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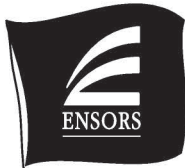
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THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH .

This month's photograph is by Alan Powel and shows St Mary's Church, Martlesham in spring.

The Spring Fayre is at St Michaels on 14th March, if you are looking for Mothers Day and Easter crafts. Woolly Wonders and Country Market will be there. The next Pop up Shop will be on 8th March and tea and coffee are available. The Pavillion Management committee is looking for help with procuring funds, and the Community Hall have their AGM

As usual, there are volunteering opportunities to get outdoors and blow away the cobwebs with the Conservation Groups on the SSSI and in Portal Woods

As the days lighten Martlesham Bowls group are preparing to set up soon,. The carpet bowlers continue year round for those who cannot wait!

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01473 610437

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have

1 Rainbow Unit (ages 5-7), 3 Brownie Packs (ages 7-10), 2 Guide Companies (ages 10-14) & 1 Ranger Unit (ages 14-18) meeting around the Parish.

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

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17 March, 14 April, 12 May

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

CLIMATE EMERGENCY - WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Martlesham Parish Council, in common with many other councils, recently declared a climate emergency.

We would now like to set up a friendly informal team of like-minded residents (no committees!) to come up with ideas as to what practical measures our community can take to play our part in addressing the climate emergency. We'd particularly welcome younger people who'd like to get involved.

If you're concerned about the climate emergency, if you have specific experience of environmental and related matters, or would simply like to help, please contact our Parish Clerk.

Tribute to Mr John Forbes, a long-standing councillor

We reported, last month, that Mr Forbes resigned from the Council on 31 January 2020. We recognised his active involvement in Council work for nearly 28 years with a presentation at our full Council meeting on 5 February.

During his period of service, he was our Tree Warden, carrying out bi-annual checks on the trees on Council land, providing reports and recommendations for work. He was our Rights of Way Liaison Officer, organising the walking of our parish footpaths by volunteers & subsequently preparing action plans which involved Mr Forbes and his wife, Margaret, often maintaining footpaths & waymarkers themselves.

He also represented us on the Deben Estuary Access Group. He participated in working parties and litter picks, advised on planning applications, promoted green issues

representing us on the Greenprint Forum. He looked after a notice board, made containers for our circular walk leaflets and ensured they never ran out. Mr Forbes has played a significant role in looking after our parish and he will be greatly missed.

We must not forget to thank Margaret, his wife, not only for supporting him throughout these years but also for her practical contribution too towards making Martlesham such a pleasant place to live.

Parish Councillor Needed

Mr Forbes' resignation leaves a space on the Council for a new member.

During February electors had the opportunity to call a bye-election to fill the vacancy. By the time you read this we should be aware whether one has been called or whether the vacancy can be filled by co-option, i.e. existing councillors can vote to appoint someone. A co-option could take place as soon as 04 March at the next meeting of the full Council (see below for details) but we encourage prospective candidates to attend at least one meeting first to see what we look like!

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!

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, we would very much like to hear from you. The Clerk will be pleased to provide more information on what you can expect!

Potential development of the Suffolk Police Headquarters site

The Police & Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, has advised us that he is submitting an outline planning application for housing on the Police HQ site. It will be processed by East Suffolk Council, the planning authority, and, as a consultee, we will be given a period in which we can submit comments. When we receive that planning application it is our intention to hold an extraordinary meeting of our Development Plans Committee in public in order to give you the opportunity to provide us with your feedback before we submit any comments. Deadlines are often tight so, if you are interested, please keep an eye on our notice boards, website and facebook page.

Tree Warden & Volunteer Play Area Inspectors

We are so grateful to the community for the response to our plea for volunteers. Seven people have come forward (so far) which is amazing!

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 04 March 2020

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 11 March 2020

Parish Council – Wednesday 01 April 2020

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, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB

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e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net>

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

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM



AGM

Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm

Please come and join us for the AGM at the Parish Council Meeting room, to elect our new committee and to hear our plans for the future.

Chairman DWA Embery
01472 623524

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

The AGM

As mentioned last month, the AGM will be held AT THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020. All members of Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd are entitled to attend this meeting so please put this in your diary if you wish to attend. It is very worthwhile as it gives members the opportunity to vote on a variety of issues and learn more about what is happening in and around the village. It is also ideal, should you wish to ask questions of the directors and volunteers. The Annual Report and Notice of the AGM has been distributed to all members providing further information and a proxy form if you cannot attend but want to register your vote.

Storm Ciara

We have been lucky that during the recent storm we did not lose many trees. Any that did come down we will review the position of them and decide if any replacements should be put in.

McCarthy & Stone Exhibition

Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd members will have received a leaflet inviting you to this exhibition on the 3rd February 2020. We attended the exhibition and explained to the developer who and what MHHL is.

We need to point out that in planning matters MHHL tends not to respond to planning applications unless it impacts the land MHHL manages. In any case, if we respond it is counted as a single response just like any individual.

We will however be looking to ensure MHHL land is not adversely impacted. The area of land in question is the last area on Martlesham Heath that could be built on although the grass area is not available for development.

Annual Maintenance Payments

There are still some owners who have not yet paid the Annual Maintenance Charge. Therefore, please can all owners who have not yet paid, now write the cheque or transfer the funds. For all those who have already paid – a big thank you.

Parking Spaces Clean Up

There are over 60 visitor parking spaces dotted around Martlesham Heath. They have become overgrown and unkempt. A contractor was tasked to conduct maintenance work to clean up these spaces throughout the village and this was completed during early February 2020.

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 mhh@martlesham.org.uk or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Bright's Orchard

We are pleased to announce that the name of the Orchard is Bright's Orchard. This is named after a resident of Martlesham Heath who has recently featured on the BBC and in newspaper articles as one of the last living survivors of Auschwitz. After surviving his ordeal he has worked tirelessly to record those who suffered so that they should not be forgotten, establishing himself as an expert in the field and has taught widely on the subject. Google or check <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2019/jan/18/bbc-the-last-survivors-film-tells-stories-of-last-holocaust-survivors> for more information

Passers by will have noticed activity in the week commencing 10th February as the children from Gorseland School helped us plant phase one of the Orchard, and at the time of writing we expect to have a formal opening ceremony towards the end of February.

We hope that many of you would have seen the notices and Facebook entries and been able to attend the formal opening ceremony. We regret that due to the need to co-ordinate deliveries, work and the people involved we could not plan more ahead and give wider notice of these events

Do come along and look at phase one which is on the old football pitch outside Gorseland School, and think about volunteering to join our watering team!

Thanks to Martlesham Heath Householders for the land and their work and to all the volunteers, including those from Martlesham in Bloom who have brought their expertise to the project

A working group of Martlesham Parish Council

HELP WANTED

Martlesham Heath Pavilion management committee is looking for someone to assist in identifying sources of funding and to prepare funding bids to enable us to update the play equipment behind the Pavilion. This is a one-off project so no long term commitment.

Two surveys, conducted in the past couple of years, identified the need to update this play equipment, in particular to install some climbing equipment suitable for pre-school children and swings to suit all abilities. We've had some quotes, which are in excess of what can be afforded by the Pavilion on its own, so we need to find other sources of funding.

If you have some time available and would be prepared to work with us on this great project for the benefit of our community, we'd love to hear from you.

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Martlesham History Society 2020 Programme

10th February

The Treasures of Ipswich – John Field

Did you know that Ipswich that is full of architectural treasures of historical importance. No, then come along and find out about the town's Mediaeval Churches, Mansions and Halls, its important legacy of Victorian buildings, Nationally and Locally Listed Buildings and the many features and artefacts of local, national (and even some of International) importance.

6th April

Life in a Foundling Hospital, My Experience – Ruth Miller

From 1741 when the first babies were admitted, to 1954 when the last pupil was placed in foster care, the Foundling Hospital cared for and educated around 25,000 children. Ruth Miller arrived at the Foundling Hospital in April 1942, just a few weeks shy of her fifth birthday and she will tell us all about what it was like to be one of these children.

8th June

Burston School Strike – Bryan Thurlow

Did you know that the longest strike in history was not staged by miners but by minors – the children of a small village in Norfolk. On 1 April, 1914, pupils of the Burston village school, supported by their parents, took to the streets in protest at the dismissal of their teachers, Tom and Kitty Higdon. The strike lasted for over 25 years!

10th August

Over paid, over sexed and over here: The American Air Force in East Anglia 1942-1944 – Geoffrey Kay

In May 1942 the first aeroplanes of the Eighth US Army Air Force arrived in East Anglia. With them came air and ground crew of American GIs who, by 1944, outnumbered the local population, sometimes by fifty to one. How was this 'friendly invasion' received by local people in East Anglia? What was the experience of those young Americans who found themselves at war in our region.

12th October

Sisters in Adversity: The Womens Institutes and the 1953 East Coast Floods – Linda Sexton

Linda will tell us how the Women's Institute helped communities cope in the aftermath of the devastating 1953 East Coast Floods. Looking back now, its hard now to understand the scale of the disaster, but with 307 people killed, from drowning or exposure, in the four counties of Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, and with more than 2,500 fatalities across Europe, mainly the Netherlands, the scale tragically becomes clear.

23rd November

The History of the Suffolk Fire Service – Chris Tuzland

An illustrated talk on the history of fire fighting in Suffolk from early beginnings, hand pumped "engines, horse-drawn "Steamers" and Fire Floats, to the formation of the national fire service during WW 2 and the immediate post-war history.

All meetings are held in

The Martlesham Heath Pavilion, Martlesham Heath at 7:30pm.

Admission fee is £2:50 and meetings are open to all.





HEDGEHOG NURSERY AT GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gorseland Primary School



The children greatly enjoyed a pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk in January, which was kindly organised and supported by our PFA. Year 5 had an amazing Tag Rugby session with a coach from Ipswich High School and Year 3 have been conducting experiments with light.

Hedgehog Nursery

The Hedgehogs have been very interested in the birds that they see during our forest sessions and we have adopted a pair of friendly robins. This has led to big conversations about where do they live? What they eat? Can they talk to each other? Where do they go when they leave us? We made our own bird feeders by mixing lard with bird seed and squashing the mixture into our playdough cutters. They looked really good hanging up in the trees!

At Hedgehogs, we are very passionate about reading and we have introduced a voting system where the children vote for one of the two choices on offer each day. The winning book is read at home time. The children and their parents have really enjoyed finding out which book has won!

We would like to invite prospective families to attend our Open Session on Thursday 5th March from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you wish to come and see the Nursery in action, with a view to adding your child to our waiting list, please come and visit us. Please contact the School Office on 01473 623790 and you will be warmly welcomed!

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 March:

Sunday 1st – Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Create a Fantastic Mr Fox to celebrate;

Sunday 8th – On Sunday 22nd March, it's Mother's Day. Make a card for someone special;

Sunday 15th – Tuesday 17th March is St Patrick's Day. Make a Shamrock hat to celebrate;

Sunday 22nd – Today is Mother's Day; make a butterfly puppet to give as a present;

Sunday 29th – The 21st of March was the first day of Spring. Create a Spring picture to decorate your room.

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

Free Wordplay Sessions – every Thursday.

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 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?

Other Library Events for March 2020

Every Tuesday afternoon (Term Time) 3.45

– 4.45 p.m. **Lego Club.** Parents must stay with under 8s. The themes this month are 03/03 – Animals, 10/03 – Your dream bedroom, 17/03 – Free Play, 24/03 – Easter. No need to book. Just pop along! This is a free activity.

04/03 and 18/03/2020 – Knit and Natter - 2.30 p.m. £1.00 - tea, coffee provided. Welcome to all new members.

05/03/2020 – Afternoon Book Group - 2.45 p.m. They are currently reading *The Hours Before Dawn* by Celia Fremlin.

26/03/2020 – Evening Book Group – 7.00 p.m. They are currently reading *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

If you are interested in joining any of the groups, please ring or speak to a member of staff

Book Donations – Are you having a spring clean and have lots of good condition fiction you don't know what to do with? The library takes in donations which we sell on the bookshelves in Tescos to raise money for the library. If you have any books you would like to donate, please speak to a staff member. Thank you.

Maggie Lusher Kesgrave Library Manager

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Fun Activity Sessions for Pre-school aged Children

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All youngsters of 0 to 5 years old are welcome to come along to Bright Stars with their parents, grandparents, friends, family and/or carers. These mornings are free and usually involve singing, games, making crafts to take home and telling stories from the Bible for the first half hour. We then have refreshments when the adults can chat and the children can play until approximately 12noon.

This term included being the Wise Men as they travelled to see Jesus, and decorating bags to take with us as we travelled. Then during another session we heard about Jesus meeting four fishermen, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, and how he asked them to come and help him with his work telling people about God.

You are welcome to come along to any of our mornings, just turn up, no need to let us know in advance. We look forward to seeing you!

The Spring Term 2020 session dates are: 9th March,, 23rd March.

The first session of the Summer term will be:

27th April

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.

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Sonya & Maureen Burrows
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Sunday 10am to 3pm

MARTLESHAM BRASS

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Everyone is welcome at our Annual General Meeting on

Friday 6th March at 7.45 pm

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We will be reviewing the past year, and electing our new committee.

Our Preliminary & Beginners Bands will be showcasing their talents at 'Tea & Tunes' on

Saturday 28th March

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3SL. There will be a raffle, cake stall, and a Body Shop stall. Refreshments available.

Free admission.

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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We have a series of talks about wildlife coming up on the third Thursday of each month through until April in the Woodbridge Community Hall including talks of great local interest.

On Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm we have a talk about "East Anglia's Changing Coastline" by Adam Burrows from Natural England.

On Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm David Hooton from the Deer Initiative will be talking about "Suffolk Deer Populations & Their Management".

All are welcome at our talks, you do not need to be a member. We have an admission charge of £3.

Looking ahead a little we are planning a Plant Sale at Foxburrow farm on 3rd May. If you are a gardener and may be sowing a few seeds, please consider sowing a few extra for us and donating the extra plants to our plant sale.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

We are fortunate to have a lovely range of wildlife habitats close to and within our village from the Deben estuary to meadows, woodland and lowland heath (the rarest type of habitat in Europe). The late winter/early spring is a great time to experience all these habitats as changes become more evident.

March is a month of transition in which migrating birds that arrived for the winter may depart and summer migrants such as the Chiff Chaff may begin to occupy our local woodlands and heath, particularly in the second half of the month or later especially if there is a cold spell. The Chiff Chaff is a small bird that has a cheerful repetitive song usually sung from fairly high up on a tree. Even this bird can over-winter in this country nowadays, with generally milder weather. In April, other migrants with more varied song such as the Nightingale and Whitethroat should arrive. Please listen out for these birds on our heaths and woodlands this year, and enjoy the rich soundscape of their birdsong.

More wildflowers should emerge to colour our heath and woodland during March. Lesser Celandines will turn their bright yellow petals to the sun like miniature suns themselves, carpeting the grassy ground in some places. The gorse sporadically flowers through all times of the year but in spring should surge into a profusion of yellow flowers perhaps reaching its peak of brightness in April, providing an attractive source of nectar to early insects. Reptiles may also emerge to bask in brightly lit spots building up their bodily energy through the sun's radiation.

On the heath, work has been done to retain open areas, which hopefully will be colonised by heather. We also aim to retain a greater proportion of bare ground, which should be to the benefit of reptiles, butterflies and birds. The bare ground provides hotspots for reptiles and butterflies, and a bank of seeds on the surface to the advantage of some species of bird.

Following on from last month when we had the Megabash on Saturday 15th February with the Greenways project team, our regular work party will be on Sunday 1st March when we will clear up the site around the bonfire and perhaps fill in a few small holes along the main paths. Please join us at the bonfire site at the northern end of the heath SSSI at 10 am.

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PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The new decade started for us in January with our annual survey and clean out of our bird boxes. Overall, 80% of the boxes had been used, about the same as last year. Pleasingly, 5 out of our 6 new-style plastic boxes, built by local Scouts and Guides, had been used. The main volunteers did some patching up of the wood-chipped paths and cleared mud and decomposed leaves off a section of the perimeter track.

Over the winter, we have felled a number of problem trees before they became a danger. Although it is easy to see where trees have died, or become unsafe after strong winds, others have hidden dangers, such as sections of trunks becoming diseased and rotten, often from within. In addition to the Group's and the Parish Council's regular surveys, we also welcome reports from people visiting the woods if they spot anything looking dangerous.

Dates for the Diary

Volunteer Work Morning (all ages) Saturday 21st March, 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 21st March, 9:00am – 11:00am. Please book a place via our email address 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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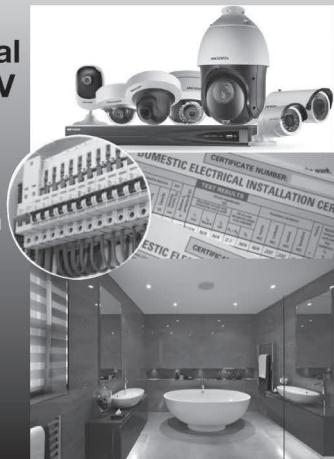


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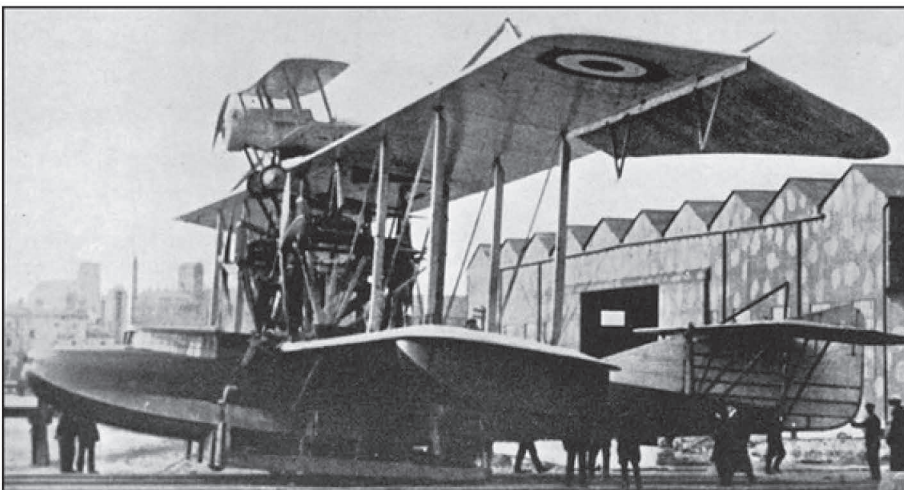
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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 7th February and we had a bumper turnout for our monthly meeting. Chris Turland is an old friend who has given us talks in the past. This time his subject was "Air and Water - The Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment at Felixstowe".

The Royal Naval Air Service station at Felixstowe preceded even RAF Martlesham Heath as a flying station. It was opened in August 1913 as "Seaplanes Felixstowe". In 1924, when Martlesham became the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, it became the Marine Experimental Establishment. It was responsible for the testing and evaluation for both military and civil seaplanes and flying boats. Just as Martlesham was also responsible for testing and evaluating both military and civil aircraft. A great evening once again and a vote of thanks was given by our chairman, Martyn Cook.



The Bristol Scout fighter on the upper main-plane of this flying boat is believed to be the first aeroplane to land on the heath at Martlesham - in 1916. It released at a height of 1000ft over Harwich before landing at Martlesham. It is shown here on the slipway of the Royal Navy Air Service Station at Felixstowe. Our next meeting will be on Friday 6th March and Ian McLachlan, aviation author, will give a talk, "1920's - Flappers 'N Flying. The Golden Age of Men and Women Pilots and Their Aerial Adventures".

All meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixstowe Rd IP12 4PB and start at 7.30 with a tea/coffee break. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £4 at the door. Alan Powell. 01473 622458 www.mhas.org.uk

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Although we lost the last two home matches against Belstead and Chelmondiston by 4 points to 6, the eight points scored may be crucial at the end of the season when it comes to relegation from the First Division.

The Cub Triples competition was played in January and the winners were June Levett, Gloria Dimelow and Vic Harrup. The runners up, in a closely fought contest, were Kathy Cloud, Gordon Levett and Gary Clarke. The singles are progressing, with the Men's final to be between Martyn Shakespeare and Vic Harrup. One Ladies' finalist is Sheila Beer, with the other still to be decided.

Vic Harrup

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Monday 6th April 2020

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If you see the banner on the front of the church, you know we'll be open on Sunday. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Rev Margaret Rittman.

SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY

The Suffolk Orchid Society will be holding its Spring Show on Saturday 21st March 2020 at St Michael's Church Centre, (near Douglas Bader Public House), Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL, between 10 am and 4 pm.

In addition to a magnificent display of our member's orchids there will be first class orchids for sale, re-potting demonstrations and advice on the cultivation of orchids including solving problems that may be encountered in their care.

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MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

The new bowls season will be starting again in April which isn't too far away. We are a friendly club with an average of forty members. We play in four leagues as well as friendly games, club matches and have rollups and social bowling twice a week.

We are situated in the Recreation Ground in the Street in Martlesham, so if you are thinking of joining a bowls club, taking up bowls or just want information concerning the club, feel free to contact the Secretary on 01473 622598.

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Speak Easy meetings are held on alternate Thursdays

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The next Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings in 2020 are:

5th March, 19th March, 2nd April, 16th April, 30th April - subsequent dates continue fortnightly.

Guests are always welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you.

If you would like any further information please contact:

Margaret Stanway (President), Tel.07979 373934 [president@speakeasy.org.uk](mailto:president@speak-easy.org.uk)

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SPRING FAYRE

A Spring Fayre will be held at

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NEWS FROM DEBEN ROTARY

After another successful festive season's fundraising, during which our Santa's sleigh and annual Carol Concert raised nearly £3,000 for our charities account, the Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben is looking forward to more fundraising in 2020.

We will be holding our Charity Golf Day at St. Audry's Golf Club in July, and will be at the Woodbridge Regatta and various other functions - more details to follow.

The Memory Cafe, run in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Woodbridge and Woodbridge Inner Wheel, resumed in January. We were delighted to greet some new faces as well as many old friends and a lively session featuring some impressive dancing was enjoyed by all.

The Memory Cafe is held on the last Wednesday of every month from 10.30 to 12.00 at Woodbridge Football Club.

We welcome all sufferers of any form of memory loss and their carers to an informal session of refreshments, conversation and usually some form of entertainment.

If you would like any more information please contact Rotarian Martin Kenyon on 01394 386933.

Inner Wheel Club of Woodbridge supports the Eve Appeal

The main speaker at this month's meeting was Lorraine Finn who gave an interesting talk on the Eve Appeal. This charity, although renamed, was started in 1984 by Professor Ian Jacobs, later joined by Professor Peter Vagn-Jensen, who were concerned about the lack of screening for advanced ovarian cancer. The charity now researches into the five gynaecological cancers, and in 2016 launched its specialist gynae cancer information service Ask Eve. The Eve Appeal will be one of the beneficiaries from our Quiz to be held at the end of the month.

The club also welcomed our District Chairman, Deirdre Griffin, a member of our club, whose talk centred on the three ideals of Inner Wheel: fellowship, service and international understanding.

Tickets are now available for our Fashion Show on 6 April at Woodbridge Town Football Club. Please contact our President on 01394 384834 for more information. The models and fashions are being provided by Tilly & Grace, Sweet Dreams, and Holly Blue. These shops also have tickets for sale. This should be a very enjoyable evening.

If you wish to find out more about our club, please go to our website: <http://www.woodbridgeinnerwheel.org.uk/>

MARTLESHAM SURGERY - PRACTICE & PATIENT GROUP (PPG) NEWS

Martlesham GP practice had a CQC (Care Quality Commission) inspection in January and we have been told the findings although, at the time of writing, the report has yet to be published. It should be on the surgery website (www.mhdoctors.co.uk) by the time you read this.

The PPG sent two members along for a half-hour interview with one of the inspectors. We gave a presentation on our aims, our activities in the past, what we were currently working on and plans for the future. We also gave them our 2019 patient survey report and the patient leaflet we're working on (the survey report is under the PPG tab on the surgery website and the leaflet will be available soon). We were pleased to hear that the inspectors were impressed with the work of our group. It was also great news to hear that the practice as a whole had been rated 'Good' across all the five areas being assessed (safe, effective, caring, responsive and well led). We appreciate all the hard work that went into achieving this.

PPG Chair

GOLDEN GIRLS

We are a group of ladies who live alone and meet up for friendship and chat. Once a month at St. Michael's Church Centre on the second Thursday of the month at 11.00am for coffee and frequently go for lunch and shopping after the meeting.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th March when we are planning to go along to The Farmhouse after the meeting for lunch. Why not join us we are a friendly bunch. For further information ring our Secretary, Ann Price on 620832

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We have two meetings planned for this month. On 12th March we are holding our annual fundraising Bring and Buy sale for charity. This is a chance to find good homes for any unwanted Christmas presents. There will also be a produce stall selling cakes, preserves etc. and a special raffle. On 26th March Max Pemberton will talk about the Tribes of Papua New Guinea illustrated by some more of his beautiful slides.

Looking ahead to next month Sheila Dix, the Shepherdess will tell us more about her life and work and bring a lamb with her. A real taste of Spring!

All ladies who enjoy entertaining evenings in friendly company are welcome to come to our meetings. They are held on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.15pm in the Richards Room. To find out more contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

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At our last OFSTED inspection, the inspection team judged every area possible to be Outstanding. This follows over a decade of staff diligence and commitment in shaping and refining our curriculum offer:

"Pupils are taught a highly stimulating curriculum which is both broad and balanced. They have many and varied opportunities to study and hone their skills. The learning environment in lessons enables pupils to thrive and develop into self assured, confident individuals. Pupils have exceptionally positive attitudes to learning. They take huge pride in their work and are keen to show their successes both inside and outside of school" (OFSTED October 2016).

- Outcomes for pupils are excellent. Pupils enter the school in Reception with broadly average achievement. As a result of the outstanding Quality of Education, pupils exit Birchwood with achievement above that of their peers nationally. Often, significantly above in terms of both progress and attainment. Impact is far greater than simply test results. Birchwood is one of only 2 school DEFRA approved egg production units in the UK! The children record daily egg production, label and market the eggs, produce weekly spreadsheets on profit v outgoings, order food and materials and care for the flock. This gives them first hand business 'life experience,' before transferring to Secondary school.

- We offer an extensive range of additional clubs, activities and support and extension programmes for children to participate in and our staff team constantly research and embrace new initiatives.

Our vision statement underpins all that we do.

"Passionate about learning."

If you would like to find out more about our school or arrange a visit, please contact the office

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WOODBIDGE LIBRARY EVENTS

Throughout March – Sale of donated books and DVDs

Have a browse of the books and DVDs kindly donated to us. All proceeds go to the Friends of Woodbridge Library.

Monday 2nd March – Tuesday 31st March – ArtLib – Seckford Almshouses

This month's ArtLib is a large communal work produced by residents of the Seckford Almshouses.

Monday 2nd, 9th & 16th March, 2.30-3.30pm – Learn the Art of Relaxation

Going through a tough time? Undergoing hospital treatment? Feeling worn out? Would just like to be able to relax? Why not come along and learn the art of relaxation? You will have the chance to learn some simple practical techniques in a relaxed atmosphere and be able to use these in your everyday life.

No booking necessary. £4 each session payable on the day.

Tuesday 3rd March, 10am-1pm – Sue Ryder Dementia Navigator

If you have memory worries, are living with dementia, caring for someone who has dementia or if you're a health professional this drop-in information session can help.

This is where you'll find answers to a lot of questions about living well with dementia and you'll also discover how to access information and support.

Saturday 7th March, 10am-12 noon – Cycle marking

Come and get your bicycle permanently marked with your postcode - there is more chance of it being recovered if stolen.

Saturday 21st March, 2- 3pm – 'Peaceweavers and Shieldmaidens: exploring the lives of women in Anglo-Saxon England'

Tea and coffee will be served afterwards and there will be time for questions and chatting.

Tickets are £4.00 each or 2 for £7.00, please email: learninghistory@dustypages.org to book.

Saturday 21st March, 7.30-9pm - Oak, Ash & Thorn - Shamanic Drumming & Tribal Voice with Kate, David & Lorna

7.00pm for 7.30pm start until 9pm. No experience necessary. Donations invited. Refreshments. For more information contact kateshmoore@btinternet.com or David Aufenast on 07803794983.

Tuesday 24th March, 12.45-1.30pm – Poetry at Lunchtime: Dreams and Visions

Sarah Craze and a group of friends (Jo Roberts, Simon Ashenden and Shirley Lyons) present a programme of poetry selected from a range of poets including Coleridge, Tennyson, Yeats, Rossetti and Eliot. Entry is free of charge. Donations to the work of FOWL will be welcome.



U3A'S SPRING PROGRAMME HAS EVERYTHING FROM PREHISTORIC FINDS TO WW2 HISTORY

There's a lot on offer for U3A East Suffolk members in the spring programme! Historical topics range from safeguarding convoys in the North Atlantic during WW2 to prehistoric finds uncovered as Suffolk's cable routes are dug.

U3A is aimed at older people who want to get as much as possible out of life. There are no entry qualifications, no barriers to joining and lots of activities to get involved in. New members are welcome.

Monday 24 February 2.00 to 4.00

Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave IP5 1JF

The history of spoken English: an in depth look at how our English language came into being, from the Angles, Saxons, Vikings and Normans. Presented by Charlie Haylock

Thursday 5 March 10.30 to 12.30

Salvation Army Hall, Felixstowe IP11 7EL

Everything stops for tea: a history of tea and a look at favourite afternoon tea destinations across East Anglia. Presented by Eve Regelous

Thursday 12 March 2.00 to 4.00

Market Hall, 29 High Street, Saxmundham IP17 1AF

The Merchant Navy in the Battle of the Atlantic: the fight to safe transit of hundreds of convoys. Presented by John Johnson-Allen

Monday 16 March 10.30 to 12.30

Woodbridge Football Club, 17 Fynn Road, Woodbridge IP12 4LS

Archaeology of the East Anglia ONE route: prehistoric, Roman and Saxon finds on the ONE cable routes. Presented by Andy Peachey
NB Change of speaker

Monday 30 March 2.00 to 4.00

Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave IP5 1JF

Churchill's Ideas: little-known facts. Presented by Tony Diamond

Thursday 02 April 10.30 to 12.30

Salvation Army Hall, Felixstowe IP11 7EL

The Hoxne Hoard: the discovery of one of the largest collections of coins and artefacts in the Roman Empire. Presented by Tony Diamond

Thursday 09 April 2.00 to 4.00

Market Hall, 29 High Street, Saxmundham IP17 1AF

The Billy and Charley Forgeries: an account of two Thames "mudlarks" in Victorian London. Presented by Robert Halliday

Details of membership are available on: www.a3aeastsuffolk.org.uk or call the membership secretary on 0300 123 3913.

NB: Occasionally U3A may have to make last minute changes so please see the

The Woodbridge Choral Society, with the Kingfisher Sinfonia under the baton of Andrew Leach, will present Felix Mendelssohn's Elijah on Saturday, 28th March at 7:30 in the Snape Maltings Concert Hall.

Tickets are on sale at £22, £18, and £15 and can be purchased on line at the Snape Maltings Box Office at www.snapemaltings.co.uk,

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THE MOTHERS UNION.

On Wednesday March 4th

at 2.30pm

Lucy will talk about her work at
The New Wolsey Theatre.

On Wednesday April 1st
Carolyn Smith will reflect on Easter tide.

All meetings at St Michael's Church
Centre.

All Welcome

HEADWAY SUFFOLK DEMENTIA GROUP - MARTLESHAM

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

It takes place every fourth Thursday of
the month at St Michael's Church Centre,
The Drift in Martlesham IP5 3PL from
11.45am - 3.15pm. The person with
dementia must be accompanied by a
carer.

The group partake in a variety of
stimulating and engaging games and
activities. It costs £6.50 per person,
which includes a fish and chips lunch
and refreshments.

The next date the group meet is on
Thursday 26 March 2020.

Find out more at:
[www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/
dementiamartlesham](http://www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/dementiamartlesham).

*If you would like to make a referral or
want to volunteer, contact Maureen
Howes on 01473 712225 or email:
maureenhowes@headwaysuffolk.org.uk.*

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
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Loose stones

My husband and I decided to plant a meadow with annuals and perennials which will flower throughout the year, providing nectar for our bees and any other insects which care to share the meal. We chose a spot on the lawn and started work. We took off the grass and a few centimetres of top soil, which was relocated, and rotovated the plot.

At first glance the lawn was green. Admittedly some of it was moss, some of it was weeds and some of it was grass. Well it was when we started! Once we had rotovated, we discovered that, just below the surface were stones and bricks. At some point the lawn must have been used for dumping rubble and covered over with soil and seed to provide a reasonable looking lawn area. Fortunately, for a good meadow to grow, the soil needs to be poor, but there must be limits!

It reminded me of the parable of the sower which Jesus told. He gave the example of a farmer scattering seed which fell on poor and good ground. The seed which fell on stony ground had nowhere to send roots so failed. It made me think of life in general. So often we start off with good intentions but don't quite manage to bring things to fruition, 'stones' get in the way. Fortunately, God is the best gardener and will patiently remove the 'stones' in our lives and leave us with good soil to grow in, to flourish in and to become valuable members of our communities. Thank goodness he is the gardener in my life and not me!!

Rev Margaret Rittman.
mgtritt@me.com

MOTHER'S DAY RUNAWAYS.

3pm Sunday 22nd March. St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath.

On Mothering Sunday, our Mother's Day Runaways service offers a safe space for those who find the day difficult.

If you normally avoid church on Mothering Sunday because you find it too painful for whatever reason, this quiet, and free service has been designed with you in mind.

You could be grieving the loss of a mother, a child or a baby through miscarriage or if you're struggling with infertility or childlessness, singleness or a difficult relationship or perhaps you never even knew your mother, this informal gathering is to help you acknowledge the bittersweet emotions you may feel surrounding Mothering Sunday,

You will be guided through an hour-long service including liturgy, poetry, music and stories, offering you the space to grieve and lament while inviting God, who loves us, into our stories of struggle. Come and sit in stillness or join in as much or as little as feels comfortable.

Refreshments served following the service, and all are welcome.

For further details contact Revd. Toby Tate. toby@martleshamcofe.org.uk

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
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martlesham.org.uk/pavilion

Alternatively, please contact the booking
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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 1st March	9.45am All Age Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 8th March	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am God's Family @ Church	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 15th March	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd March	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 29th March		10.30am Benefice Service	
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:

March

- 5 literacy programmes worldwide
- 6 today's Women's World Day of Prayer
- 7 all carers
- 8 for a closer walk with God this Lent**
- 9 give thanks for advances in science that benefit all
- 10 those working in our local shops and businesses
- 11 the residents of Mill Field
- 12 all who provide school meals
- 13 everyone struggling with family life
- 14 give thanks for the wonders of the natural world
- 15 for time to be still and listen to God this Lent**
- 16 all who are hungry today
- 17 St Patrick's Day: the island of Ireland and its people
- 18 the residents of Mill Heath
- 19 nursery staff and those caring for young children
- 20 give thanks for the signs of Spring around us

- 21 those taking part in a Park Run today
- 22 Mothering Sunday: all who are mothers to others**
- 23 those who are struggling with debt
- 24 all who are reading the Bible today
- 25 the residents of Mill Lane
- 26 give thanks for those who make us laugh
- 27 dentists and dental nurses
- 28 the Benefice Awayday in Felixstowe today
- 29 for those finding it difficult to accept God's love and forgiveness**
- 30 those who empty our bins and clean up our road verges
- 31 all who have mental health difficulties
- April**
- 1 the residents of Netherwood Court
- 2 those who work in libraries
- 3 give thanks for our families and friends
- 4 our government and MPs



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