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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

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See MHHL report inside

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

We wish all our parishioners a happy, healthy & safe summer. We anticipate that the majority of coronavirus restrictions will have been lifted by the time you read this. A big thank you for all that you've done to support each other through this difficult time. Sadly, we know that coronavirus is something we have to learn to live with, and case numbers are still rising rapidly. Many people will still be dealing with loss, effects of long covid, anxiety and employment challenges. Please continue to be kind to each other and respect others' wishes regarding social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. Let us support each other as we cope with changes and possibly new challenges.

Councillor news

Our new councillor, Charlotte Driver, has resigned due to a change in personal circumstances. We wish her well and hope that she may be able to re-join our team in due course. This leaves another councillor vacancy. Please see a separate article.

We are pleased that our councillor, Jane Hall, has taken on the role of Chairperson of the Development, Transport & Environment Committee. She replaces Stephen Denton, who has committed much time, energy & expertise to the post. We thank him for his significant contribution on planning matters. We are pleased to report that he continues to contribute, but just not as the Chairperson!

Staff Changes and the office

Please bear with us during August as we get ready for a move back to the office. We will also be preparing for changes to staff structure and working hours from

01 September 2021. This will involve reorganisation and training. As reported last month, the staff will be working flexibly so with a mix of working from home and in the office but ensuring that office opening hours are covered. Further details in September's edition.

Results of the Jubilee Playspace survey

We reported last month that the survey results concluded a resounding preference for Option 1, for a new all-weather sports surface (19m x 8m), with 2 stand-alone football goals and 2 cantilever basketball posts and hoops and a new steel multi-climber and circular nest swing in the play

area. If you wish to look at them, the main results are now published on Facebook and the Parish Council website.

Planning issues

- 1) McCarthy & Stone planning application for retirement homes: this was refused planning permission in May but, at the time of writing, we have been informed that a fresh planning application will be submitted so please check our website and facebook page for news of that.
- 2) Brightwell Lakes: You should hopefully all have received the leaflet drop in June from Taylor Wimpey who now own the site, which is to become a "2,000-home community". We are expecting four planning applications to be submitted in July 2021 & we will keep you informed. Go to www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/brightwelllakes for more details, please also check the East Suffolk Council website <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/>

Recreation Ground & Kronji's Piece Management Plan

Following the survey earlier this year, work on implementing improvements is ongoing. Earlier this year the Design Out Crime Officer visited the site with our Clerk & Deputy. His report was very positive & encouraging about the site. He felt that it was "a nice area and a good location for a play park". His main recommendations were to plant trees to prevent 4x4 vehicles driving over the mounds on to the grass and to use vandal proof objects in a sensory garden.

He supported the introduction of more dog bins to help with the problem of dog mess and the accessible walk "as no areas are too dense to hide an offender and a lot is open plan to provide valuable surveillance".

Forthcoming meetings:

No formal Council meetings in August

If we are back to 'normal' the following meetings are planned for September:

Parish Council – Wednesday 01 September 2021

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 08 September 2021

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. 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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MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Are you over 18 and live or work in our area? Do you want to make a difference to people's quality of life? Then please consider joining our Martlesham Parish Council team. We are seeking two new members. There is a wide variety of topics you can get involved with ranging from caring for our environment, planning issues, play provision, transport & highways issues to policy making and finance. You don't need to be an expert in any field (although it might help!), only a genuine interest in looking after your local area. We do not give allowances but out of pocket expenses are paid. Training is also available. Please be aware that meetings are usually held on Wednesday evenings.

Please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested:

Tel: 01473 612632

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

Report for August 2021 from your Conservative District Councillor Chris Blundell

An interesting election result. You may have seen in the EADT (Sat 10th July) the by-election results for the Aldeburgh and Leiston Ward. This is a three seats ward that returned three conservative councillors at the District Council elections in May 2019. Two of the District Councillors were successful in also becoming County Councillors in the recent County Councillor Elections in May 2021. These two then resigned their District Council seats thus causing two by-elections in that ward. The results for the East Suffolk Council were as follows: **Tom Daly (G): 1,110, Russ Rainger (C): 1,103, Matt Oakley (G): 1,101, Andrew Reid (C): 1,006, Ian Illett (L): 355, Mark Turner (L): 311, Steve Marsling (Comm): 61.**

I cannot recall seeing so many close results as these. The Greens took one of the previous conservative seats thus increasing their number on the East Suffolk Council to Five.

New policy for Commemorative Benches in East Suffolk. This is a service that allows people to sponsor seating at locations in the district to remember a friend, relative or colleague who has passed away. People may sponsor a new bench seat with a commemorative plaque for a period of ten years in numerous locations on council land, mainly replacing existing benches that are coming to an end of practical use. The benches are located in places where everyone can sit, rest and reflect. Members of the public who chose to commemorate someone in this way will also be encouraged to not attach any additional items to the benches. Unfortunately, these items, that often include flowers, wreaths and balloons can either prevent people from sitting or make them feel uncomfortable about doing so.

Sizewell C. The formal planning process for the construction of Sizewell C has now started. EDF has made some significant changes to its approach following the pre-application consultation and while late in the day they are broadly welcome, particularly in relation to transport mitigation and the fact that they are now pursuing a predominantly marine and rail-led approach to bringing freight to the site during the construction phase, rather than a road-led strategy.

There are some major environmental impact changes too and while these changes are welcome, there is still concern that the environmental regulators will not have sufficient time to consider all the impacts of the new proposals. Especially in relation to flood risks, coastal changes and water supply.

Our Local MP, Dr. Therese Coffey, has been very active in speaking at the Planning Inquiry determining Scottish Power Renewables application for huge substations at Friston and the associated cabling corridor from Thorpeness. Dr Coffey states: **"If approved, the proposal would have a devastating impact on the local area including elements of the AONB".** Dr Coffey also goes on to state that: **"I am firmly of the belief that the onshore aspects of these projects must be rejected in favour of a grid connection that offers the capacity to integrate multiple projects without having a devastating impact on local communities and our precious landscapes".**

I feel that I should state that I am in broad agreement with the views expressed by our MP.

The Community Partnership. Today (12th July 2021) the CP met to approve a number of requests for funding which were approved and to receive a presentation on Road and Transport Safety from Mr Jack Raven of EDF Energy. This was followed by a long discussion on this issue. There was a particularly good number representation from many parishes and even a representative from SCC Highways. Road and Transport Safety is the main issue for the Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership for this year.

I believe that it is worth noting that the ESC Planning Committee of which I am a member, recently deferred a planning application for a new estate in a village because of the surrounding roads being considered as unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists and even small vehicles. Although Highway safety is the province of the County Council, the local CP is quite determined to address this very important issue and to seek to reduce road hazards wherever they exist.

If you would like to have further information on any of the foregoing topics or any other East Suffolk Council matter, please contact me by email at chris.blundell@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

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It was confirmed at the AGM on 7 June 2021 that the Annual Maintenance charge for 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 will remain at £35. This will be the fifth year in a row that the Annual Maintenance Charge has remained at £35 and this has been achieved by strict control over spending. However, due to inflation, in the near future, it may be necessary to have a small increase. This increase, whenever it occurs, will be kept to a minimum.

Nesting Season

Can we remind people that they should NOT be cutting hedges with mechanised devices as we are still in Nesting season. Hand shears or secateurs for a quiet tidy up if absolutely essential after the hedge has been checked it doesn't have a nest in.

Please Take Care

Take care driving around Eagle Way particularly dusk and night as the deer are freely moving around. Take care when walking in the woods with dogs for the same reason as both deer and dogs could startle each other.

Old Fencing Removal

We have had several incidents lately where we have had to remind householders that border our land to ensure that all old fencing and trees cut down from your property are not left in situ. Thank you for your continued co-operation on this matter.

Woodbridge Rotary Club Bench

A bench kindly donated by Woodbridge Rotary club has been installed near the windsock on Eagle Way. We do thank Woodbridge Rotary Club for this donation. (See Photo)

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.

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KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS – August 2021

The library opened with its pre-Covid hours on Monday 5th July and staff are so pleased to see so many of our customers returning. Please remember if you do not wish to come in and browse, we are still happy to order items on the catalogue for you or put together a Select & Collect bundle. Just give us a ring on 01473 626103. We are now open: -

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Tuesday	9.00 – 12.00 noon/ 2.30 – 5.00 p.m.
Wednesday	2.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday	2.30 – 8.00 p.m.
Friday	9.00 – 12.00 noon/ 2.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Saturday	10.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Sunday	10.00 – 3.00 p.m.

At the time of writing this article, staff are still waiting to see what the relaxation of rules on the 19th of July means for us. We will communicate any changes to you when you pop along to see us or please ring and ask if you are concerned.

Covid -19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Tests) –

Did you know that your local library is a collection point for these tests. Please just pop along and ask staff for however many boxes you or your family require.

Word Play Sessions – These sessions returned at the Kesgrave Community Centre and are continuing all through the holidays on a Wednesday, with Tot Rock at 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. and Baby Bounce at 10.45 – 11.15a.m. Due to the Covid restrictions, we have reduced capacity until guidelines change. To attend,

you will need to ring the library to book or message us on Facebook.

Story Time – Staff were so pleased to see returning faces to these sessions. We have missed you all. Story Time will continue every Friday all through the holidays, outside in the library garden 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. weather permitting. Numbers are limited, so please ring to book your place 01473 626103 or message us on Facebook.

Summer Reading Challenge – Wild Heroes –

All you need is your own library card to sign up for the challenge. Then read six library books, one of which is a non-fiction and then come back and speak to our volunteers about your books. Each time you read a book you will receive a prize to keep you going to the end of the challenge.

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Thursday	2.30 – 5.00 p.m.
Friday	2.30 – 5.00 p.m.
Saturday	No Session
Sunday	10.30 – 12.30 p.m.

Sadly, due to the current situation we are unable to offer the crafts which we normally provide but we are putting together craft bags to be distributed towards the end of the challenge.

We will also be holding a couple of competitions – so watch out for these. We are looking forward to seeing your entries.

Once again, the staff would like to thank you for all your continued support.

Maggie Lusher Kesgrave Library Manager
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HARRY HIGGINS PLAY PARK

We are excited to tell you that the installation of the new equipment in the play area behind the Pavilion has commenced. Exactly how long this will take is not known at the time of writing, as it's dependent on the weather, supply of materials, health of the workforce, etc. However, we are expecting it to be completed by mid August, so reopening shouldn't be too far off by the time you read this. We really hope your children will enjoy their new play park and that all visitors to it will enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones in this bright new environment.

We can't wait to see it ourselves and hope it lives up to our expectations! Thank you again to members of the Pavilion Committee, Martlesham Parish Council, Cllr Patricia O'Brien (SCC), Cllr Edward Thompson (ESDC), Tesco and all those individuals who supported the project and helped us achieve it. It's been a real community effort.

Prue and Andrea (play area working group)



HEDGEHOG NURSERY

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MARTLESHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Year 3 children gave an outstanding guitar performance. Although nervous to begin, they confidently played a range of music and described the experience as 'great', 'amazing' and 'fantastic'!

KS2 children have had a money workshop with Yorkshire Building Society, learning to plan a holiday or a party within a given budget. After they worked out the costings, they created a poster to persuade adults to choose their holiday or party. The children have more appreciation for the financial planning that is required. Year 5 and 6 had great fun in Activities Week. They created a huge fort together from cardboard, took part in orienteering and den building at Rendlesham Forest, joined in with an incredible bubble exhibition and enjoyed chips before playing rounders near Mill Heath.

Year 2 went to Valley Farm to complete their '11 Before 11' Promise. All the children rode not only one horse, but two horses! The children had a fantastic time, and they were very proud they could experience riding a large animal. They created memoirs that will last a lifetime.

Year 3 children completed a 3.8-mile hike around Martlesham for their '11 Before 11' Promise. Feedback from the children included: 'we saw lots of plants and flowers', 'it was fun but tiring', 'it was super cool sitting in the hut made from sticks' and 'it felt like a desert walking through the farmer's field'. It was a very hot afternoon but there was lots of chatting and laughter as we walked!

Holly Blue class were visited by an author and musician. George Hudson has written the book 'Kaiholo the Whale' with accompanying music. The children wrote their own song based on the sea and then performed it whilst playing the glockenspiels. It was a very fun musical morning!

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Martlesham Beavers and Scouts groups will not be able to continue in September if we do not recruit volunteers to help run the groups. It can be a group of people who get together to share the load or individuals.

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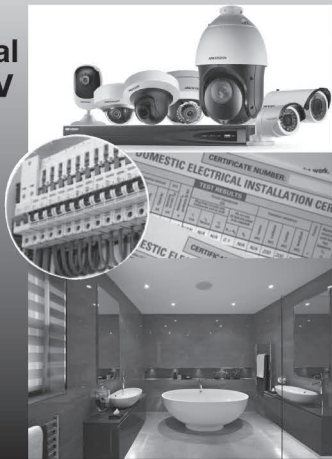


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Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group meets every Wednesday and Friday at Martlesham Heath Pavilion Session time is 10.30 – 12.00 (term-time only)

We have play time, along with song time with instruments, before providing snacks and a drink for the children, and tea or coffee for the parent/carers.

Session prices are £2.50 for the first child and £1 for any additional children

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The extraordinary aviation history of Martlesham Heath from the Great War to the jet age, local wartime exploits, and other general Aviation topics, are covered at our monthly meetings. The 1st Friday of the month at The Community Centre, Felixstowe Road IP12 4PB @ 7:30 p.m. (subject to any Govt restrictions)

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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.

This year the Silver Studded blue butterflies on our heath SSSI emerged much later compared with previous years. Hot spring weather seems to bring forward their emergence whereas cool wet weather seems to push back their emergence. They could be seen in small numbers on our heath in the area of heather to the north of the barbed wire boundary fence. Several years ago they occurred across more areas further northwards on our heath, where currently they are absent. Our ongoing management work is aimed at producing a greater area of the heather and other ground conditions they require, hopefully to encourage them to spread northwards. The total number present looks similar to last year. A low number again, much lower than the total in 2018. It seems to have been a difficult year for many butterfly species as a consequence of the rather variable weather. There is much still to learn about the natural history of all butterflies and especially butterflies like the Silver Studded Blue which has a particularly complex natural history involving the subjugation of ants amongst other things.

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.

In August let us hope the weather is better and so we can look out for Grayling butterflies, these are a typical butterfly of dry sandy heathland relying on sparsely growing fine grasses such as Sheep's Fescue with 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.

*Phil Smith 01473 625630
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Portal Woodlands Conservation Group

On a dry warm evening at the of June, a walk along our annual glow worm survey route found just 3 females. This was another year with very low numbers continuing this recent trend.

Several stag beetles were flying making an impressive sight. Also spotted was some huge bracket fungi, looking eerie in the darkness. When you are out and about keep an eye out for butterflies and moths.

Having been released from COVID restrictions, we have set some dates for volunteer work mornings, and looking forward to finally returning to the woods this month on Sunday 15th August, 10:00 to Noon, meet 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.

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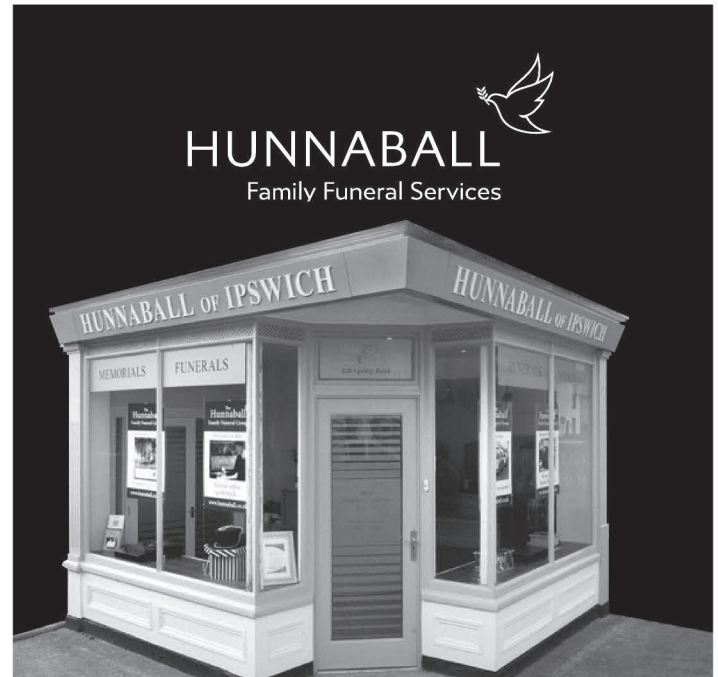
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Martlesham - a Wildlife Friendly Village



The Wildlife Friendly Community movement is growing in the UK, with Risby and Bredfield in Suffolk both having declared that they are Wildlife Friendly Villages. This means that they have signed up to creating or maintaining a network of wild areas, maintained and created by residents, on both public & private land to benefit wildlife & people.

We want Martlesham to become a wildlife friendly village. Of course, Martlesham has a huge head-start with this, thanks to the existing woodlands including those managed by MHHL,

the SSSI, the AONB, our Local Nature Reserve, active conservation groups (e.g., Martlesham Conservation Group and Portal Woods Conservation Group), and initiatives such as Martlesham in Bloom, the Wildflower project, the Community Orchard, and the continuing tree planting from our two Tree Wardens.

So, as well as liaising with these fantastic projects we want to start working with you, the residents of Martlesham, and encouraging the wilding of your gardens, or other areas like balconies, to support and encourage wildlife, joining up with the Wildlife Friendly community, Green Village, and WildEast initiatives, to promote planting and wilding to further improve opportunities for supporting biodiversity within public open spaces and private gardens.

We'd like you to put aside some of your gardens (say, 20%?) to let some of your grass grow long or plant up with wildflowers, make bug hotels, put up bird boxes and bee hotels, and cut holes in your fences to let hedgehogs roam. Even if you have limited outdoor space, a bird box or a bee hotel could be a great help.

We'll be putting together ideas on our website at <https://martleshamclimateaction.onesuffolk.net> and talking about this initiative at our forthcoming Climate Summit on September 25th, in St. Michael's Church in Martlesham Heath, where you can also see ideas for wildlife friendly gardens from some of our primary school children in the wildlife garden design competition.

Please let us know what you think by emailing us at martleshamclimateaction@btinternet.com, or if you have already made your garden or other space wildlife friendly, send us some pictures for our website! Let's make Martlesham a Wildlife Friendly Village.

Paul Whitby, Co-chair Martlesham Climate Action (a Martlesham Parish Council working group)

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Martlesham in Bloom

Since Martlesham in Bloom started in 1997 our aim has been to help improve the attractiveness, tidiness, cleanliness, environmental quality, biodiversity and community of the Parish of Martlesham.

It has been brilliant to see many areas in the Parish now helping wildlife and looking attractive at the same time including many verges, the area around the Community Hall/Richards Room/Parish Room and Bright's Orchard, near the Control Tower, which is also being kept as a wildflower meadow, all forming part of the Parish Council's Wildflower Project and the wildflower area off Eagle Way created by MHHL. It would be good to see many other places in the Parish also allowing the wildflowers to flourish next year.

We were pleased to see that many people took part in 'No Mow May' which will have all made a difference.

Any flowers, shrubs, trees or grass areas in your garden whether in the ground, or in containers or window boxes will help all our wildlife as well as being attractive to look at and of great importance to our own wellbeing.

We are still recording sightings of any wildlife (flora or fauna) on Martlesham Common and if you spot any interesting flora or fauna as you walk across The Common, for example birds, butterflies or flowers, please let us know, via the contact details below, and we will add your sightings to the records.

For further information please contact:
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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY.

We're back - fingers crossed! Visit our web site www.mhas.org.uk for updates.

Subject to government guidelines we will be resuming our public meetings in the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, IP12 4PB.

The first meeting is scheduled for Friday August 6th. Robert Pearson will be delivering an illustrated talk entitled, "The SOE In Norway". The Special Operations Executive was responsible during WW2 for clandestine actions in occupied Europe. This is the fascinating story of one such operation. More details are available on our web site, www.mhas.org.uk.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break half way through the talk. Entry is free and no need to book. We look forward once again to meeting you all.

Also, subject to government guidelines of course, we are holding a Classic Car and Military Vehicle Meet on Sunday, 12th September at the Control Tower Museum and surrounding area. Barista coffee, fish and chips and various interesting stalls will be present. These events are always a popular village occasion and entry is free. Donations always gratefully received of course. See our web site, www.mhas.org.uk for further details.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

WOODBIDGE LIBRARY EVENTS

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Summer Reading Challenge (Wild World Heroes)

The Summer Reading Challenge is back in 2021! More important than ever, it gets children reading over the long summer, while having fun.

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Realise Futures (Peer support, Walk-in Advice and Guidance Service)

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Open Space - Every Wednesday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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To guarantee a space you can sign-up in person or on the phone. You can attend as often or as little as you like and feel free to come and go during sessions. Our timetables of discussions and activities are built from suggestions from the group and there is always colouring, word searches and games available, along with a hot drink and a biscuit.

If you're looking to meet new people and find out about local events and resources to support your wellbeing, then please drop in and see us!

Wordplay

Every Wednesday 10.30-10.50am, Baby Bounce: Soothing songs and gentle nursery rhymes for babies and their grown-ups
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Stay & Play

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Book Sale

Have a browse of the books for sale which are all ex-stocks. All proceeds go to Suffolk Libraries.

Martlesham Heath Aviation Society

Classic Car and Military Vehicle Event

**Sunday 12th September 10am – 4pm
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The event marks the 21st Anniversary of the Museum and a relaunch of the museum and society activities following the lift of Covid restrictions.

We are offering local groups the opportunity to raise money for their charities (of course we would love a donation for MHAS if you do well on the day) Stall holders will need to show public liability insurance – provide own table and equipment – and have reserved a space!

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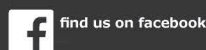


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MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We were able to have our first meeting since lockdown at the beginning of July. Although we were all masked and socially distanced it was lovely to meet old friends and catch up with our news.

We elected a new chairwoman and are looking for a new deputy as the 'old' ones felt it was time to resign after 10 years of service. The rest of the committee will continue.

We are planning to hold our meetings in the afternoon instead of the evening and this was met with unanimous approval. The next one is planned for Thursday 9th September 2021 at 2.30pm in the Richards room.

It will be an afternoon to chat together and discuss future plans. Please bring your own tea and biscuits.

New members are very welcome to join our friendly club. For more information contact June Peck tel. 01473 790126

WILD FLOWERS ON EAGLE WAY

I'm writing this just as the last edition of 'Martlesham Monthly' was published.

Must say how really lovely the wildflower area on Eagle Way looks. What an inspired idea and a haven for all kinds of wildlife.

Rachel Pennick

ROTARY AND RDA GOLF DAY

On Friday August 20th the Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben are holding a Charity Golf Day at St. Audry's Golf Club. The event is to raise money for Riding For The Disabled (RDA) and Rotary supported local charities.

Teams of four are invited and the cost is £20 per player to include a bacon roll on arrival and 18 holes of golf. There will be individual team prizes and the overall winning team will receive the Marie Hunt Shield. There will be two sessions, starting at 8.30 am or 1.30 pm. Full details are available from Rotarian Simon Smith on 07804 900086 or at smithsquires@talktalk.net

Deben Rotary is working closely with RDA Woodbridge's fund raising co-ordinator, Glenny Stone. She has made us aware of their need for more horses, and the following is an article by her explaining the RDA's requirement.

During the winter, the Riding for the Disabled (Woodbridge) have very sadly lost two of its valuable horses due to age related illnesses. After treatments, it was on the advice of the vet that these two beautiful animals were put to sleep for their comfort.

They are currently looking for a new riding pony (14 - 14.2hh) and a riding horse (a sturdy weight carrier around 16hh) to join our team in providing therapy to our disabled participants.

Temperament is the most important thing for an RDA horse and those happy with a slower pace of life often make ideal candidates. Suitable horses and ponies must be at least 5 years old and have a calm and sensible temperament, not easily fazed by noise etc. They need to stand patiently for mounting and dismounting and be happy to work in an arena and also to go out hacking. They must also be comfortable with carriage driving going on at the centre.

The RDA manage each of their horses and ponies according to their individual needs and provide varied exercise in addition to their RDA activities, such as schooling, hacking and long-reining with staff and trained volunteers who are experienced riders. Most of the horses also have a "sharer" who will be an experienced rider and can develop a one-to-one relationship with the horse and enable it to do more interesting work so that boredom does not become an issue.

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We are now hoping to the Richard's Room in Martlesham in July – for face-to-face meetings, but until then we are still using our online Zoom format. As it enables us to include guests from further afield – we plan to continue with both formats for the foreseeable future too.

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

We hope you will choose to become a member, whether to beat public speaking nerves, develop your abilities, enter competitions, or help us run the club!

Speak Easy meetings are held on alternate Thursdays. Our next meetings are 22nd July, 5th August and 19th August

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

Speak Easy is an inclusive and diverse group, open to anyone 18 years or over.

If you would like any further information, or to attend one of our online meetings please contact Adam Green:

Adam Green: vppr@speak-easy.org.uk
or www.speak-easy.org.uk

or find us on Facebook: Speak Easy Martlesham

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

The continuation of Government restrictions beyond their first plan to lift them in June meant we could not start playing again on 9th July after all. However it seems certain that the restrictions will be lifted on 19th July, seen from when I am writing this on 6th July.

The Committee had to make a decision in mid-June on when to re-start, and decided to not book the Community Hall immediately it became available.

Therefore roll-up sessions will recommence on Tuesday, 7th September starting at 1.30pm with an evening session at 7pm.

The following Friday, the 10th is also booked, so the pattern of three sessions a week at the usual times as in the past will be re-established.

Vic Harrup

MEET, LEARN AND HAVE FUN WITH U3A EAST SUFFOLK

On Wednesday June 2nd the u3a movement across the UK celebrated all that the organisation stands for with its first ever National u3a Day.

East Suffolk u3a celebrated with a morning of online talks and demos from groups including ukulele players, a reading aloud group, a cryptic crossword group and a group who meet to discuss culture both old and new. Another highlight was a talk from Mark Mitchels on the notable characters of East Anglia.

Of the 160+ different interest groups in u3a East Suffolk, many have enjoyed activity throughout the pandemic online, with members continuing to learn about and discuss the arts, history, science, foreign language and many other topics.

The organisation as a whole is now looking towards the future with the recent lifting of social restrictions. Many groups are now relishing the thought of getting together face to face once again.

As an introduction to potential new members, and offer existing members the chance to explore new opportunities, East Suffolk u3a will be holding its annual Open Day morning on Friday 3rd September from 10.30 to 12.30.

At time of writing the decision to make this a real or virtual online gathering had yet to be taken, but information will be on the u3a East Suffolk website in good time.

Founded in 1982, u3a is a UK-wide movement of locally-run interest groups. There are over one thousand u3as with over 450,000 members and it is open to everyone who is no longer in full-time work.

If you are interested in joining u3a locally, then please visit the website: www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk or call the membership secretary on 0300 123 3913.

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

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

You can check availability and book the Pavilion online at:

martlesham.org.uk/pavilion

Alternatively, please contact the booking secretary:

email: bookingsecmhp@gmail.com
phone: 07732 199712

Gardening for God?

I have mixed feelings about my garden. I am very blessed to have sizeable garden and it is a joy to be able to sit and relax outside, surrounded by plants and trees. But a garden needs a lot of work to keep it looking good and my plans for inventing a self-tending garden haven't produced anything yet.

We had a cedar tree in the back that was taking over the world. The cones and needles dropped everywhere, and nothing was growing in its shade – the hedge nearby was getting thinner and thinner. The tree surgeon advised that if we trimmed it, we have the same issues next year and onwards and so we took their advice to remove the tree.

But that left us a lot of huge logs to deal with. In a previous house when the storm took a tree down, I spent a month with a splitting axe turning it into firewood sized pieces. This involved many blisters, much frustration, and a realisation that I was not cut out to be a lumberjack. Happily, this time I was saved hours of work through the kindness of some friends who came to the rescue with a log splitting machine. It has a hydraulic ram that forces the log onto a blade and causes it to split. No effort involved other than lifting the logs to be split. And it was great fun. My lumberjack dreams were rekindled, and all because my friends stepped in to help!

In the bible, Jesus speaks of how when we help others, when we look out for those who are in need, we are helping God himself (read the whole passage in Matthew 25:31 – 46). And the 16th century Christian nun and mystic, Teresa of Ávila said this:

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

So, keep blessing the world through your kindness – God notices and approves and counts it as working for Him.

Revd. Toby Tate

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Martlesham Community Hall - you're welcome ...

Both the Community Hall and the Richards Room are open for hire. Our hire charges will stay at 2020 prices until at least Spring 2022.

We've substantially refurbished and improved the Richards Room this spring. We have new flooring, thanks to a generous donation from Martlesham Community Council. Also new in the room is a permanently installed projector and sound

system, thanks to a Bounce Back Fund grant from East Suffolk Council. We've replaced the suspended ceiling tiles and decorated the walls. It's looking good! More details and photos on our website soon.

At the time of writing, the Government has just confirmed that most COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted from 19 July onwards. In principle then we'll be able to take your hire bookings for a full range of events and activities again.

However the Government is still recommending caution, so we recommend you still think carefully about the numbers of people attending and how you organise things. Please check our website—mchall.org.uk - for the latest updates and further hire details.

For single event hires, you can check our booking calendars and make a booking request online—mchall.org.uk/booking. You can also call our Bookings Secretary on 01473 623203.

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

We look forward to welcoming you all!

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's Martlesham St Mary's Brightwell St John's	Online on Facebook and YouTube. Search for 'Martlesham Benefice'
Sunday 1st August	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 5pm Zoom After Hours
Sunday 8th August	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 15th August	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 7pm Zoom Reflecting with God
Sunday 22nd August	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship St Mary's 11am Holy Communion St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 29th August	St John's 10.30am Outdoor Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship

**A warm welcome awaits you at all our services in our church buildings and online.
It would be helpful if you could contact Toby by the Saturday before for Zoom codes.
In the event of changes to Covid-19 restrictions find up to date service information on our Facebook page.**

Midweek Services Wednesday 10am Morning Prayer on Facebook and YouTube

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

August

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| 5 For rest and refreshment for all those on summer holidays | 21 For those who are unsure of the next step to take |
| 6 Give thanks for the gift of Jesus - God with us | 22 For couples who are getting married this summer |
| 7 Give thanks for all who volunteer for local organisations | 23 For parents with young children |
| 8 Give thanks for all who lead our worship | 24 For the building of neighbourly relationships in our local community |
| 9 Give thanks for the gift of many different kinds of music | 25 For the residents of Deben Avenue |
| 10 A clear sense of direction for all receiving A level results today | 26 For those who are worried about job security |
| 11 For the residents of Crown Close | 27 Give thanks for those who maintain our local environment |
| 12 Encouragement for all those receiving GCSE results today | 28 For teachers and educators thinking about the new term |
| 13 Give thanks for those who grow our food | 29 Give thanks for God's faithfulness |
| 14 Give thanks for the beauty of our local coast | 30 Give thanks for time spent with loved ones |
| 15 Those unable to declare their faith openly | 31 Give thanks for the beauty of the changing seasons |
| 16 The local coast guard and lifeboat services | September |
| 17 All those who work in healthcare | 1 For the residents of Demesne Gardens |
| 18 For the residents of De Brink on The Green | 2 For all those feeling anxious about returning to school |
| 19 For those who take the time to listen to others | 3 For those who are lonely |
| 20 For those unable to travel to see family at this time | 4 For all those preparing to go to university or college |

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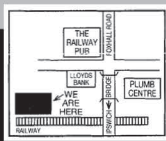
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