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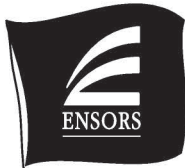
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THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH .

The propeller.

This can be seen as you enter The Square, from the car park next to the church.

Right—volunteers repairing the paths in Portal Woods—photo by S Corley



1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact

Timandra Howell
martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com.

Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Rachel Pennick
01473 610437

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have

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

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

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to a new Parish Councillor

We look forward to working with Helen Davey who was appointed unanimously by co-option at the full Council meeting on 03 July 2019. Helen lives on the Falcon Park and cares very much about the future of our community.

Still Two Parish Councillors Needed!

We are pleased to say that we have received interest from parishioners keen to find out what being a parish councillor involves. If you take an interest in looking after local play areas, street furniture, open spaces; want to try and influence housing, business, retail development in your parish; want to improve footpaths, pedestrian & cycling facilities or take an interest in ensuring public funds are properly accounted for and allocated where needed, then Parish Council membership might be right for you! As the full Council does not formally meet in August, the next opportunity to be appointed is 04 September 2019. Please contact the Clerk for more information or just come along to a meeting – we'd love to hear from you.

Chairman's Annual Report 2019

Please take time to read about what your Council has been doing in the Annual Report of Mike Irwin, our Chairman. This should be enclosed as a separate sheet with this newsletter.

Grants to local organisations in 2020

The Parish Council will be considering all applications for grants from local

organisations in the autumn. If your group wishes to apply for a grant, please contact the Clerk for an application form, to be completed and returned to the Parish Council by Monday 07 October 2019. These grants are awarded for the financial year 2020/21 and will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2020. Any group with a project requiring Parish Council support/funding should also submit their project details and business plan by 07 October 2019 at the latest.

Inclusive play equipment in Martlesham

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

Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Examination

An Inspector has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to examine the soundness of the Local Plan, which sets out the level of growth needed in Suffolk Coastal, where it should be located and how it should be delivered, up to 2036. All the documents can be found on the East Suffolk Council website:

<https://tinyurl.com/SC-Local-Plan-Examination>

This is of particular significance to the parish

because of the inclusion of the Suffolk Police HQ site for 300 houses and the Woodbridge Town Football Club site in the north of the parish for 120 dwellings. The Parish Council will be making written representations to the Inspector and attending Hearings.

Ipswich Northern Route Public Consultation

The public consultation on the proposed routes for the northern relief road runs until **13 September 2019**. East Suffolk Council and Ipswich Borough Council are exploring options to create a new road to enable better journeys across Suffolk as well as enable future growth. Each of the 3 options could have a significant impact on traffic through Martlesham on the A12 so please make your comments known! All information is available via www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk. If you need more information you can contact the project team via: telephone 0345 603 1842 or e-mail

ipswichnorthernroute@suffolk.gov.uk

Sizewell C Stage 4 Public Consultation

This consultation runs from **18 July to 27 September 2019** with all documents available on the Sizewell C website: www.sizewellc.co.uk, at your local library, at the Sizewell C information office in Leiston High Street, or call Freephone 0800 197 6102. The focus is to obtain views on the management of freight deliveries and on some changes to development proposals. There is still an opportunity to respond to Stage 3 proposals.

Forthcoming meetings:

No full Parish Council meeting in August
Development Plans Committee – Wednesday
14 August 2019

Parish Council – Wednesday 04 September
2019

Recreation & Amenities Committee –
Wednesday 11 September 2019

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

Telephone: 01473 612632

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.

Consultation launches on the county's Green Access Strategy

Communities are being invited to have their say on the Green Access Strategy - Rights of Way Improvement Plan as part of a ten-week consultation held by Suffolk County Council (SCC).

The county council, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) is required to put together this plan which identifies changes that will improve rights of way provision for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those with mobility problems.

The plan, which looks at rights of way access up until 2026, details why green access is so relevant to Suffolk's population and its visitors, and it focuses on how green access can benefit quality of life. SCC built the strategy on previous work, research and engagement with a range of consultees, such as the Suffolk Local Access Forum, parish councils, local businesses, landowners, users and non-user groups.

The public consultation opened on the 8th July 2019 and runs until Friday 20th September. The consultation will provide the council with final feedback before the plan is presented to cabinet later this year.

Councillor Mary Evans, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Issues said; "The Green Access Strategy represents our commitment as a council to make the very most of the rights of way network and to provide our residents, our business community and our visitors an array of different and innovative opportunities to use, enjoy and benefit from green access."

To find out more about the consultation and how you can have your say visit:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/rowip

A paper copy of the survey can be requested by calling, 0345 603 1842 or emailing discoversuffolk@suffolkhighways.org or you can take the survey over the phone by calling 0345 603 1842.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019

The Strategic Planning Committee is meeting at 10.30 am on the 9th September 2019 at East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Melton. At that Meeting, items for discussion will include Brightwell Lakes and the 'Orwell Green' application. The meeting was scheduled to take place at Lowestoft but since the major items for discussion relate to the south part of the district, it was decided to change the venue to Melton thus giving interested parties a better chance to be present at the meeting.

The Council has created a number of new positions, one of which is a new 'Communities Officer'.

What is a Communities Officer?

Communities officers strengthen relationships between different people for benefit of the local community. They offer advice, guidance and practical support to make positive change and encourage pride in where people live.

What can They help with?

- Community projects, activities, consultations and engagement.
- Development of new community groups.
- Access to funding advice.
- Community safety and anti – social behaviour advice.
- Community health and wellbeing projects.
- Neighbourhood planning/Right to bid applications.
- Linking local groups and organisations together.
- Directing local issues to the relevant people and organisations.

How do I get in touch?

Email: andrew.jolliffe@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Search 'East Suffolk Communities Team' online.

Contact customer services: 0333 016 2000.

If you would like to discuss any of the above items, or any other items, with me I can be contacted by email at chris.blundell@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or by phone on 01473 622716 or on 07768 213251.

Martlesham Village Day

We hope you had a good day, unfortunately I am writing this before the event, so we are all in fingers crossed mode at the moment.

Thanks though to everyone who entertained, ran a stall or offered their activities for our pleasure

We would really appreciate your feed back on the event so we can plan to improve next year, so please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CB8V7LX> and fill in our short survey. Only three questions:

What did you like? What could be improved? Would you like to help?

Please comment on such things as the:

- Suitability and range of stalls, attractions and catering
- Anything missing you would like to see
- Any suggested improvements
- Anything you particularly enjoyed (or otherwise)
- Anyone you particularly wish to mention

All comments are welcome, and if there is anything we need to follow up please include your email address

Do consider joining us on the organising team for next year, the work isn't onerous and can actually be fun, we are a happy little team, and it is always interesting...no experience necessary...as you can probably tell!

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Grass Cutting

We have had a lot of complaints that the grass areas have not been cut and it does not look very good. We agree with these complaints and we have been in touch with the subcontractor almost on a daily basis. At the time of writing this article the mowers have arrived and almost all of the grass areas have been cut. The village looks a lot better and more pleasing to look at and walk around. While we were complaining to the subcontract responsible for the grass cutting, we were informed that it was an abnormal high growth season. We do believe that more thought will be required to ensure that the situation does not occur again. At one of the recent meetings of the volunteers, various options were put forward and we will investigate these options when the time for the renewal of the new contract arises next year.

Martlesham Heath Village Fete 20th July 2019

The village day fete was held on 20th July on the village green. There were stalls and various fun fair attractions. There was also sporting skills competitions run by pupils from Copleston and Kesgrave High Schools and musical entertainment on stage. MHHL had a stall with a map showing the village and the areas that MHHL were responsible for. The stall was manned by the volunteers throughout the whole day and I hope that it proved useful to all that came to ask questions about the ongoing work by MHHL.

MHHL Facebook Account

Please note that MHHL has a Facebook account and Website – please use either of these to keep abreast of the ongoing work and various issues affecting the village.

At the moment there is a notification about a meeting that was planned to be held at the Pavilion on 26 July 2019 at 3.00am about possible routes for a Northern Bypass.

With the better weather we hope you get out to enjoy the woods & SSSI.

Should you wish to report anything you find we can be contacted on 01473 612207,

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We offer wrap around care from 7:30 to 18:00 with our breakfast and afterschool clubs. Hedgehogs is open Monday to Friday for 3 and 4 year olds.

If you are curious about what we have to offer you and your family, we warmly welcome you to come and visit our setting. We are holding open events on Wednesday 9th October 9:30-10:30 and on Thursday 10th October 1:30-2:30

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

Mrs. T. Haig

Nursery Lead Teacher

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

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Challenge Crafts – The following craft activities will be taking place during August:

Sunday 4th - Saturday 10th – Have you ever seen a flying saucer? Design one for your space creature to travel in;

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th – We are making astronauts this week. Why not personalise yours by bringing along a photo of your face to add to the helmet?

Sunday 18th -Saturday 24th – Do you think there are aliens in space? Make an alien mask to disguise yourself;

Sunday 25th – Saturday 31st – Create your own space scene with a rocket flying to the moon.

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

Free BookStart Sessions – every Thursday including all School Holidays.

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

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

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

Summer Reading Challenge – Space Chase Saturday

20th July – Sunday 8th September. If you haven't signed up yet, you're not too late! Kesgrave Library will be running sessions during the following hours (Monday 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Tuesday 2.30-5.00 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday 2.30-5.30 p.m. Friday 9.00–12 noon, Saturday 2.30-5.00 p.m. and Sunday 10.00–1.00 p.m.) where children can come in, enrol and talk to the volunteers about the books they have read. During the above times there will also be free craft activities which are inspired by the Space Chase theme. To finish the challenge each child needs to read 6 books, at least one of which needs to be non-fiction.

Suffolk Parent Carer Network: Tuesday 6th August 2.30 – 4.30pm.

Do you have a child or young person with additional needs and/or disabilities? Would you like to have access to resources and events? Pop along to the library and meet the Ambassador from the SPCN, who is returning to the library and will be available to offer support and advice on a range of issues.

Donating Books – Having a sort out at home and have too many books? We are currently looking for good condition fiction to be donated to the library. We have two shelves in Tesco's that we sell our donated books on to raise money for the library. Please speak to staff if have some books you would like to donate.

GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

If your child is starting school in September 2020, then please come along to one of our Reception Open Sessions. These are being held on:

- Thursday 10th October from 1.30pm to 2.45pm
- Monday 14th October from 1.30pm to 2.45pm
- Tuesday 5th November from 6pm. to 7pm
- Tuesday 7th January from 9.30am. to 10am

This is an opportunity to meet our Headteacher, Mr. Jackson, and the Reception team, as well as have a tour of the school with our Year 6 pupils.

Please contact the School Office on 01473 623790 or office@gorseland.net to confirm the date you would like to visit us.

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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 this autumn!

The Autumn Term 2019 session dates:

September 9th

September 23rd

October 14th

HALF TERM

October 28th

November 11th

November 25th

December 9th

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

If you would like further information please contact:

Sonya & Maureen Burrows

Tel.01473 625196

MARTLESHAM BRASS

'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Martlesham Brass are taking a well-earned rest during August!

Our next event after the summer break will be our 23rd Birthday Concert on Saturday 28th September 2019, so please put this date in your diaries. Tickets for the concert will be available in September - more details next month.

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 feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please email join@martleshambrass.co.uk or use the contact details below.

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1ST BRIGHTWELL GUIDES

By the time you read this, some of our 16 Guides will have gained a First Aid & Camp skills Builder badge as part of our new programme, been to the beach at Felixstowe, go karted at Hallowtrees, Geocached, litter picked, & spent our final night of the Summer term orienteering in Rendlesham Forest. 21 of our District Guides spent a busy Sunday in June, abseiling, climbing, crate stacking, rifle shooting, grass sledging, outdoor cooking, firefighting & more. 5 of the Guides, will be spending the last 5 days in July, under canvas, at "Guiditude", a festival themed County Camp, with 320 other young members aged 10-18, from across Suffolk. They will have danced, sung, yoga'd, drummed, crafted & no camp is complete without steamed sponge pudding!

If you didn't get the chance to meet us at the village fete & want to find out more about what Guiding can offer for your daughter(s) or for you as a volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact us. A fond farewell to those who are leaving us, & a warm welcome to our new members joining in September. Lastly a BIG THANK YOU to my assistants Margaret, Pippa & Pam, I couldn't do all of this without you.

1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

The Rangers have had a busy term, tidying the planters outside the Hut, making wild seed bombs, building a trebuchet, cooking on campfires, creating a tote bag out of a t-shirt, producing land art & will finish the term having a party with food & homemade mocktails.

If your daughter is aged 14-18, would like to join a small group of enthusiastic young women, to enjoy fun challenges in a safe & friendly environment, then why not contact us? On a wider scale we offer the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications, e.g. the D of E Awards & Girlguiding's own International travel schemes. We say Good bye to Ellie this term & wish her Good Luck in her exams & for the future.

Happy Holidays Guides & Rangers! See you in September - Jo (jo.d@btinternet.com)

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Our annual glow worm survey and bat walk took place at the end of June, attended by 11 people. Disappointingly, only 6 female glow worms were spotted, and no males, but still exciting for those who had never seen one before. We were lucky to see, and hear with bat detectors, pipistrelle bats flying around the trees hunting for insects, and at times only just above our heads. Noctule bats were heard but not seen.

The volunteers this month added more bark chippings to some of the worst areas of the paths to keep them from getting overly muddy during wet weather, and rebuilt a section of the path that had started to collapse into the northern revetment's trench.

There are no working parties during August due to holidays so we will be returning in September. We hope you enjoy your summer.

Dates for the Diary

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

New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome.

No experience needed.

For further information, please contact us at pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone: 01473 612632 or visit our website: pwcg.onesuffolk.net or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

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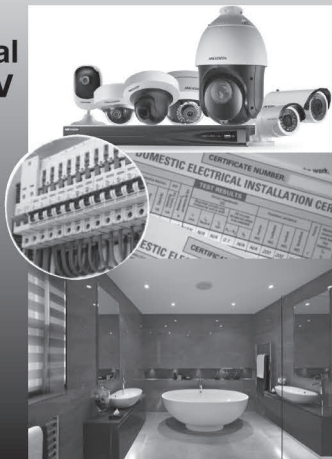


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MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

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 as its food plant.

This year the Silver Studded blue butterflies on our heath emerged relatively late compared with last year. The hot spring weather seems to bring forward their emergence whereas cool wet weather such as we experienced in late April/May this year 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 boundary fence from late June through into early July. 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. Many thanks to those who helped count these butterflies this year. The total number counted looks substantially down on last year. A disappointing result given the improvement in numbers last year. 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.

Our next work party will be on Sunday 4th August at 10am. Please meet on the ridge bank that runs east-west across the SSSI. We will work on bracken clearance.

Bracken is poor for conservation purposes as unfortunately it only supports a narrow range of wildlife in part due its toxic nature but also 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 productive 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 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 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

MARTLESHAM TRAFFIC WATCH

Our village of Martlesham and Martlesham Heath seems to be growing everyday. With recent new housing and many more in the pipeline maybe you wonder how our roads will be affected. The huge increase in traffic in and around the ever growing retail and business area, and at certain times of day inability for drivers to get out onto the A12 causes gridlock. With modern on line shopping we have huge pressure on delivery drivers to deliver their parcels in less and less time.

Many of you who live or work here will have experienced problems of speeding drivers, longer waits in traffic, difficulty in crossing a road and finding the road you live in has become a "rat run" for drivers trying to escape all of that.

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If we can get enough volunteers we can set up our own Community Speedwatch scheme to tackle those issues right where you live. This forum is run on facebook and although is separate from the Parish Council, we do have a communication link through them.

Please get in touch by email at marttrafficwatch@gmail.com or even better join our facebook group.



**Our next event – Monday 14th
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If you are interested, just turn up about 15 minutes before the start time and somebody will explain what we do. Alternatively you can ring our secretary, Ian Hunt, on 01473 611947, or e-mail douglas.benger@btinternet.com, especially if you plan to come along on a Tuesday evening, as the Club enters a team in the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association Winter and Summer Leagues, and home matches are played on a Tuesday evening.

We have a great deal of fun, and hope you can join us!

Doug Benger

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our AGM held at the end of June was well supported with 25 members present. After reports on the years activities members joined in a very lively discussion on future planning.

During the year we have been raising money for Suffolk Search and Rescue, and with the proceeds of the Coffee Morning and various donations this amounts to £341.00. We also received a donation in memory of one of our members who has died recently. We shall be able to donate £500.50 to our chosen charity.

Our next meeting is not until 12th September when Abigail Saxon will give a talk entitled 'Disability 4 Sport'

In the meanwhile, enjoy the lovely summer weather!

To find out more contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

On Friday July 5th we had our monthly meeting in the Community Hall. Bob Collis is an aviation historian and author who lives at Lowestoft and the subject of his talk was, "Zeppelins Over Lowestoft - Great War Raids on the East Coast Town. Bob was accompanied by two friends who are also aviation enthusiasts.

The Zeppelin was an enormous dirigible 600ft long which was filled with hydrogen gas bags to give them lift and usually had a crew of 22 men. Lowestoft was one of many towns which received visits from the then invincible Zeppelin. They carried a bomb load of 50kg bombs.

Bob showed many photographs taken at the time of the damage caused. We had no answer to the Zeppelin until 1916 because the standard BE2 fighter which was deployed on home defence was incapable of climbing to the height at which the Zeppelin flew. By 1916 we had developed aircraft which were capable of taking on the German "terror weapon", as it was called in those days. We also developed incendiary bullets which set fire to the gas. The crew invariably perished in the conflagration.

Gt Yarmouth was the first town to receive a visit from a Zeppelin. This was January 1915 and it was not until June 1917 that the Germans stopped using Zeppelins. By then we had the answer to them.

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

We have no meeting next month. It is usual to replace a meeting with an all day visit. On 2nd August a coach load of members and friends will visit the Mosquito museum at Salisbury Hall before going on to visit the RAF museum at Hendon.

The underground Battle HQ next to the Mill Farm development was a relic of WW2 and was built in 1941. It has recently been in the news because a cat found its way into the sealed bunker and was rescued. The bunker is one of many WW2 relics of RAF Martlesham Heath still to be found and a full story appears on the "news" page of our web site, www.mhas.org.uk.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

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Our Control Tower museum is open every Sunday from 2pm to 4.30 until the end of October.

WOOLLY WONDERS

By the time you read this some of you may have seen and supported our stall at the fete for St Elizabeth Hospice and St Michael's Church.

Hope you enjoyed the day.

We will also have had our summer outing. Meanwhile we continue to meet every Thursday at 'The Runway' 10-12 .

Always welcome newcomers.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Hangin' baskets in The Square and planted containers elsewhere in Martlesham

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Martlesham Common – Wildlife survey of flora and fauna

The survey of Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve is ongoing and we would like to encourage everyone to help with this survey by letting us know of sightings of any flora or fauna throughout the year.

Now it is summer there are likely to be many butterflies and other insects about as well as a variety of wild flowers including the attractive areas of heather.

If you would like to help in any way please contact the secretary below.

For further information please contact:

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SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

We have two events in August.

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

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

In September on Saturday 7th September at 8 am we will be opening up the Moth Trap that will have been running overnight at Fen Meadow in Woodbridge and identifying a range of moths. This event is in conjunction with Friends of Fen Meadow. Parking is possible in Portland Crescent (IP12 4TP), then walk along cemetery fence to fen meadow gate. Contact 01394 387433 or 01394 382969.

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NEWS FROM THE DEBEN ROTARY

All change at the top at the rotary club of Woodbridge Deben when, at our handover evening on Monday July 1st, Rotarian Chris Walker succeeded Rotarian Tom Griffin as President. We look forward to another enjoyable year of fellowship and community service.

We have been out and about in the last few weeks at various events including The Regatta, Melton Fete and Martlesham Village Day, where you may have seen our Rotary Gazebo or had a go at our popular putting game.

Our annual vocational award was presented to Anne Stevenson as a much deserved mark of appreciation for her long service with the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Anne was presented with the Vocational Service Shield and a cheque.

We were delighted when one of our members, Rotarian Peter Kidd was awarded The British Empire Medal in The Queen's Birthday Honours List. The award was in recognition of many years community service with Rotary and in particular, Rochford House, mentoring and services to the village of Little Bealings.

Our Memory Café, run in conjunction with Woodbridge Rotary and Woodbridge Inner Wheel, continues to flourish. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 10.30 to 12.00 at Woodbridge Football Club. If you would like more details of this, or any other aspects of Rotary, please contact Rotarian Martin Kenyon on 01394 386933

MARTLESHAM SURGERY - PRACTICE & PATIENT GROUP (PPG) NEWS

Update on our Falls Prevention project (last reported in June): Both of our first two exercise programmes are now full, but we still have a few places left on the third programme starting early 2020. We held an information event about this in May at the Pavilion and hope to hold another one in the autumn. If you received a personal invitation to the May event and couldn't attend, but you would like to know more, please leave a note with reception saying you'd like to attend the next one.

I am pleased to report that our recent campaign for increasing PPG membership has been very successful. We now have 10 members. This is allowing us to tackle more projects for the benefit of patients. Watch this space for updates.

At the time of writing, the practice is about to undergo a CQC inspection (similar to an Ofsted inspection for schools). The PPG will have an input into this on behalf of patients.

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PPG Chair

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WOOLLY WONDERS SUPPORTS AGE UK SUFFOLK

Age UK Suffolk would like to say a BIG thank you to Lydia, Rachel and their fellow knitters who attend the Martlesham Heath knitting group the Woolly Wonders.

The group has been taking part in the Innocent Big Knit campaign and has made over 3000 knitted hats. Each hat raises 25p for Age UK Suffolk and their total raises £750. These hats will go on to Innocent drinks bottles and will be in various shops and supermarkets in October 2019. A special thanks goes to Gill who has made 2500 hats. Gill finds the knitting relaxing and it makes her feel good.

The group has recently celebrated its fifth birthday and meets on a Thursday morning from 10am - 12 at the Runway Café, Martlesham Heath. From starting with five members they now have over 20. New members are always welcome and a recent joiner travels from Copdock to enjoy the knitting, chat and refreshments the group and café offers.

Friday 16th August 2019

Pop Up Big Chinwag' (cuppa and chat) at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave. 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Aimed at people aged 65+ and living in the Kesgrave/Martlesham/Rushmere area. It's an opportunity to make new friends, chat and reminisce - entertainment & refreshments provided. Organised by Age UK Suffolk, contact 01473 298683 for further details or just turn up on the day.

Woodbridge & District Lions Club News - June 2019

Woodbridge and District Lions Club have continued their busy schedule of fund-raising events. The Club held a hugely successful Pig Race Night at Hacheston Village Hall at the end of May with all funds raised in aid of the East Anglia's Children's Hospice. The evening raised just over £800 and the Club decided to round this up to £1,000 and a presentation was made to EACH at our July meeting.

The Woodbridge Regatta is our main summer fund raiser and we are pleased to report that a total of just over £1,100 was made at this year's event which will be used for the benefit of local charities and good causes. We would like to thank all the members of the public who supported us by sponsoring ducks for our Duck Dive event, both from our sales in the Woodbridge Thoroughfare over the preceding two weeks and on the day. The lucky Duck Dive winning numbers were; first prize 928, second prize 1389, third prize 430. All prizes have been claimed and special thanks to the winners of the second prize who kindly decided to donate their winnings to charities.



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MARTLESHAM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIRBORNE RADAR



An Avro Anson fitted with Mk 1 Radar

It is common knowledge that Bawdsey was the home of British radar development. This was for radar interception towers around the south and east coast of Britain to detect enemy aircraft.

It was also recognized that if radar could be installed in aircraft then they might be capable of tracking and destroying a hostile intruder. Martlesham was the nearest RAF Station to Bawdsey and also the home of the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment. It therefore supplied all the aircraft that were required for all aspects of radar development.

In the late summer of 1937 a Martlesham based Avro Anson flew took off quite unofficially to attempt to locate the British fleet which were sailing from the Straights of Dover to Scotland in an exercise to test the ability of the RAF and Coastal Command to locate them. Unknown to the crew of the Anson the exercise had been cancelled due to bad weather and aircraft, including flying boats from Felixstowe and Leuchars in the north, had all returned to base.

At 8am a large echo was detected and the Martlesham Anson homed in on it on their primitive oscilloscope. It was the aircraft carrier *Courageous* and the cruiser *Southampton* together with attendant destroyers. The fleet were so concerned that aircraft from the *Courageous* were despatched to try and locate this unseen aircraft in the clouds. The Anson was also able to detect these aircraft in the air. The first air to air radar interception.

On returning to Martlesham, Coastal Operations at Bircham Newton were 'phoned and were stunned to hear that this Anson had located the ships by Range and Detection Finding, (later called Radar), in appalling weather and had been able to count them.

This caused tremendous commotions in the Air Ministry. Eminent scientists visited Martlesham to have this demonstrated to them. Among them was Sir Henry Tizzard, (Later chief scientific advisor to the Ministry of Defence). It was a nostalgic flight for him because he had chosen Martlesham Heath as the site for an aerodrome way back in 1916.

An aircraft took off and the person to whom it was being demonstrated could see the blip of the (oscilloscope), given by the pursued aircraft.

Professor Lindeman, (later Viscount Cherwell), was chief scientific advisor to Winston Churchill during WW2. He also visited Martlesham for a demonstration flight.

In 1935 the legendary Air Marshall Sir Hugh Dowding, commander in chief of Fighter Command had approved the first grant of £10000 for the development of airborne radar. He now also requested a demonstration flight.

Winston Churchill also visited Martlesham to have this new wonder discovery demonstrated to him. He was given a demonstration by a static aircraft on the perimeter track. The station Commander produced an elaborate silver tea service in the officers mess afterwards. Tea, exclaimed Churchill, Tea! - fetch me a brandy - a large one!

On the first day of WW2 Martlesham was home to about 10 experimental aircraft and 20 or more Bristol Blenheims which were being equipped with this Mk 1 Radar. The whole of "D" Flight, as the radar research unit was called, including all the aircraft were hurriedly flown to Dundee.

In the middle of all this frantic activity a stream of 10 trucks appeared. They were laden with soot and proceeded to spread it over the airfield. This was laughingly called airfield camouflage. Soon everyone looked like coal miners. One wonders what the ladies of Deben Avenue thought as they hung out their washing!

In 1940 scientists from Birmingham university produced the cavity magnetron. This was capable of providing radar equipment of much reduced size and the era of Radar development at Bawdsey and Martlesham came to an end.

An original recording of the historic flight in 1937 is on the History page of the Martlesham Heath Aviation Society web site, www.mhas.org.uk.

THE MOTHERS UNION.

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Bees

There is so much talk about way we live our lives and its impact on bees and other pollinators. I don't know a lot about bumble bees and solitary bees, but I know a lot about honey bees. They are fascinating creatures. About 70,000 cohabit in a hive during the summer months and they live in apparent harmony simply doing their job, even though their life span at the busiest time of the year is only 6 weeks. What matters to them is community. When they are first hatched the young bees nurse the larva which haven't yet arrived. A little later they will guard the hive against wasps and other unwanted animal life which might want to invade; and later still they will leave the hive to find suitable flowers to find pollen (containing vitamins for a healthy hive) and nectar to fill up the pantry.

Can you imagine what life would be like if our human society functioned like a hive of bees. Living for the benefit of community, not just ourselves. Ensuring everyone was looked after and fed regardless of age or ability. Enhancing the wider world through our lifestyle and ethos.

In the Old Testament of the Bible the country God promised to his people was described as 'flowing with milk and honey'. A description of a healthy and well fed community which looks out as well as in. A fitting example to follow.

*Rev Margaret Rittman
Martlesham with Brightwell*

HEADWAY SUFFOLK MARTLESHAM DEMENTIA GROUP

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 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 22 August 2019.

Find out more at: www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/dementiamartlesham.

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

Can you volunteer some time to help us?

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Sunday 4th August	9.45am All Age Service Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th August	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 18th August	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th August	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong

Midweek Services

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

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

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

August

- 5 For the victims, families and health workers affected by the Ebola outbreak
- 6 For Christian relief agencies
- 7 Desmesne Gardens
- 8 For those suffering through poverty and hardship
- 9 Mary Sumner Day, founder of The Mothers' Union
- 10 For those affected by Dementia and memory loss
- 11 Celebrate the life of Florence Nightingale
- 12 For persecuted Christians all over the world
- 13 For all who practise the Christian Faith
- 14 For Denham Court
- 15 Ipswich Street Pastors
- 16 Give thanks for the Bible and its teachings
- 17 We praise you Lord for the beauty of your Creation
- 18 For the congregations in our Benefice of Martlesham with Brightwell
- 19 Pray for more research into life limiting diseases

- 20 We thank you Lord for every act of kindness
- 21 Digby Close
- 22 Father, I believe you love and care for me
- 23 Pray that God will heal emotional & physical wounds
- 24 For the challenges facing children and young adults
- 25 That Christ's name will be known more widely
- 26 For those facing the challenges of ageing
- 27 Help us to say 'sorry' when we are wrong
- 28 Dukes Meadow
- 29 For all the sick, suffering and bereaved
- 30 To set a moral standard to all young people
- 31 Lord, help us to stand firm in our faith

September

- 1 That young families will come to know and love the Lord
- 2 For children, teachers and all who work in schools as they return after the summer holidays
- 3 Help us to be good neighbours
- 4 Dukes Park



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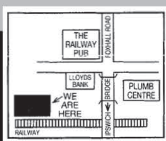
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