May was very much enjoyed. We visited a garden centre near Cambridge, the weather was perfect and we all returned with plants for the garden or purchases from the other shops. The season finished with the AGM at the end of June and we will not meet again until September. Details of next seasons programme are still being finalised.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday afternoons at 2.00pm in the Richard's Room. For more information contact June Peck tel 07867525422.

MARTLESHAM CLIMATE ACTION

Martlesham Fete, 19th July

Come and see us at the Martlesham Fete. We will be sharing a stand with the Deben Climate Centre who we are working with to support residents in the Woodbridge and Martlesham areas with advice on how to reduce energy bills with funding from Community Energy South (<https://communityenergypathways.org.uk>). We will also be there with some of the DCC experts with advice on insulation, solar panels, heat pumps and batteries if you have funds to invest in making your home lower carbon. Remember also, that if you want to come and see some of these low carbon solutions in action in Martlesham homes and understand the real-world residents' experiences of having these installed, drop me a message on the e-mail below.

We also continue to support DCC in water sampling in the Deben catchment aiming to put pressure on Anglian Water and work with landowners to make the Deben catchment cleaner and safer for us and improve biodiversity. The latest report is on their website at <https://www.debenclimate.org>. If you want to know more, come and visit us on the stand.

Martlesham Repair and Climate Advice Hub

The next Repair Hub is 10-12, Saturday July 12th in the Parish Room as usual. There is no Repair Hub in August. If you have items to repair, you can always take them to the Repair Shed off Sandy Lane. See <https://suffolkrepairshed.org>

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

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MARTLESHAM HEATH SURGERY Patient and Practice Group (PPG) News

Exciting Team Updates at Martlesham Heath Surgery

We're excited to share some recent developments at Martlesham Heath Surgery, including the arrival of new clinicians who bring fresh energy and expertise to our team.

As part of these changes, Dr Tobias has made the decision to step down from his role as Partner at both Martlesham Heath Surgery and Embrace Medical Centre. We're very pleased that he will continue with us as a Salaried GP. In this new capacity, Dr Tobias will be working reduced hours, so while there will be fewer appointments available with him, we're thrilled to retain his clinical expertise and continued contribution to patient care.

We're also delighted to welcome Dr Hussain as a new Partner. Dr Hussain joins Dr Miah in leading our joint practices, and we look forward with great enthusiasm to the continued growth and improvement of our services under their leadership.

Additionally, we're very pleased to introduce Caroline Croxen, our new Physician Associate at Martlesham Heath Surgery. Caroline brings a wealth of experience from both nursing and PA roles, she's already proving to be a fantastic addition to the team.

If you'd like to find out more about the Patient Participation Group (PPG) or are interested in joining, we'd love to hear from you. Please email me at MartPPG@gmx.com, or leave your name and contact details at reception in an envelope marked for my attention.

Tony Willmott Chair, Martlesham Heath Surgery PPG

Thought for the month.

I love looking at the clouds and seeing the different patterns and shapes in the sky, such as faces, trees, mythical creatures and much more. Since moving to Suffolk, I am still amazed at the 'big skies' and the magnificent colours especially in the early evening. It's hard sometimes not to take such beauty for granted. When we had visitors who came from a village in Jura mountains in France, another beautiful part of the world, we wondered what we could show them in Suffolk? As we walked from Felixstowe to Old Felixstowe, they spent their time on the seashore, as they rarely see the sea being 600 miles from the nearest coast. However, it was the horizon that amazed them most as their view is blocked by mountains, but they have a great view of the Swiss Alps!!

It's always encouraging to see our situations and environment from others' eyes – it's amazing what we don't see or even notice. It reminds me of the book of Psalms in the bible, which is really a book of poetry with writers' reflections on different life situations.

Psalm 19, written by King David, reflects on how he sees God and heaven in the skies when he writes: 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.' Perhaps we should take time out to look at what take for granted and try and see something differently?

Malcolm Rittman

Martlesham with Brightwell

Speak Easy at Martlesham

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

We meet at Richards Room in Martlesham, and we are also using Zoom to enable greater participation, including from abroad. We encourage new members to join us in the room, where we add the online audience giving us the experience of one meeting.

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

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. The next are 5th and 19th June, and 3rd, 17th and 31st July

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

Adam Green: vprr@speakeasy.org.uk

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or find us on Facebook: Speak Easy Martlesham



Our Christian Aid Week 2025 total

We have now counted all the donations made up to the time of writing, and we are delighted to be able to say that our benefice collection (including gift aid) currently amounts to £1,524.72, an increase on last year! Thank you so much to everyone who donated, either in a red envelope or online, and thank you to the Runway for being a collection point and to all the wonderful volunteers who delivered envelopes through doors. We are really grateful, as every donation is used to help our vulnerable neighbours worldwide who are hungry and living in poverty in these difficult times.

However, the need is still urgent and it is not too late to donate.

Gifts can still be sent via our online e-envelope. Scan the QR code or visit

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/martlesham-benefice>

Postal donations (cheques) made out to 'Christian Aid' can be sent to: Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL. Or you can give over the phone by calling Christian Aid on 020 7523 2269.

On behalf of the poor and vulnerable people of the world, thank you.

Carolyn Smith



Badminton in Kesgrave

Woodbridge Badminton Club will be running a summer badminton club on a pay-as-you-play basis at the Kesgrave Community Centre Sports Hall on Thursday evenings 8pm - 10pm starting on 1st May and running until the end of August. The cost is expected to be £6 per session. For latest details check out our website at <https://www.woodbridgebadminton.co.uk> or email

jim.cavanagh955@gmail.com

<<mailto:jim.cavanagh955@gmail.com>> or ring Jim Cavanagh on 0780 323 2892.

In the meantime we have been playing at Kesgrave High School for the winter season (September-April). We welcome a range of abilities but unfortunately not complete beginners at the adult club. The league is just drawing to a close as I write this and all our teams have had a respectable year and should stay in the same divisions next year. We are always keen to get new league players to help us improve though!

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Services for the Month

Sunday 6th July	St Michael's 9.30am Coffee and pastries 10am Breakfast Church St Mary's 11am Holy Communion	
Sunday 13th July	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evensong	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th July	St John's 9am Holy Communion St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship 7pm Zoom Reflecting with God
Sunday 27th July	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evensong	10am Holy Communion

**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.**

Midweek Services

Wednesday 9th and 23rd July: 10am Holy Communion at St Michael's

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

July

- 5 for a generous response to those in need
- 6 that we may grow in the love of Christ**
- 7 for doctors and nurses in training
- 8 for the bereaved
- 9 for the residents of Alban Square
- 10 for foster carers
- 11 for all responsible for safeguarding
- 12 for victims of people trafficking and slavery
- 13 give thanks that God is always with us**
- 14 for understanding between different faiths
- 15 for young people seeking work and training
- 16 for the residents of Angela Close
- 17 for those in need of debt advice
- 18 give thanks for all our blessings
- 19 for a successful and fun Martlesham Village fete
- 20 that we may see God more clearly**

- 21 for our MPs as parliament nears their recess
- 22 for school pupils and staff as term ends
- 23 for the residents of Avocet Lane
- 24 give thanks for times of rest and refreshment
- 25 St James' Day – pray for ourselves and all pilgrims
- 26 all preparing to preach in churches tomorrow
- 27 give thanks for God's love in Jesus**
- 28 for prisoners and prison workers
- 29 for victims of crime
- 30 for the residents of Bader Court
- 31 give thanks for volunteers helping others

August

- 1 for lorry drivers supplying our shops
- 2 for local supermarket workers
- 3 that we may respond to God generously**
- 4 for parents and grandparents during school holidays

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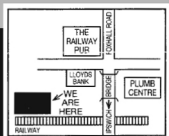
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