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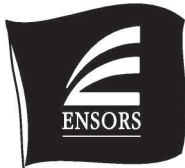
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THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH .

July is here, and the Martlesham Village Fete is back. Look inside for full programme of the day's events. If anyone wants to contact the organisers, or volunteer on the day, the e-mail is myfete@gmail.com.

This month also sees the launch of the Community Orchard. If you want to get involved, or just find out what it is about, then look on the Parish Council Page for more information.

We have an article about the end of the Martlesham Heath Airfield for a bit of local history.

There is still plenty to do round the village, opportunities to help maintain the conservation areas, and clubs and activities to join in. For those walking in the area, look out for the Silver Studded Blue Butterflies, and keep an eye out for adders basking on heathland (especially dog owners!) More inside

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact
Timandra Howell
martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com.
Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Rachel Pennick
01473 610437

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have

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

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

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Desperately Seeking Three Parish Councillors!

We are still looking for three parish councillors to join the Council. We are involved with lots of issues that affect the parish. Three committees deal with our main areas of work: recreation & amenities (play areas, land maintenance, street furniture etc), development plans (covering planning applications & highways/transport matters) and finance & general purposes (ensuring public funds are properly accounted for, policies such as health & safety are in place & up to date). Don't worry you don't have to get involved in everything or be an expert to be a councillor. We ask you to join at least one committee. Our councillors are just members of our community who have an interest in looking after the parish. Please contact the Clerk for more information or come along to a meeting

– we'd love to hear from you.

Inclusive play equipment

The Parish Council is considering the need for inclusive play equipment within the parish, particularly at the Centenary Playspace. We would like to hear from you if this is something you would be particularly interested in for your children and what sort of equipment you would like to see installed.

Vandalism at Jubilee Playspace, off Carol Avenue

In May the fencing around the Jubilee Playspace was seriously damaged and left in a dangerous state. We made it safe promptly, but such senseless action is a particular shame as it causes great inconvenience, is a health and safety issue and also costs all parishioners money as repairs are expensive. If you witness any acts of vandalism or anti-

social behaviour, please report them to the Police on 101 or e-mail our Safer Neighbourhood Team at Woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. In emergency cases please always call 999.

Update on the Brightwell Lakes development

We were represented on the "Brightwell Lakes Community Forum" which met on 23rd May. It comprises members from local parish councils, the District and County Councils as well as the developers. We heard that progress is being made on infrastructure, selecting builders for the first phases and access to the site. It is expected that the first homes will be occupied by early 2021. Some of the issues identified for follow up were the A12 junction with the site's main spine road (The "Boulevard"), and relationships with builders and the local education authority, especially as the school will share facilities with the new community.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 03 July 2019

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 10 July 2019

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 14 August 2019

No full Parish Council meeting in August

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

Contacting the Council

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council,
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Telephone: 01473 612632
e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk
website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times: 9am – 12noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY ORCHARD

What community orchard? Never heard of it? Where is it?
What is a community orchard anyway?

*No, you probably haven't heard of it because it does not exist Yet
So here is a simple guide*

Who? You! A community orchard is a project which involves engaging the whole community in planning, establishing and maintaining an orchard. The Parish Council has taken the initiative of setting up a working group with Martlesham Heath Householders (MHH), Martlesham in Bloom and interested residents. Read on and find out how you can get involved

What? Community Orchards are places for people to come together to cultivate fruit trees. Orchards can be focal point for community activities and a green haven in which to relax and wind-down. Community Orchards are frequently used as an educational resource for local schools and children. They are also a great opportunity for you to learn new skills – fencing, wildlife watching, horticultural skills gained from pruning and maintenance of the fruit trees and jam and fruit juice making skills.

Where? We are grateful that MHH have kindly made available the redundant and unused football pitch on the western corridor next to the Control Tower, Centenary Play Space and Gorseland School. They are anxious to emphasise that the facility will be for the whole community of Martlesham

When? The most difficult part of setting up a Community Orchard is normally finding the land, but that has been provided, so we can start planning and preliminary work immediately. It may be a few years before we can all enjoy picking our fresh fruit, but worth the wait

Why? Perhaps we should have started with this, but we all know the health, educational and ecological benefits that arise from working with and enjoying nature

How? With your help. We need enthusiastic volunteers and supporters in the short term to work on establishing the Orchard and in the longer term a dedicated team to permanently manage the established orchard. We'll start small and simple and grow as the community shapes progress. Please email deputyclerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk to register your interest so you can stay in touch and even better get involved. (All information will be handled confidentially in accordance with the Parish Council's data protection policy)

Report from Edward Thompson for Martlesham Monthly

I have been attending induction training sessions and one council meeting.

At that Council meeting I caused a stir by standing for an external body with "Disabled" in its title. An issue which I have some insight which I felt may be useful, I lost the vote. I felt slightly insulted, then I went home and read a book which said actually being insulted in a council meeting is a measure of success.

I will attend more induction training sessions

Recently I have been studying the Orwell Green Planning Application if anyone has an opinion about this application please tell the council to this log on the planning system at <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/> follow the planning link.

I am your councillor
Edward Thompson

Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd

Adder Sightings

It has been brought to our attention that there have been several recent sightings of adders around the Martlesham Heath area. This is a gentle reminder to be mindful of adders whilst walking in around the heathland and particularly at the Northern End of the SSSI to keep dogs on a leash.

Adder Information <https://www.arc-trust.org/adder>

The adder is the UK's only venomous snake. Though potentially serious, adder bites to humans or dogs are very rarely fatal.

Identification

The adder is easily recognised by a dark,

District Councillor report from Chris Blundell July 2019

East Suffolk Council make up. The East Suffolk District Council is formally registered as a District Council with the Government. However, The Council has chosen to use their title locally as 'East Suffolk Council' which I am advised they are entitled to do and have done so. The district council is made up of 39 Conservatives, 7 Labour, 4 Green, 3 Liberal Democrats and 2 Independents. The Greens, Liberal Democrats and Independents have chosen to work together as a single group making them the second largest group in the council with 9 members. The third group is made up of all 7 Labour councillors.

This matters in the distribution of seats on the various committees. It has been decided by the legal team that Planning (North) will have two opposition seats, and Planning (South) will have three opposition seats.

Planning Matters. Since the election most of council time has been taken up with the training and induction of the new councillors and bringing returned councillors up to date with the new and revised processes introduced because of the merger. Therefore, there is little to report on that affects Martlesham, Brightwell, Foxhall and Purdis Farm other than Gladman's Outline Planning Permission for 2700 new homes in Bucklesham/Foxhall which I understand has been submitted to the Council with no pre-application discussions.

With respect to the Police HQ there is (at the time of writing this article) no further news available.

Martlesham Village Fete. This will be taking place on Saturday 20th July 2019 on the village green. There will be a Parish Council stand for our residents to visit. In addition to Martlesham Parish Council activities that will be on display, I will be available on that day with a number of outline plans and proposals both for the local area and the wider East Suffolk Activities which do have a bearing on the local towns and villages so do come along to find out more of what is happening in other areas that surround our local community.

If you wish to discuss any of the above items with me I can be contacted by email at chris.blundell@eastsuffolk or by phone on either 01473 622716 or 07768 213251.

continuous 'zig-zag' stripe along its back. There is also a row of dark spots along each side. The background colour varies from grey-white in the male to shades of brown or copper in the female. Young adders are copper, light brown or reddish, with darker brown markings. Completely black adders occur in some areas. Adders can grow to around 60cm in length and have rather a stocky appearance.

Be aware that the Adder is a protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

Fires

There has been yet another campfire in Birch Woods behind Birch Grove, from a leaflet left behind it looks like they were Year 9 or 10 students.

Anti Social behaviour.

We are getting reports of Youths driving up and down the Control Tower access road having damaged a fence that prevented access from The Grove when the gates are locked. We will be taking action to repair the damage and prevent access.

Land Maintenance

The main green is undergoing maintenance consisting of reseeding bare areas, aerating and feeding. Additionally work around Eagle Way and also in Birch woods has been undertaken.

With the better weather we hope you get out to enjoy the woods & SSSI. Should you wish to report anything you find we can be contacted on 01473 612207, or email mhh@martlesham.org.uk our website is <http://martleshamheathhouseholdersltd.onesuffolk.net>





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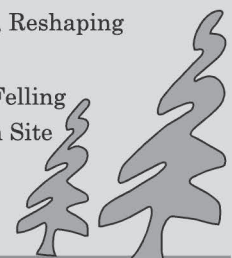


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Hedgehog Nursery at Gorseland Primary School



At Hedgehogs, we became scientists when carrying out an experiment by placing skittles in water and watching what happened. To our amazement, the skittles transformed and we saw a rainbow appear in the water. This helped us think about colour mixing and prompted questions about how the skittles had completely vanished!

In our walks around the school, the Hedgehogs have been clever at finding different shapes, numbers and graphemes. We found letters absolutely everywhere - including some from our names.

During lunchtimes, we have been visiting the large hall so we can see what it will be like in September. We also explored the Reception classrooms to look at where we might be playing and learning when we start school.

We will be sad to see our Hedgehogs leave Gorseland Nursery, but are also excited for the next adventures they will be going on in the future.

We send best wishes to you all and a sincere 'thank you' to all our families who have been so supportive and contributed to the success of this year.

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

Mrs. T. Haig
Nursery Lead Teacher

Hedgehog Nursery is open from 0830-1515 Monday to Friday for 3 and 4 year olds; in addition, we offer wrap-around care from 0730-1800 every week day.. If you would like more information, please visit www.gorseland.net or contact the School Office on 01473 623790.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

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

Sunday 7th – Summer is here! Why not pop along and make a beautiful sunflower to decorate your home?

Sunday 14th – Do you know how many spots a ladybird has on its back? Create a lady bird and add your own spots;

Saturday 20th – Saturday 27th – Create your own planet and decide if you would like an astronaut or Buzz Lightyear to fly over it?

Sunday 28th – Saturday 3rd August – Keep losing your page whilst reading for the Summer Reading Challenge? Design a rocket or alien spaceship bookmark to help.

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

Free BookStart Sessions – every Thursday including all School Holidays.

These are free activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Why not come along and join Jean every Thursday for songs, rhymes and poems?

Tot Rock - action rhymes, songs and stories for toddlers - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce – songs and rhymes for babies – 10.30am – 11.00am.

Free Story Time Sessions – every Friday 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. This session combines stories and rhymes. All welcome. Why not pop along? Due to the Summer Reading Challenge, there will be no sessions from Friday 26th July until Friday 6th September.

Other Library Events for July 2019

Lego Club - Every Tuesday afternoon (Term Time) 3.45 – 4.45 p.m. We now a volunteer who will lead this activity and each week will be a different theme. What will you design? Parents must stay with under 8s. 02/07 Free Play, 09/07 Gardens and 16/07 Space.

15/06/2019 – IT Drop In sessions 9.30 – 12.00 noon. Need some help with some aspect of IT? Pop along and see a member of staff, who will be pleased to help.

Due to the Summer Reading Challenge, there will be no MacMillan Cancer Support Groups in July and August. It will re-start in September. If you are interested in joining any of the groups, please ring or speak to a member of staff.

Summer Reading Challenge – Space Chase Saturday 20th July – Sunday 8th September.

This year's Reading Challenge is all about Space to celebrate 50 years since the moon landing. Due to the popularity of the challenge, a session will run every day at Kesgrave Library with three days of sign up in the week before the challenge starts on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July from 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. The session times during the school holidays are: Monday 9.30–11.30 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday 2.30-5.00pm, Wednesday and Thursday 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. Friday 9.00 – 12 noon and Sunday 10.00 – 1.00 p.m.

During these times, children can come in, enrol and talk to the volunteers about the books they have read. There will also be free craft activities which are inspired by the theme of space. To finish the challenge each child needs to read 6 books, at least one of which needs to be non-fiction.



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Our fun half hour sessions are free and usually include singing, activities and making crafts to take home based around stories or themes from the Bible. After each session we have refreshments, when the adults can chat and the children can play, until approximately 12noon.

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

The last session date, for the Summer Term 2019, is:

8th July

Look out for Autumn Term dates in future local magazines.

If you would like one of our Bright Stars leaflets with the session dates on it give us a ring on the number below and we will be happy to send it to you.

If you would like further information please contact:

Sonya & Maureen Burrows
Tel.01473 625196

If you are not sure what the Summer Reading Challenge is all about, staff from the library will be visiting most of the local primary schools during the next half-term to explain to the children what is involved or you can phone the library directly.

Summer Reading Challenge Launch Party – Buzz Lightyear and Toy Story Morning – Sunday 21st July 10.00 – 1.00 p.m. To launch this year's Reading Challenge and to officially open our refurbished children's shelving, we are having a Toy Story morning. Why not pop along dressed as your favourite character and meet Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story or take part in our amazing themed craft? There will also be a tombola, cakes and refreshments, as well as a cartoon inspired raffle. Customers can also sign up for the Reading Challenge whilst attending the Launch Party. No need to book, just pop along! www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

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You can hear them at Ipswich Music Day on Sunday 7th July, between 2.00pm & 2.45pm.

On Saturday 20th July they will be playing at Martlesham Village Fete between 1.00pm & 2.00pm.

On Sunday 28th July they are playing in Christchurch Park, Ipswich between 2.30pm & 4.30pm, as part of 'Brass on the Grass', which is a series of free concerts held throughout the summer. Hopefully the sun will be shining for all these events!

We would love to hear from new players, young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and would like to come along and meet us, please email join@martleshambrass.co.uk or use the contact details below.

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MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Many thanks to those who came out on our work party and helped to cut and clear bracken on the heath SSSI. We managed to clear a good area. The area had small plants of heather coming through. Hopefully checking the growth of bracken will allow the heather to establish more extensively. 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, including the nationally rare Silver Studded Blue butterfly. They are not on the wing for long so early July 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.

Thanks to all those people reported sightings of snakes over the last month. 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> has lots of useful subjects such as identification, conservation and FAQs.

Our work party in July will take part on Sunday 7th July at 10 am. Please meet on the Heath SSSI on the bank that runs east-west across the site. We will aim to cut some more bracken and promote the growth of heather. No special skills are needed. Please consider coming along and giving us a hand.

The 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.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

In May, our Nature Explorers made a new wildflower bed with the aim of adding some colour and attracting insects and other creatures into that area. The seeds were a mixture of specially selected UK native species, kindly provided by Kew Gardens as part of their 'Grow Wild' Campaign. If all goes well, and the summer is not too dry, we look forward to a display of flowers, such as corn chamomile, ragged robin and foxglove, in the coming months. On the same morning, our Volunteers cleared the new growth from the northern tumulus.

Dates for the Diary

Volunteer Work Morning (all ages)
Saturday 20th July, 10:00am – Noon.
Meet at the Education Area. Tools, training and light refreshments provided.
All welcome - no need to book.

Nature Explorers (11-18 year olds)
Saturday 20th July, 9:00am – 11:00am.
Please book a place via our email below.

New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome. No experience needed. For further information, please contact us at pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone: 01473 612632 or visit our website: pwcg.onesuffolk.net or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

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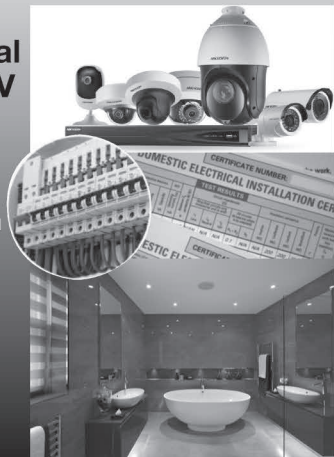


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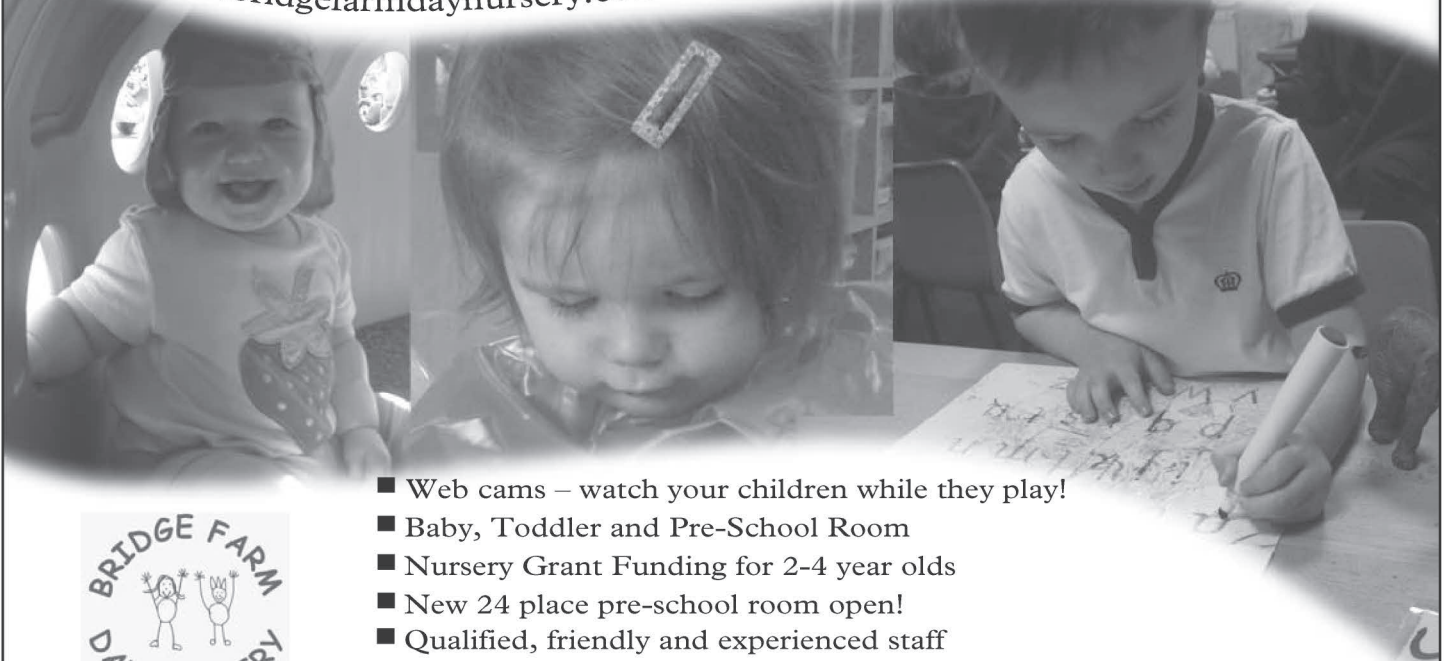
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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our speaker on Friday 7th June was Sally Dearman-Cummings and the subject of her talk was "From Fast Jets to Wobbly Heads!"

Sally was a local girl and attended Northgate Grammar School for Girls. She joined the RAF in 1984 until 1985. Sally gained her commission and spent six years as a Fighter Controller before training as a pilot. She was the first woman to complete the RAF Fast Jets flying training programme.

Sally decided that inevitably being trained for a fighter pilot she would have to be prepared to be in a combat role and decided therefore that she would prefer to become a helicopter pilot saving lives in air, sea rescue. After leaving the RAF she began a family and has one two daughters and a son. Her eldest daughter accompanied her. Sally is a bundle of energy and ambition and she then spent nearly five years as a weather presenter for the BBC World Service and Radio Four.

Sally Dearman-Cummings is clearly a talented and highly intelligent lady and gave us all an evening to remember. She currently gives various talks in aid of charities and her details are on the WWW.

A vote of thanks was given by our chairman, Martyn Cook.

Our talk next month will be at the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road Martlesham as usual and on the first Friday of the month. The speaker will be Bob Collis, a well known aviation historian. His subject will be "Zeppelins Over Lowestoft". Great War raids.

Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £4 at the door. Meetings start at 7.30 with a tea/coffee break.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

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MARTLESHAM SURGERY - PRACTICE AND PATIENT GROUP (PPG)

At our last meeting, we heard that some members were hearing rumours that Martlesham surgery would eventually close, as a result of the new housing developments, and that its patients would be served by the surgery in Kesgrave. We have checked with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and can confirm that this is pure speculation. They also said "nothing will be progressed without the involvement of your practice and PPG".

We first invited the CCG to our meeting last October and they outlined many possible options, including the status quo. They said nothing will be decided for some time as the infrastructure money won't be paid until a significant proportion of the new houses have been built - some years off. They confirm that that information has not changed and that nothing has been progressed since we met.

Chair PPG

MARTLESHAM OUTDOOR BOWLS.

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

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

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



Martlesham in Bloom

Hanging baskets in The Square and planted containers elsewhere in Martlesham

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Martlesham Common – Wildlife survey of flora and fauna

The survey of Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve is ongoing and we would like to encourage everyone to help with this survey by letting us know of sightings of any flora or fauna throughout the year. On Saturday 18th May, Phil Smith, from the Martlesham Conservation Group, led a walk round the Common and a number of birds were identified (including migrant visitors such as Nightingales, Garden Warblers, Blackcap and Whitethroat) and several species of butterflies were seen.

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1958 and the "Battle of Britain Flight" arrived at Martlesham and were here until 1961, when they re-deployed to RAF Coltishall in Norfolk.

It was known simply as the "Battle of Britain Flight" in those days and was not called "The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight" until the addition of the Avro Lancaster a few years later.



The inset photo shows the Spitfire and Hurricane being prepared for the September annual flypast over Buckingham Palace. The Spitfire crashed landed on the Oxo cricket pitch at Bromley just after passing over the palace. The players had just gone in for tea and the Air Commodore pilot joined them! RAF Martlesham Heath then reverted to "care and maintenance" status.

During this period gliding became a regular Sunday activity enjoyed by members of the Air Training Corp. (ATC).

The Glider in the picture is a Kirby Cadet MK III 2 seat Tandem Glider, with a Cadet in the front seat. Note the winch cable launching it. In the centre of the picture under the glider, you can see a Great War vintage Boulton and Paul supplied hangar, thought to have been erected with the help of German Prisoners of War. Now long gone - it stood where TenPin now is. On the right is the RAF Martlesham Heath Station Headquarters, which still exists - just inside the BT Adastral Park fence. Residents will recognise this as the site of the new Aldi's of course.

Gliding continued on Sundays, with the nice selection of Gliders being launched by large Wilde Winches, (previously used to raise and lower WW2 Barrage Balloons), until the base closed in 1963. Lots of youngsters from 14 and upwards got involved and became A.T.C. Cadets.

Many gained the A.T.C. Gliding proficiency Standard British Gliding "A" Certificates, and better, while at Martlesham Heath, with some going into the Royal Air Force. Young Ladies of the Ranger Guides also got involved in helping generally, with some taking flights. The Cadets were taught by a team of Civilian and R.A.F. Instructors - many fondly remembered locally.

One of our members has just written a small book about the ATC and gliding at Martlesham. It contains many interesting stories of those times and is available in our museum.

The airfield was finally closed on 25th April 1963.

Alan Powell.



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If the sun shines this month we may be spotted knitting/crocheting outside on Thursdays!

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Our next three events

On Sunday 14th July at 2pm we have a walk around Bonny Wood in search of butterflies.

We hope to see some of the most spectacular butterflies in Britain such as the Silver Washed Fritillary and White Admiral. Please meet and park in Barking Tye Village Hall car park, postcode IP6 8HP, OS grid reference TM 076524.

On Friday 9th August at 8pm we have a Bats and Deer Evening at Captain's Wood. Please park at Sudbourne Village Hall post code IP12 2BE. Our local contact has also let me know there will be a pop up bar operating in the Village Hall on that evening.

On Saturday 24th August at 2.30pm we have an afternoon of "Waders and Flutterers" at Hazelwood Marshes. Please park in the reserve car park postcode IP17 1PG.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our season concluded with the AGM at the end of June and we are having a break until 12th September. It has been a very successful year; we have welcomed several new members and enjoyed a variety of interesting talks and demonstrations.

Wishing all members a happy and relaxing summer, and looking forward to all meeting again for another season.

For more information contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

HEADWAY SUFFOLK MARTLESHAM DEMENTIA GROUP

Brain injury charity Headway Suffolk runs a monthly social support group for people living with dementia in Martlesham.

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The next date the group meet is on Thursday 25 July 2019.

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Both meetings at St Michael's Church Centre.

All made most welcome

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2019 TOTAL

With many thanks to all our wonderful donors and volunteer collectors in Martlesham and Martlesham Heath, we are pleased to announce the final total for this house to house collection of £2,439.97. (And thanks to all those who filled in the gift aid slip for their donations, the final total will be even more!)

This is an increase on last year and is a brilliant response, especially as we were not able to cover many roads in Martlesham.

We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time and their money to respond to disaster and to help make childbirth safer for all mums and babies. (If you missed this collection and would still like to donate, you can do so online at caweek.org.)

Carolyn Smith

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HALL TOP STREET

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

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

For any queries or bookings please contact 01473 623655.

No Mow May was great.

In order to help out the pollinators such as bees, we were urged not to mow our lawns. Guilt free laziness! And then as June dawned, we had storm Miguel with high winds and lots of rain, along with the sadness of lives lost due to dangerous weather. And it all makes the grass grow – periods of heavy rain interspersed with sunshine turn a lovely lawn into a meadow. And the mowing begins again in earnest. Wildflowers are replaced by greenery, as if they had never been there.

In the bible, the Psalmist speaks of meadow flowers: As for us, our life is like grass. We grow and flourish like a wildflower; then the wind blows on it, and it is gone—no one sees it again. But for those who honour the Lord, his love lasts forever, and his goodness endures for all generations (Psalm 103:15-17). And we are reminded that although the mower – or the wind – can change a meadow into a lawn, God doesn't change. God's love for us remains strong, whatever the weather, or the height of our lawn.

So, whether you are encouraging pollinators, or simply struggling for the motivation to get out and tend your garden, know that God loves you and will continue to do so forever.

Rev. Toby Tate

FOOTSTEPS –walking with you

Footsteps continues to be busy counselling young people from our centre in Woodbridge. We're very aware of the privilege it is to share in the lives of young people, and it so heart-warming when we see problems resolve and young people thriving. A parent told us recently, "this has made a huge difference to us a family." (comment used with permission)

We are now coming up to a summer of events including Martlesham village fete, and our Multicultural Banquet at St Michael's church on Saturday 14 September

Tickets are £10 for adults and available from Christine Pinder or Jo Ashton or by emailing us at info@footstepswalkingwithyou.org.uk.

Do get in touch if you have any questions or are interested in some counselling.

Our counselling is open to anyone aged 11–25 and we do not make a fixed charge, although we welcome donations towards the cost of counselling.



THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

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

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 7th July	9.45am All Age Service Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 14th July	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 21st July	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th July	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong

Midweek Services

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

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

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

July

- 5 give thanks for Friends on Friday
- 6 for the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout our lives
- 7 all who are feeling the loss of a loved one
- 8 for our local Emergency Services
- 9 give thanks for those who work for the service of others
- 10 for all those with Mental Health issues
- 11 give thanks and for Youth Club
- 12 for the residents of Crane Close
- 13 for trust and friendship between people of different faiths
- 14 for freedom of thought for all around the world
- 15 for good weather to suit all farmers and food producers
- 16 that we may be receptive to Jesus' teaching
- 17 for all visitors to our village
- 18 for the work of St Elizabeth Hospice and East Anglian Children's Hospice
- 19 for the residents of Crown Close
- 20 give thanks for all who are involved in Village Day

- 21 for children and young people leaving their present schools
- 22 give thanks for the example of Mary Magdalene
- 23 for all celebrating wedding anniversaries at this time
- 24 for the residents of De Brink on the Green
- 25 give thanks for our Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds on St. James' Day
- 26 for safety on the roads as families go on holiday
- 27 give thanks for the beauty of our gardens
- 28 for those waiting for treatment or operations
- 29 give thanks for friends and neighbours who support us
- 30 that we may spread the good news of Jesus' love for us all
- 31 give thanks for all Libraries and the joy of reading books

August

- 1 for all who feel lonely at this holiday season
- 2 for the residents of Deben Avenue
- 3 for young people waiting for exam results
- 4 for peace around the world



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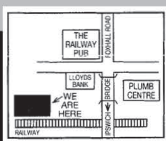
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