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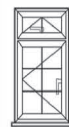
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Portal Woodlands Conservation Group
In June, Volunteers took advantage of the dry weather to paint the new fencing and gate around the pond.
This month, Portal Woodlands Conservation Group are taking a break, but you can help clear bracken on the SSSI, or take a walk to the new Martlesham Wilds. Or if you prefer to stay at home, Martlesham in Bloom have an article about building a container pond in your garden.

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Tree of the Month

Decaying tree

In December 2013, a combination of low pressure, strong winds and spring tides caused a tidal surge on the East Coast. Parts of inland Martlesham Creek, now part of 'Martlesham Wilds', were flooded with salt water from the Deben estuary, resulting in the loss of several mature trees.

However, standing dead trees such as this provide invaluable rich habitats for wildlife. They can provide homes for pollinating insects such as wasps and bees, bats and many species of invertebrate and small mammals.



GIRLGUIDING

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

1st MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

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 Macleod lindsayfw@msn.com

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Tuesdays

Angela Close: 1.30-1.45pm
Bridge Farm Day Nursery 1.50-2.20pm
Falcon Mobile Home Park: 2.30-2.55pm
Douglas Bader: 3.00-4.30pm
1 August, 29 August

Thursdays

Douglas Bader: 10.30-12noon
20 July, 17 August,
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Martlesham Council

Resignation of Mike Williamson, Chairman of the Parish Council

Mike Williamson joined the council in May 2019 and it wasn't too long before he stepped up and took on the important role of Chairman of Martlesham Council. In his time with the council, he has represented the parish on a number of organisations, voicing residents' concerns on anti-social behaviour issues at Police ASB meetings and trying to influence the development of a sustainable public transport system which meets local needs at meetings concerning countywide bus networks. He was also instrumental in helping the council explore new energy systems which resulted in the council deciding to install solar panels which will be fitted this autumn. His hands on approach has meant helping out with the village fete, being a Trim Trail inspector, assisting with the upgrade of the Jubilee Playspace, maintaining a Parish Council noticeboard and being the eyes and ears for Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve not to mention his invaluable DIY skills that, amongst other things, fixed the Parish Room clock!

Martlesham Council thanks Mike for his valued contribution to the council and wishes him all the very best for the future.

Our Vice Chairman, Laurence Burrows, is currently acting chairman.

During this holiday period why not consider being a councillor with Martlesham Council.

If you take an interest in looking after local play areas, street furniture, open spaces; want to try and influence housing, business, retail development in your parish; want to improve footpaths, pedestrian & cycling facilities or take an interest in ensuring public funds are properly accounted for and allocated where needed, then Parish Council membership might be right for you! As the full Council does not formally meet in August, the next opportunity to be appointed is 06 September 2023.

Please contact the Clerk for more information or just come along to a meeting – we'd love to hear from you.

Community Speed Watch Scheme

Community Speed Watch is an educational scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic through their community. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally. Martlesham Council is supporting the setting up of a Community Speed Watch Group to help reduce speeding in a few 'speeding hot spots' identified by its SID (Speed Indicator Device) and is looking for volunteers to join this new venture. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, contact the Clerk.

Grants to local organisations in 2024

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please use the following email enquiries@martleshamcouncil.org.uk to request an application form. All application forms to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by **Monday 09 October 2023**. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2024/25 and will be presented at the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting.



Blacktiles Lane – historic finds

Archaeological excavations are currently taking place on the Hastoe development site on Blacktiles Lane ahead of the construction works starting. Some key finds to date are an Iron Age thatch weight (see photo) that would have been used to weigh down the thatch on roofs and a possible small posted structure that could have been a store building or animal pen. In addition, they have also found some Roman pottery.

Forthcoming meetings

No full Parish Council meeting in August

Parish Council – Wednesday 06 September 2023

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 13 September 2023

Please note that Parish Council meetings will be held in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB.

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

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

Contacting the Council

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

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

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Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd

Visitors Spaces

MHHL (or MCL originally) owns and maintains 66 hard-standing car parking spaces on Martlesham Heath. These were originally provided specifically for the use of visitors to the village.

However, circumstances have changed considerably, and most notably there has been an increase in car ownership. Many families own two or more cars but often do not have sufficient garaging or parking within their own property, resulting in a large number of cars regularly parked on the highway. In some places this causes serious congestion.

In November 2004, after a review of the use of these spaces, MHHL decided that it was both impractical and inappropriate to enforce the original rules, and therefore, extended them to allow ad-hoc use by residents, as well as visitors under the following terms:

- The spaces are owned and maintained by MHHL and demarcated by either "MHHL" painted on the ground or by appropriate signage.
- MHHL car parking spaces will be available for use by residents, as well as visitors.
- Car parking spaces may only be used for cars that are taxed and in regular use on the road. Spaces must not be used for storage of untaxed, SORN (Statutory Off Road Notification), unroadworthy cars, equipment, materials, skips or any other non-approved use.
- Vans, it must be remembered that these spaces were designed in the early 80's when cars and Vans in particular were smaller than today's designs. Consequently, most of the spaces are unsuitable for large panel vans and we would ask that residents park these and other commercial vehicles on their own private parking spaces rather than the MHHL spaces.
- It must be ensured that vehicles do not drip oil or otherwise contaminate the parking space. Users causing problems with the cleanliness or condition of spaces may be charged for the cost of cleaning or repairs.
- Users are asked to park carefully within the spaces.
- Residents are asked to use these spaces in a reasonable manner, with regard and consideration for fellow residents and their visitors. Spaces are not to become an extension of residents own parking areas. Regular, sustained or exclusive use of a space will not be tolerated.

Grass Verges

- Please note that MHHL does not allow parking on any of the grassed areas that it owns unless specific permission is given by MHHL.

Residents are asked to observe these rules in order to avoid damaging the appearance of the Village.

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> or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

MHHL Website

A reminder that lots more information about Martlesham Heath Householders Limited can be obtained on our website at www.mhhl.co.uk

DISTRICT COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

We have now completed the second month of the new administration. People have been given responsibilities and I have been elected chair of the planning meetings in the south of East Suffolk.

Each Tuesday morning there is a zoom meeting with officers to decide whether applications that have been referred should be delegated to officers or need to be further discussed at the monthly meeting. There are usually 4 or 5 such applications to review each week.

Planning meetings are held each month and each application that has been referred is presented to the committee by a council officer. The appointed group of councillors debate and then decide whether to approve or deny the application.

On July 11 I joined several councillors at Felixstowe Port to be given a presentation and drive round the port area. The port is owned by a Hong Kong company and has always been privately owned since being set up in 1870's.

Most of the cargo comes in from the far east on large container ships holding as many as 5,000 containers and is then distributed by rail and truck.

The A14 is a key factor in the truck distribution. The containers are mostly sent back empty, the main export is our rubbish, plastic bags and the like. They showed us their new electric unmanned trucks being trialled for port use, they have ordered several and are made in China.

Please feel free to contact me on mark.packard@eastsoffolk.gov.uk if you need help on any matter

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The heathland of Martlesham Heath is particularly able to support a range of butterflies as there is a great mix of vegetation including heather, gorse, grassland and trees with areas of short vegetation that suit many butterflies. These butterfly species include a nationally rare species, the Silver Studded Blue butterfly that uses heather and some other plants as its caterpillar food plant. It is important for wildlife conservation to try to maintain a good extent of heather and grassland and avoid dominance of some species of plant such as Bracken.

Although a common plant of heathland, Bracken is poor for conservation purposes as unfortunately it only supports a narrow range of wildlife in part due its toxic nature but also because it has the ability to smother other underlying plants. The dwarf shrub layer of heather and grassland that it may have replaced is much more beneficial in comparison, supporting a wide range of invertebrates and higher animals (birds, reptiles, and mammals such as rabbits). Consequently it is important to reduce the extent and coverage of bracken in order to promote more heather and grassland to the benefit of a wider range of wildlife.

Bracken continues to dominate in some areas of our heath although we have had some success in pushing it back in other areas due to an ongoing regime of cutting and spraying. Our work parties over this summer have focused on trying to control bracken in a particular area that has underlying heather.

In August we may see some Grayling butterflies, these are a typical butterfly of dry sandy heathland relying on sparsely growing fine grasses such as Sheep's Fescue and plenty of bare ground in open sunny positions. Several areas of the heath were scraped to help promote similar conditions. You may also see the second emergence of several other butterflies including the Common Blue and Brown Argus butterflies.

Our work party in August will take place on **Sunday 6th August at 10am.**

Please meet on the Martlesham Heath SSSI on the bank that runs east-west just along from the interpretive sign that sits between Heathfield and the Oaks.

Phil Smith 01473 625630
martleshamconservationgrp84@gmail.com

Portal Woodlands Conservation Group

In June, our Volunteers took advantage of the dry weather to paint the new fencing and gate around the pond. We carried out our annual glow-worm (*Lampyrus noctiluca*) survey in early July, recording the green glows of 5 females. This is quite a low number compared to historic records. The surveyors were delighted to hear and briefly see a female tawny owl (*Strix aluco*) in the darkness.

Our Volunteers take a well-deserved holiday in August, so the next work morning will be Saturday 16th September from 10:00 to Noon, meeting at the Education Area. New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome. No experience needed. For further information, please contact us at pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone: 01473 612632 or visit our website: pwcg.onesuffolk.net or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

Stephen Corley, Chairman

Martlesham in Bloom

Now that August is here, summer flowering plants will be in full bloom in our gardens and outdoor spaces accompanied by insects of all shapes and sizes. Most summer flowering plants, fruit, and vegetables in containers and window boxes will benefit from a feed of fertilizer such as liquid tomato food. This will encourage more flowering and fruiting.

If you would like to extend the variety of plants and wildlife in your garden, why not consider a container pond? They can be very easy to create and can be whatever size you would like. At its most basic all you need is a container with no holes in the bottom into which you put one or more marginal or moisture loving plants that live in water or very boggy ground, such as the lovely flowering *Lobelia cardinalis*, the colourful leaved *Houttuynia cordata* 'Chameleon' or grassy looking *Acorus gramineus* 'Variegatus' in their pots, and fill up the container with water to the top of their pots.

Do bear in mind safety if you have young children, many people opt not to have any open water while children are young. Solid safety mesh can be fixed across the top of a container pond and it can be put in a location which children cannot access without supervision.

Another important addition is a piece of wood sloping out of the water or bricks or similar put in the container to provide a way of animals getting out of the water if they fall in. If the plant pots fill most of the container the top of them may be able to act as a way out.

The bonus of a mini water feature like this is that not only will you enjoy the plants, but it will attract wildlife, by doubling up as an important source of water for birds, insects and other animals.

Don't forget to take time to enjoy your gardens and outdoor spaces!

*For further information about Martlesham in Bloom please contact:
martleshaminbloom@gmail.com or J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on Tel. 01473 625196*

DEBEN ROTARY NEWS

At a recent club meeting we were pleased to present our Community Service Award to Dora Brown, a local team of "sturdy girl" volunteers who, to quote their website, transform homes for families living in crisis, free of charge. Volunteers Jo, Cas and Amy gave an interesting and inspiring talk about their work, not only transforming homes but continuing to support families until they are able to maintain their homes themselves. Their talk ended with a question and answer session, the large number of questions raised by Rotarians being an indicator of our interest in the project.

Our annual Charity Golf Day takes place this year on 18th August at St.Audrys Golf Club. As in previous years the format is teams of four playing 18 holes Greensomes. The entry fee is £25 per player to include bacon butties on arrival, with the proceeds being shared by Just 42 and the End Polio Now campaign. Closing date for entries is 11th August. Further details can be obtained from Ivor Guppy on 07790 438836 or at guppy952@btinternet.com Entry forms can be downloaded from the Deben Rotary website www.debenrotary.org.uk



Getting to know Martlesham Wilds

To follow on from Charlie's first news about Martlesham Wilds last month I am very happy to introduce myself as the site warden and give an update on what's been happening on the reserve. Although we have only just begun it has been a very busy start, and it has been heartening and inspiring that so many people have been giving us a hand! At the moment we are unable to start any work on the arable part of the reserve, but we have begun many surveys (bird, butterfly, dragonfly, bat) and have many more planned over the course of the summer. These are helping us to understand the site, and giving us a point from which we can start monitoring the changes that are to come.

We already have good news with the number of bat species on site, and some promising indications of good water vole populations, amongst other things. How we manage the site will be informed by all this information and we will be doing our best to keep what is already great, great, and make some changes to other, currently less biodiverse parts of the landscape that will hopefully become busier and busier with the activity of more and more species. We will keep you posted in this space!

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions, thoughts, ideas or concerns – I'll be very happy to hear from you: Jessica.ratcliff@suffolkwildlifetrust.org



Top: On the marshes some of Suffolk Wildlife Trust sheep are busily employed to eat the grass – they have a lot of work to do! we will combine this with hay-cutting to help keep the floristic diversity as high as possible.
Above: Jessica Ratcliff at work.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Challenge – the crafts are on whenever we have a reading challenge session, as below.

In August we are making -

Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th – Pop along and either design a new flag for a sport's competition or make your favourite countries flag.

Sunday 13th – Saturday 19th – Design your own surfboard. What will you draw on yours?

Sunday 20th – Saturday 26th – Create a mascot for a sporting competition. What animal will you choose?

Sunday 27th – Saturday 2nd September – Make a new sport's shoe of your choice.

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

Summer Reading Challenge – There's still time to sign up to this year's challenge which is running from **Saturday 15th July – Sunday 10th September.**

This year's theme **Ready, Set, Read** is all about reading and sport.

Kesgrave Library is running the following sessions 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 ages from pre-school upwards. 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 guarantor.

To finish the challenge each child needs to read 6 books of their choice, at least one of which needs 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.

Why not pop along and join in the fun!

Those who finish the challenge will be invited to the presentation of medals and certificates on Sunday 10th September.

Also during summer:

Word Play Sessions – Every Thursday Morning.

These free sessions are run by trained staff and continue throughout the summer holidays.

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

Baby Bounce – 10.45 – 11.45 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.

Morning Book Group – Tuesday 3rd August

10.00am. at the library. The group are currently reading *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.

Evening Book Group – Thursday 31st August 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. The group are currently reading *Playing Nice* by J P Delaney.

If you are interested in joining, please contact library staff. The library supplies copies of the titles being read.

Bank Holiday – the library will be closed on Monday 28th August for the Bank Holiday.

Cancer Support Group 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. – on the third Monday morning each month (Monday 21st August) in the library

Menopause and Me Support Group – Thursday 10th August 7.00 p.m. This peer led support group will be run by staff and Jen Evans, who is a menopause advisor. All sessions will comply with both NHS and NICE guidelines; and are for anyone who is affected by the menopause and its symptoms.

During this first session we will be asking what you would like the sessions to be about – we will then tailor the sessions around your requests.

Wild Kids

Family events at Martlesham Wilds Summer 2023

Family Discovery morning Mon 31 July 10am
Let's get active and explore Thurs 10 Aug, 10am
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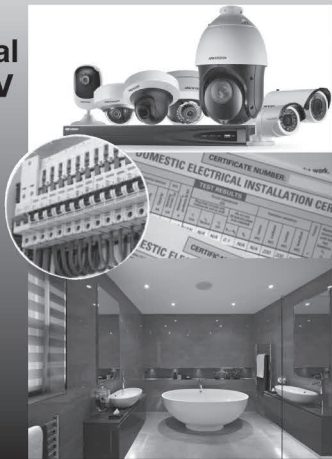


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Martlesham Climate Action

Martlesham Repair and Climate Advice Hub – Martlesham Parish room (next to the Community Centre)

The next Repair Hub will be on Saturday 9th September from 10-12 as the Hub is on holiday in August.

The Climate Advice hub will be there as usual with advice on how you can do your bit to reduce your own carbon emissions and reduce your energy bills.

We are still looking for anyone to help organise the monthly Repair Hubs. You don't need to be a repairer. If you are interested, please contact us at martleshamrepairhub@gmail.com. We are also very keen to get more residents interested in helping people understand how they can 'do their bit' to slow down the increasingly adverse effects of climate change so please get in touch if you want to understand more about climate change impacts and what you can do about it.

Interestingly, a new initiative has just launched to engage concerned citizens who don't want to take disruptive action like 'Just Stop Oil'. It is called the 'Climate Majority Project'. More details at <https://climatemajorityproject.com>. I think we are ahead of the curve here!

'Hydrogen ready boilers' - more misinformation

I keep hearing from the fossil fuel industry that heat pumps for domestic

heating and hot water are not needed as hydrogen boilers are coming. The problem is they are very much less efficient than a heat pump. Basic physics shows you that 1 unit of green electricity produced by renewables and transmitted by the grid to a heat pump will deliver around 2.7 units of energy at the home with 300% efficiency of the heat pump and allowing some losses transmitting the electricity across the grid. However, 1 unit of green electricity used to produce 'green hydrogen' by electrolysis of water will deliver around 0.5 units of energy to your house with losses due to the electrolysis process, leakage in the gas grid (hydrogen is a smaller molecule than methane so more leakage) and 90% efficiency burning it in a hydrogen boiler in the home. This is around 5 times less efficient than a heat pump and it is difficult to see how it could compete on price even with heat pump installations being more expensive than a gas boiler (at the moment; the gap is narrowing)! If we are serious about tackling climate change, then hydrogen is not the answer for most homes. Hydrogen is, however, key to decarbonising things like concrete and steel production and powering back up power stations, large ships and the like.

We have gone international!

I recently received a lovely e-mail from a teacher in the U.S. about the content on our website:



Good afternoon from the States, I wanted to send some positive feedback- I was teaching an environmental science lesson to some elementary students and when they were doing a webquest on sustainability they ended up on the Martlesham Climate Action website... They thought I should let you know that we were using it as a resource and found some great information so thanks :)

Lovely to hear that at least someone accesses the content on our site (have you?!)

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

Website:

www.martleshamclimateaction.onesuffolk.net

E-mail:

martleshamclimateaction@btinternet.com

Twitter: @martleshamclim1

FREE ADVICE SERVICE AVAILABLE IN KESGRAVE (Moving from Martlesham)

STARTING ON 15th AUGUST

A free drop in service is starting on the third Tuesday of every month at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF. This has been made possible with the generous support of district and county councillor Stuart Lawson.

No appointment is necessary and the first session will be on Tuesday 15th August from 9am until 12 noon. There is plenty of free parking at the centre.

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For further information call Citizens Advice East Suffolk on 0808 278 7866

Tales from the Suffolk Repair Shed – They Haven't a Clue....

...what's coming in next.

The sheer variety of things to be mended poses really interesting challenges to the repairers, and drives the development of the equipment in the shed. There is quite a lot of head-scratching going on – not too much tearing of hair, since in some cases not much is left. But out of the varied and vast range of knowledge solutions emerge, meaning that three quarters of the items which come in broken leave the Shed fixed.

There are many examples on our Instagram page. If you have items for repair you can leave them at repair cafes in Martlesham and Woodbridge or at the Repair Shed (contact details on the website).

If you think you could stand the inevitable (and fairly painful) Dad jokes, do please get in touch to get involved in this interesting and purposeful work. It is really satisfying to locate and replace the component which saves an item heading for the tip.

There are also plenty of areas which don't need repairer skills, so please get in touch to find out how you may be able to support the venture. For example we are looking for someone to help organise the monthly Martlesham Repair Hub which is now run by the Suffolk Repair Shed.

For more information:

www.suffolkrepairshed.org

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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

On 29th June following a long period of dry, sunny weather, the group were looking forward to a warm, sunny day. However, no such luck, heavy rain the night before and colder, showery conditions saw our 23 visitors standing on Orford Quay at 10am waiting for the National Trust ferry.

Two trips later, the 23, (some with wet bottoms from the seating on the uncovered ferry!) were greeted on the Ness by David Warren to be given a tour of the early Royal Flying Corps and RAF airfield area and some remaining buildings and then on to the area used after 1945 by AWRE (Atomic Weapons Research Establishment) with the dilapidated remains of several test laboratory buildings where various bombs, including the UK nuclear arsenal (but with no nuclear warheads) were tested. (Unfortunately, due to their unsafe structures, it is impossible to enter most of them).

The seaward side of the Ness is a long barren, exposed, almost lunar landscape of exposed shingle and, when used as a German prisoner of war camp, must have made the occupants wonder why they were being asked to fight for somewhere so desolate! Also, it was sad to note that the long-established sight of the lighthouse is no more, recently demolished due to coastal erosion.

However, the visit was most informative and interesting, with the added background commentary from David, with the benefit of the depth of research into the history by him and his colleagues. It was a most enjoyable and satisfying day.

If readers have never toured the 'Ness do so – to get a completely different view of a part of Suffolk still little known to many.

Our Monthly Meeting on 7th July started with a Long Service "Silver Owl" Award from the Association for Suffolk Museums for Alan Powell – recognising his long and diligent service to our Aviation Society.

Alan for more than 25 years has been our Society Secretary, and Newsletter, as well as helping the Society in other ways in all that time. Congratulations and Thanks Alan. You can now spend more time taking amazing photographs, your favourite hobby.

Clive and Linda Denney, then talked about the renovation of a DeHavilland Tiger Moth, one of about 9,000 of this 1930's design, with many upwards of 700 still flying – which says much for the esteem this Trainer aircraft is held in to this day. It was often said that the Americans never used them in this country – when they came into World War 2 – however they used about 16 in American colours. Clive decided to rebuild his Tiger Moth in American markings, and typically he rebuilt it from the ground up – even finding an unused Gipsy Moth engine found in Argentina. This may seem extreme, but Clive said to have an engine of the period stripped and overhauled would probably cost in excess of £50K to £60K even after finding and purchasing one.

The aircraft rebuild took about 14 years, and he thought it probably equates to £152K. He said that to buy a second Hand Tiger would probably cost about £82K – but you would probably have to pay lots in money and time to get it truly in safe flying condition.

Typically, of Clive and Linda – they wanted to get everything right – as they hope, as they get older, to use this Tiger as their fun aircraft project. Clive and Linda's "Vintage Fabrics" – based near Audley End in Essex, is always busy rebuilding and re-covering other vintage and veteran Aircraft – for other Aircraft owners – this means that work on their own aircraft was often pushed to the back – explaining why it took so long. Clive showed us pictures of what *Vintage Fabrics* are doing at present – showing a hangar bursting with aircraft being re-built. This produced a flurry of requests for a Society visit.

On Sunday 6th August – we go on a Trip to the Shuttleworth Collection's "Carnival" display of vintage and veteran Aircraft, where we will no doubt see some flying *Tiger Moths*.

Our next Monthly Talk is on Friday 1st September, when Chris Turland presents a new talk all about the "Flying Flea" and other disastrous and dangerous aircraft designs from the dawn of aviation to more recent times.

Following this on Sunday 10th September – is our Annual Classic Car and Military Vehicle Meet at our Control Tower Museum from 11:00 to 16:00. More on this in next Month's issue.

For up-to-date information – go to www.mhas.org.uk

WOODBIDGE MODEL BOAT CLUB

The Club are currently planning a SUMMER REGATTA to be held on the Model Yacht Pond at Woodbridge on Sunday 13th August. Activities will be on the water from 10.00am through till 4.00pm.

Many classes of boats that we sail during the year will be active in slots of 30 minutes throughout the day and will feature our model racing yachts, powered scale models and sports boats of all kinds.

A speciality this year will be a set of water Dodgems. Spectators will be invited to try their hand at piloting these and some other boats. Age will be no barrier but of course young people under eighteen will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

During the activities Club Members will be available to answer questions about the boats.

There will be a static display of models in the Deben Watersports Centre.

Please try to give us a look on the day
Geoff Lambert Club Chairman.

BADMINTON SUMMER CLUB IN KESGRAVE

Woodbridge Badminton Club is currently running its summer club at the Kesgrave Community Centre Sports Hall.

This runs on Friday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:30pm on a pay-as-you-play basis (£6/night) until the end of August.

We welcome a range of abilities but unfortunately not complete beginners.

In September, we will move back to Kesgrave High School with adult club nights on Wednesdays (7:30pm to 10pm) and Juniors on Mondays (7pm to 8:30pm). These run on an annual subscription basis.

You can find out more online (including exact start dates when we have them) at <https://www.woodbridgebadminton.co.uk> or email contact@woodbridgebadminton.co.uk or ring Jim Cavanagh on 01728 723 900.

KESGRAVE CANASTA CLUB

Would you like a friendly evening of cards?

Canasta is an easy game to learn and our members are always happy to teach the game if you have not played before. Refreshments are provided. Plenty of parking and only £3 a session.

We are looking to welcome new members to the club at the Fred Upson Hall (previously the British Legion Hall) starting time 7.15pm on the third Wednesday in the month.

Please contact Barbara Rose 07808590578.

2023 dates: Wednesday 16 August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November & 20th December.

SUFFOLK TANGO

"Argentine Tango for Beginners"

Summer is nearly over and Autumn beckons, with opportunities to try something new!

If you are itching to dance, why not explore the world of Argentine Tango, with its evocative music, and its mixture of elegant and playful moves.

Our aim is to give you the ingredients you need to be able to join in Social Tango Dances, locally and anywhere in the world! Suffolk Tango is excited to be able to offer you the chance to join our weekly "New Beginners' Course", starting on Thursday, 7th September, at the Martlesham Community Hall, Old Felixstowe Rd, Martlesham, IP12 4PB.

Doors open at 6.30pm for registration, welcome and music. From 7.00 – 8.00 pm there will be a class followed by practice time. We welcome total novices, people with other dance experience or those who want to revise the basics.

The fee for each lesson will be £7, payable on the day by card or cash. It's not essential to come with a partner, but nice if you can.

To find out more about this fabulous dance, check out our website - suffolktango.org.uk - where you will find an introduction to Argentine Tango as well as details about our venues, activities and mailing lists. You can also find us on Facebook.

If you have any questions or would like to register your interest, please contact Julia by email: contact@Suffolktango.org.uk

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

Our purpose is entirely social and we also organise occasional social events, including visits to local places of interest and Ladies and friends Summer and Christmas lunches. Our members come from Woodbridge and local villages in the area including Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Melton and occasionally from even further afield. For further information please also check out our website woodbridgeprobus.org.uk or contact roger952brown@hotmail.co.uk



MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

The last meeting of this season was the AGM at the end of June. Our Chairman reminded us of the very varied programme we had enjoyed during the year. The meetings were well supported with an average of 30 at most meetings. Our finances are very sound at present so the yearly subscription will remain at £10.00 with an entrance fee of £2.00 at each meeting.

The Chairman and all the committee members have agreed to continue for another year.

The ladies who served the tea and coffee, organised the raffle and secondhand book stall were warmly thanked for their hard work.

We recommence on Thursday 14th September 2023. All meetings are held on alternate Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Richards Room. For more information contact June Peck tel. 07867525422.

GIPPESWYK SINGERS CHAMBER CHOIR

Gippeswyk Singers rehearse at **St. Michael and All Angels church, Martlesham Heath** on **Monday** evenings during term time from **7:30 to 9:30 pm**.

Under the expert direction of Janette Ruocco, we learn a wide variety of music ranging from classical to popular which we perform locally. This year we held two contrasting concerts. In April we sang Henry Purcell's Dido and Aeneas as well as a selection of anthems accompanied by the Dargason Ensemble. Most recently, in June, we performed a variety of spirituals accompanied by piano. Janette strives for excellence and members learn how to improve their singing techniques. Rehearsals are lively and enjoyable.

Rehearsals for the Christmas concert, which will take place on 9th December 2023, commence on September 4th. The concert will include traditional carols for choir and audience with organ accompaniment.

We will be holding an Open Sing morning on Saturday 30th September at 10am. This event is a good opportunity to try us out but, if you are interested in joining our friendly choir, you are welcome to come along to our first rehearsal.

For more information, please contact Adrian Farthing on 07949 803594.

MARTLESHAM BRASS - 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Martlesham Brass are taking a short break from rehearsals during August, and will return at the start of September, when they will be preparing for their Birthday Concert on Saturday 23rd September. There will be more details about this next month.

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

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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 Richard's 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 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. The next are 6th and 20th July, and 3rd, 17th and 31st August
- Join at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start, 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: vprr@speak-easy.org.uk or www.speak-easy.org.uk
or find us on Facebook: Speak Easy Martlesham

U3A EAST SUFFOLK: Helping you to make new friends and find new interests

With the autumn in sight, members of u3a East Suffolk are looking towards a new season of activities, talks and fun!

It kicks off with the Open Day on Friday 1st September at Kesgrave Community Centre, 10.30 to 12.30, when interest groups of all kinds will be showcasing their activities and inviting new members.

U3a offers the chance to participate in more than 150 activity groups, including discussing the arts, history, science, learning a new foreign language, walking, quizzing, dining out, short breaks and more.

This thriving local members' organisation has well over 2,000 members in East Suffolk. They are men and women, keen to remain active and stimulated in retirement/semi-retirement and later life.

It costs a minimal amount to join, and all activities are run by enthusiastic volunteers with only small additional charges to cover costs.

In a typical year there are 30 speaker meetings held across venues in Woodbridge, Felixstowe, Kesgrave and Saxmundham. Attendance is free of charge to all members.

The next season's offerings include talks about the River Stour, Tudor fashion, Martlesham Wilds and the tale of a reporter turned cowboy turned preacher.

Details are on the website: www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk.

For more information about u3a please see the website or call the secretary on 0300 123 3913.

FREE CONCERT SAT 26TH AUGUST

Woodbridge Methodist Church, St John's St, Woodbridge, IP12 1ED.

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Both the Community Hall and the Richards Room have recently been refurbished and both have Wi-Fi Internet access, a PA system and projector for you to use, at no extra cost. We're conveniently located next door to the Martlesham Tesco superstore and we have a large free car park. The Community Hall has kitchen and bar areas, with serving hatches into the main hall. The Richards Room has a small kitchen area. You can check out the details on our website: mchall.org.uk - just click on Facilities in the top menu.

PS: A date for your diary - we'll be presenting the first of our community quizzes on

Saturday 11 November. We're planning further quizzes every three months or so. More details in September.

If you'd like to hire the Community Hall or Richards Room, you can check availability and make a booking request at mchall.org.uk/booking or call our Booking Secretary on 01473 623203 (Monday to Saturday 08:00 - 20:00).

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

You can find out about our venues at our website - mchall.org.uk
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and Thursday September 21st 2023

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Sunday 11th August	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion with Junior Church St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 18th August	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship 7pm Zoom Reflecting with God
Sunday 25th August	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	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 August: 10am Holy Communion at St Michael's

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

August

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 for our families living around the world 6 for all the churches in our benefice 7 for our emergency services 8 for The Runway Coffee Shop 9 for the residents of Carlford Close 10 for our gardens and open spaces 11 for those remembering a loved one 12 for all young people on International Youth Day 13 for those visiting the Pop Up shop today 14 for all working on construction projects in Martlesham 16 for the residents of Carol Avenue 17 for those receiving their A level results today 18 for all residents of care homes 19 for the beauty of our coastline 20 for those taking part in religious services today | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 for those concerned for their jobs 22 for those caring for our environment 23 for the residents of Chandos Court 24 for those receiving their GCSE results today 25 for those who care for animals 26 for the development of technology 27 for those struggling with their faith 28 for those on holiday this week 29 for all who play sport 30 for the residents of Chandos Drive 31 for farmers preparing for the harvest <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 for all members of Martlesham Brass 2 for those preparing to go to university 3 for those persecuted for their faith 4 for all teachers returning to work today |
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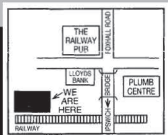
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