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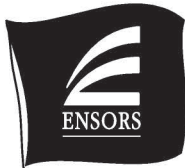
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## THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH .

From Alan Powell—Stained Glass Windows at St Mary's, Martlesham.

January's issue will be out before Christmas, so early submissions will be gratefully received.

The Martlesham Monthly Team wish you all a Happy Christmas

## MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

### NEW FOR 2020

Although the main Scout Post has been cancelled due to Covid, there will be a local post this year.

There will be Christmas post boxes in

- •Duncan's Bakery
- •BlackTiles PostOffice
- •J's Crown Point Fish and Chip Shop

**From 25 November to 14 December**

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## 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact

Timandra Howell

[martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com](mailto: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), 3 Brownie Packs (ages 7-10), 2 Guide Companies (ages 10-14) & 1 Ranger Unit (ages 14-18) meeting around the Parish.

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# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Coronavirus Update

At the time of writing (09 November 2020) the second national lockdown is only a few days in but by the time you read this it should be almost over. We will all be wondering what will happen next, particularly with regard to Christmas. The Parish Council wishes all its parishioners a safe, healthy & happy Christmas whatever the circumstances. Please continue to look after one another & follow government guidelines to protect yourselves and others.

This time play areas could remain open, but government guidance meant that our trim trail equipment and the bike trails had to close. We hope that we can safely open these again in December. Remember to observe the rules on social distancing and hand washing which are so important to stop the spread of the virus.

For the latest information on coronavirus and how to stay safe, please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Resignation of Jane Drummond

We sadly accepted the resignation of Jane Drummond in October 2020, however we are pleased that Jane will continue as a member of our Community Orchard and Wildflower Project working groups. We thank her for her input to Council work and support for these groups and look forward to continuing to work with her. Electors will have had the opportunity to call a by-election during November but, if there has been no such demand, we anticipate being able to fill Jane's vacancy by co-option (i.e. no election – existing councillors appoint new councillors) in January 2021.

## Councillor vacancies

Despite lockdown there is still a lot going on in our parish! We deal with such a variety of topics and projects, e.g. improvements to play & recreational facilities, land management, climate emergency, planning, traffic & public transport issues, as well as the financial & policy aspects of running a parish council. We don't expect our councillors

to be interested in everything or to be experts in any particular field (although that can help of course!); we are looking for people who are keen to look after our parish and its quality of life. Our full Council meeting on Wednesday 20 January 2020 will be the next opportunity for council members to co-opt any new candidates. We have an existing vacancy in the Martlesham West ward, and we expect to have another one in the Martlesham ward (see above re Jane's resignation).

If you would like more details, please contact the Clerk as below.

## Ongoing services & closure of the office at Christmas

The second national lockdown means that staff are mostly working from home again. You can still contact us though via e-mail (recommended), our facebook page or leaving a message on our answer machine.

Over the Christmas period we currently expect the 'office' to be closed from 3pm on Thursday 24 December 2020 until 9am on Monday 04 January 2021, but please check our website and facebook page for any change to this.

Council meetings will continue to take place virtually.

## Forbes' Spinney

The Council very much wished to pay tribute to former councillor John Forbes who retired at the beginning of the year, so this autumn we will be planting Forbes' Spinney at the Recreation Ground, The Street. A mixture of nine British grown trees, with varied blossoms, berries and seeds, and suitable for the location, will be planted to provide a diversity of habitats. We had hoped that the trees would be planted by community volunteers but, due to the pandemic, we will be instructing our contractor to undertake the work.

John Forbes spent 28 active years as a parish councillor. 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 John 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. He played a significant role in looking after our parish.

We are extremely grateful to Margaret too, not only for supporting John, but also for her practical and active participation in the life of the community.

Through the Spinney we are marking the outstanding contribution that John & Margaret have made to the parish of Martlesham.

## Harry Higgins Play Area

The Parish Council is very pleased to support the Pavilion Management Committee's project to replace the play equipment with funding of £35k. The Council was aware of the local desire for enhanced play equipment which came out of Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan consultations. The funding, which will come from an earmarked reserve and Community Infrastructure Levy funding, was unanimously agreed at the Council's meeting on 04 November. We very much look forward to the project coming to fruition next year.

## Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve

We hope that you've noticed the 3 new information boards installed around the Common. If not, please take a look! They are part of improvements to the site which we hope will raise the profile

of this Local Nature Reserve. You will also see improved footpaths, framed entrances and new site name signs.

The information boards were a collaboration between the Council and the Greenways Project and cover the nature found on site, some history and site management. The unveiling of the boards by our Chairman in October was a quiet, socially distanced affair but it gave us the opportunity to thank Tesco for a generous £1000 towards the cost of the signs through the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme, and James Baker of the Greenways Project and his volunteers.

### Virtual Meetings

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: WEDNESDAY 02 DECEMBER, 7.30PM

RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE: WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY, 7.30PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY, 7.30PM  
(Please note that this is a change to our normal schedule and the meeting will focus on agreeing the budget and precept for 2021/22)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 03 FEBRUARY, 7.30PM

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FORUM AT THESE MEETINGS.

To join any of these meetings, please contact the Clerk, see below, no later than 5pm the day before the meeting to receive an invitation or see our website or noticeboards for further details.

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### FROM YOUR CONSERVATIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CHRIS BLUNDELL.

**The Pandemic** In the first half of the 16th Century the Spanish Conquistadors eventually went to war with both the Inca and Aztec Indian communities in South America. The visiting warlike Conquistadors had an easy time defeating the natives because the native tribes had been seriously depleted because of a pandemic disease called Small Pox that the visiting Conquistadors had inflicted upon them. A pandemic is a disastrous event and my heart goes out to all who have suffered the effects of COVID 19. East Suffolk Council has been working hard to help as many companies and private individuals as possible. Almost £70m has so far been handed out to local businesses in support and several hundred thousand pounds has been paid to individual organisations. I hope and pray that an end is in sight.

**The Local Community Partnership** of which I am Chairman has agreed to fund a number of projects that are known under the headings of:

1. Meet Up Mondays. (£1,000)
2. Chinwag. Formerly run by Age Suffolk. (£9,040)
- 3.\* Spot Wellbeing. (£5,040)
4. Talking Benches. (£5,022)
- 5.\* Mental Health First Aid. (£5,000)
6. Environmental Care Scheme. (£5,000)

The two items marked \* are courses funded by the partnership for which any interested person can apply.

Application for any of the above should be made direct to East Suffolk. For more information, go to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-partnership/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-partnership/).

The deadline date for applications is the 14th December 2020.

**Planning Matters.** The Council is in the initial stages of preparing a new Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document and an initial consultation is being carried out between 9th November and 21st December 2020.

The Affordable Housing Supplementary



Planning Document (SPD) will provide guidance on the implementation of the Council's planning policies related to affordable housing and will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Upon adoption the SPD will replace the following existing guidance documents:

- Supplementary Planning Guidance 2 Affordable Housing (July 2004) – this relates to the former Suffolk Coastal Area, and;
- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (May 2012) – this relates to the former Waveney Local Planning Authority area.

A questionnaire and a consultation document have been prepared for this initial consultation stage; the questionnaire is nine questions in length and seeks views on what guidance should be included in the SPD to support the implementation of policies on affordable housing contained in the Council's Local Plans.

The questionnaire and consultation document are available to view and respond to online at: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/supplementary-planning](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/supplementary-planning).

Responses may also be emailed to: [planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) or posted to East Suffolk Council, Planning Policy and Delivery Team, Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 0EQ.

If you wish to have further information on any of the foregoing topics or any other district council matter please contact me by email at [chris.blundell@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:chris.blundell@eastsuffolk.gov.uk). Otherwise by phone on 01473 622716.



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### Christmas Greetings

We know this year, Christmas may not be how we would all choose to enjoy it but we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Stay safe - remember to wear your mask, keep your distance from others and keep washing your hands. Hopefully, with a vaccine on the horizon, things can eventually get back to some form of normality in the new year.

### AGM in 2021

Due to the Coronavirus, consideration is being given to postponing the AGM from the March to later in the year. Further information will be issued when a final decision is made.

### New Director

We welcome Mr David Boswell as the new Parish council nominated director and has joined the board at Martlesham Heath Householders Limited. He has replaced John Kelso as the PC representative but we are pleased to say the John has stayed on as a director.

### Annual Maintenance Surcharge

Unfortunately, any member who had not paid their 2020/2021 Annual Maintenance Charge by 1 December 2020 has reluctantly been charged a £10 surcharge. Chasing outstanding fees is time consuming and the surcharge (as agreed at the March 2020 AGM) is there as an incentive for members to pay their fee on time.

### Revetments at the Control Tower Car Park

Repairs are underway at the revetments next to the Control Tower car park. The repairs were essential as part of the revetment wall had become unstable and dangerous.

### A Village of Vision? ( 1 of 6 )

*Gillian Darley (AJ Information Library, September 1979)*

The qualities of a village are notoriously hard to define. The only certainty is that the physical and social mesh of the village, that most subtle thing, is slow to evolve, slower still to dissolve.

The difference between Martlesham Heath and the next private development is that its promoters call it a village. Not a New Town, not a housing estate or neighbourhood, but clearly and distinctly a village. Their stance implies that, first, a village can be created on a green field site within perhaps 10 years and, second, that the developers themselves know what a village is. However, reading the sales brochure one finds no definition, merely an evocative quote from Crabbe: 'Thy walks are ever pleasant; every scene is rich in beauty, lively, or serene'. The Bradford Property Trust has had the wisdom to confine itself to a list of the features 'for a new kind of living': village green, pub, shops-not much new there - and 12 hamlets of assorted sizes.

If, then, Martlesham Heath is to be a village, it seems reasonable to ask 'Why?' Is it a sales ploy, a planning gambit or a more idealistic aspiration to create a place just a little bit superior to the norm? I have set this study against the background that, whether or not it is possible to create a village overnight, the process has a historic precedent stretching back for almost three centuries. Planned villages have been growing up at the gates of country mansions, around the mill and factory or out in the countryside since at least 1700. Our self-consciousness about the village is a nineteenth century phenomenon; increasingly we have romanticised both its fabric and its people to the extent that the idea of founding a village has never seemed as unreasonable, or as impossible, as it does today.

In many respects, of course, it is an impracticable notion. The cost and exigencies of planning requirements, the pressures of the market and its dogged conservatism, together with the extraordinary resilience of the buying public to existence in drab environments combine to make the idea of building a village a distinctly oddball notion. Plenty of developers have dignified the most desolate housing estates with flowery names; 'parks', 'groves' and 'villages' abound. If the notion was merely a sales ploy, a far less conscientious approach would have done quite well and a lot of expense could have been spared.

### Contact and further information

If there are any issues that you feel that need attention please do not hesitate to contact Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd by leaving a voicemail on 01473 612207 or by email to <mailto:martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com> or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

## MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

November seemed to start with quite mild conditions but with a few cold frosty nights reminding us that winter conditions could be coming along.

Martlesham Creek is a good place to take a walk at any time of the year and especially so during winter when over wintering ducks and waders are on show. Significant numbers of Teal and Wigeon are usually present with good numbers of wading Black-Tailed Godwits and lots of diving Little Grebes. There is sometimes a flash of blue from a passing Kingfisher or if the tide is high you may see one diving for fish from the bank. Large numbers of Teal move south in autumn from their more northerly breeding grounds to swell the UK numbers before moving back north in the spring. They are quite a small duck considerably smaller than a Mallard but with lovely subtle colouring of green, brown, grey and buff which are all enhanced by bright sunlight. The females being more predominantly brown. Black-Tailed Godwit are waders with a long straight bill that they use for probing deep into the mud to find food.

They over-winter in the UK moving south from their breeding grounds in northern Europe and Asia. They are classified as globally threatened by conservation bodies due to the rate of decline in their numbers. We are fortunate to have a mixture of habitats within Martlesham that presents us with the opportunity to see such marvellous wildlife that also highlight the global connectivity of the natural world.

You may attract more wildlife into your garden over autumn and winter by being a little less tidy. For example you could help a hedgehog to endure the winter months by leaving some vegetation to provide shelter.

Please let autumn leaves rot where they fall or rake them in to piles.

Please leave areas uncut over winter and always check for hedgehogs whenever you cut long grass or bramble. Also a number of bird species will join us from colder climates to the north over the winter period; the heath had several visitors over the winter period in previous years such as Stonechat, Dartford Warblers, Redwings, and Fieldfares; even familiar species such as Blackbirds could have migrated from a considerable distance. If the weather is cold we may even get an influx of colourful Waxwings dropping in to feed on berries. Please spare a thought for our wild birds and other wildlife and remember to put out food and water in your gardens and leave berries on bushes to help them through the cold spells.

Our work parties have been on hold for a while but hopefully we will begin again as conditions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic become more favourable. Please contact me if you are interested in taking part.

**We wish you all a happy Christmas.**

Phil Smith 01473 625630

## HEDGEHOG NURSERY

Hedgehog Nursery has exploded, popped, whizzed and banged our way thinking about the 5th of November with colour mixing, firework painting and making our own edible fireworks; we had to dribble icing onto breadsticks and quickly sprinkle on stars; they were delicious! We slowed down, became peaceful, and learnt about how important the poppy is. We made our own poppies in lots of ways through cutting and sticking, using loose parts and with paint.

The hedgehogs have been busy making up their own stories and performing with puppets. We have used stories we already know to help us, like the classic 'We're going on a dinosaur hunt!' for example.

We are well underway with learning our Christmas songs and we cannot wait for our families to see the video of us performing them!

Here at Hedgehog Nursery, we provide a learning atmosphere where children can explore and investigate in a safe, stimulating and challenging environment. We capitalise on the children's interests to springboard them into learning experiences that extend what they can already do - developing the 'thinkers and doers' of the future.

If you are 'curious' and have a three or four-year-old, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the School Office on 01473 623790 for further details.

## GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

For families with children looking to join us in Reception next September, please remember that the deadline for making applications is Friday 15th January, 2021. Please apply online on Suffolk County Council's website under School Places.

As we enter the month of December, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

## HARRY HIGGINS PLAY AREA – GREAT NEWS

Many of you will know that we have been fundraising to replace the play equipment next to Martlesham Heath Pavilion. The Pavilion Management Committee had been putting some money towards this project for a few years, but we had too big a gap to fill on our own. Now we know that it will go ahead thanks to Martlesham Parish Council. At their council meeting on 4th November, councillors unanimously agreed to support this project with a substantial contribution and our thanks go to them. We are also grateful to our county and district councillors who also offered grants from their community enabling budgets.

We already have estimates for an initial design – you may have seen the posters on the Pavilion's windows. We now need to analyse the results of the play area survey and get firm quotes which best meets those needs and aspirations and which can be afforded by the funds we have available. Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the survey.

Thank you also to those who have already donated via our Just Giving appeal ([www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion)). We are leaving this open and would encourage anyone who would like to be part of creating a fun play experience and social hub for children (up to age 12) and their parents, grandparents and other carers to donate please. Nothing will be wasted as we don't yet know the final costs plus there are always extras we could purchase such as play panels, a picnic table maybe – depending on how well we do. Whatever we manage to achieve, it will be something really positive to look forward to – by next summer, hopefully!

We wish you all good health and a happy Christmas.

*Prue, Andrea and Andrew .Play area sub-committee*

## BRIGHT STARS

Bright Stars normally runs free fun Activity Sessions for Pre-school aged children with their parents, grandparents, friends, family and/or carers at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings of each month during term time. They usually involve singing, games, making crafts to take home and telling stories from the Bible.

However due to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions we are unfortunately not able to meet in person at present but we are keeping in touch remotely for the time being. We are sending out activity sheets by email for the children to enjoy doing with their family and/or carers. We have been celebrating harvest by thinking of all the different fruit that we eat and creating a display that can stand up showing how wheat grows! We also enjoyed making autumn leaves to bring the colourful autumnal season indoors.

If you have or look after a child/children of pre-school age and would like to receive our sheets please give us a call on the telephone number below.

Wishing everyone best wishes at Christmas from all at Bright Stars.

*If you would like further information please contact: Sonya & Maureen Burrows  
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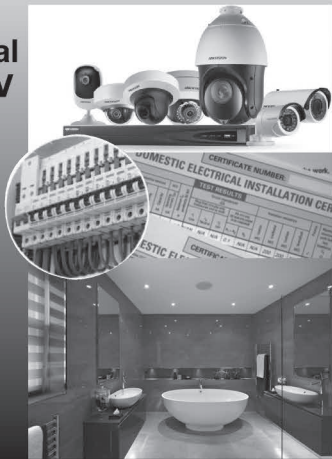


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## MARTLESHAM CLIMATE ACTION

The Martlesham Climate Action 'Carbon Reduction Forum' has had a first chat sharing experiences of solar PV/battery systems, agile pricing, heat pump efficiency, EV charging and a diet discussion on reducing meat consumption/buying locally. One of our plans is to build up a library of case studies of residents' experiences and average costs in reducing travel and home carbon footprints e.g. with insulation, PV (solar panels), battery, heat pump and electric car technology. In the home, heating is a very significant part of the UK's carbon footprint and reducing it is a huge challenge. Making sure you are insulated 'to the max' is the cheapest and best first step. Next step is to tackle burning gas, a fossil fuel that emits carbon dioxide. Some residents have put in air-air heat pumps as a way of heating parts of the house whilst still keeping the gas boiler for top up heating. More of this 'half way' solution in a later case study. Below is Dr Phil Wallace's experience of having an electric car and plans to install extra PV, battery and an air-to-water heat pump (replacing the gas boiler) for his house.

### Case Study #1

We are a two-car family and wanted to reduce our carbon footprint but it's amazing where the journey has taken us. We had a test drive in an electric vehicle (EV) and, soon after, in April 2019 bought a second hand Renault Zoe to replace our old, smaller petrol car. We lease the battery for the Zoe, which they would change if it were to degrade or go wrong. It has a range of about 80 miles but for a local run-around, that's perfect.

Next we needed to charge it up! Locally there are charge points in Woodbridge, Melton and at Levington Marina we can use, and they have put in new points at Tesco too recently. But at 25p/kWh that's more expensive than our domestic supply charge (15p/kWh) so we went

for our own charger – a Zappi, a component of the MyEnergi set up. We also installed solar panels while we were at it in October 2019. All runs well with an app that lets me view my solar generation, domestic electricity usage and Zappi charging data.

Our gas boiler is 35 years old and not very efficient. So this autumn we are in the process of expanding our solar (with battery storage too) plus an air source heat pump (ASHP) to both heat the hot water for showers and, using mostly our old radiators, heat the house. The ASHP system is costly but the Green Homes Grant should give us £5000 up front plus the Renewable Heat Initiative (RHI) run by Ofgem will top that up over the next 7 years to cover 75% of our outlay.

So lastly, how do we compete with cheap gas prices? By utilising cheap off peak electricity! We are on the Octopus Agile pricing which changes every 30 minutes. Sometimes when the wind blows hard the price at 2 a.m. is zero, or they even pay us to take it. The downside is that between 4 and 7 p.m., when everyone wants power, the price is high. Hence the battery storage! We can charge it up cheaply and it will ride us through the expensive period.

A more detailed account of this journey with additional technical information, pricing, grants, etc will be available on a new Martlesham Climate Action website linked off the Parish Council website. We will announce when it goes live.

Finally, we are starting to plan for a Martlesham Climate Summit later next year when (hopefully) we can physically gather. If you are interested in either attending or contributing, please get in touch!

*Dave Green (Martlesham Climate Action co-chair)  
e-mail:*



## PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

At the end of October, a small volunteer team ventured out to fit our new notice board. The notice board has been erected in memory of one of our volunteers Katie Webb, who so sadly passed in 2015 at the young age of 21. We thank East Suffolk Council for their grant to purchase the sign and John Kelso who supported our request for funding from the Enabling Communities Fund. We will hold an official unveiling at a suitable time when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

Autumn is a great time to explore the woods and enjoy the seasonal colours. Visitors might have noticed an unusual black fungus growing on a rotting felled tree trunk by the perimeter track. This is called black bulgar (*Bulgaria inquinans*) and is thought to be a new species in our woods. Again this year, the nationally

uncommon wrinkled peach (*Rhodotus palmatus*) has been seen. Please send us your photos of any interesting fungi, or other sightings, you see in Portal Woodlands.

**Dates for the Diary** Unfortunately, all upcoming events have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. However, if you would like to sign up or get in touch, we are always pleased to welcome new faces.

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

*Stephen Corley, Chairman*

*Picture: Noticeboard Installation S Corley*

## MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Have you found yourself at more of a loose end than usual? Would you like to do something to help the local community? Do you bank online and can you use a spreadsheet? If so, this opportunity could be yours for the asking!

The treasurer of Martlesham Heath Pavilion is standing down after almost 4 years' service, so we are looking for someone to take over. We have a very experienced and efficient bookkeeper, who handles all day-to-day financial transactions and updating the accounts spreadsheet, so the treasurer's role is primarily one of oversight and advising on financial decisions. As treasurer, you would:

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**At the start of hostilities, in 1940, Hurricanes would depart from Martlesham in an effort to locate ditched airmen for rescue by patrol boats.**

Air Sea Rescue started formally at Martlesham on 14 May 1941 when two Westland Lysander reconnaissance aircraft were sent to the Station for the sole purpose of Air Sea Rescue. They were soon joined by Supermarine Walrus amphibian biplanes. In an era before the advent of the helicopter the rather antiquated Walrus proved to be a lifesaver for so many airmen.

### **No. 277 squadron, (ASR) formed**

With its low speed handling qualities it could alight on the sea in rough conditions to rescue survivors. No. 277 squadron, (ASR) was formed 22nd December 1941. Squadron HQ was at Stapleford Tawney in Essex and the section based here was known as "A" Flight. The Martlesham Air, Sea Rescue operation was probably at its busiest during the period when the Allied Forces launched the invasion of Europe. Some half a dozen Walrus amphibians and about the same number of Mk2 Spitfires together with an Avro Anson were here during that period. The Spitfires were used in the role of fast detection and carried an inflatable dinghy under the fuselage.

The dispersal huts for the ASR Flight were in the vicinity of what is now the Suffolk Police Headquarters and the houses along Portal Avenue were used as office accommodation. The mess was in the requisitioned "Martlesham House" in School Lane, in the old part of the village.

### **Lt Noel Langdon in a dramatic rescue 16th September 1944**

Lt Noel Langdon of the Royal Naval



Supermarine Walrus (X9521), at Martlesham. Fitted with both wheels and floats it could alight on the sea and with a retractable undercarriage could return them to Martlesham

Volunteer Reserve was flying Martlesham Walrus HD926 and was involved in a particularly dramatic rescue on the 16th September 1944. A Halifax of 420 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force, had been part of Bomber Command's attack on Kiel on the night of 15th September. The crew had just taken delivery of a new Halifax and had promised the ground crew that they would try and look after it! However, they were hit by flak over the target and started to lose fuel and hydraulic fluid. They were about half way across the North Sea before they were forced to ditch. They had lost Verey pistols and flares but were all safe although violently seasick!

Suddenly, at about 5pm on the 16th, three Halifaxes were heading straight for them at low level with bomb doors open. Three smoke bombs were dropped. They could see that the 'planes were from their own squadron. Two life rafts and some supplies were also dropped. By this time they had drifted far to the east and were not too far from the Dutch coast.

It was dusk before the Martlesham Walrus arrived and managed to land in the rough conditions. With the sea that was running, a Walrus crew of two and eight other airmen it was impossible to take off. Noel later explained to the crew that he had been circling and waiting for a launch to arrive. However, a dinghy in the sea is difficult to locate and it was getting dark and he could not risk losing them again. They began to taxi home!

Eventually a Motor Torpedo Boat located them and the crew were transferred to it. They set off once more and were towing the Walrus behind them. Soon a German Eboat put in an appearance and fired a star flare which lit up the whole sky. The poor old Walrus was cut free and the MTB opened up as only an MTB can! They arrived at Gt. Yarmouth at about 2am on the 17th and returned to their base on the afternoon of that day. Their gear had been stowed away and a new crew had occupied the beds! The abandoned Walrus was not found by the Germans and was rescued the next day and flown back to Martlesham to fight another day.

### **13,269 Lives Saved**

The various air and sea rescue services from both the RAF and the Royal Navy saved the lives of 13,269 persons, including 8,604 allied aircrew.

Lieutenant General Eaker, Commander of the USAAF Eighth Air Force, wrote in December 1943, a few months after the appearance of the USAAF in Britain,

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**Alan Powell**

## THE DEBEN ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE HAVE MADE ALTERATIONS TO DATES OF THE RUNS DUE TO SECOND LOCKDOWN.

Three points to note.

A. New dates for all the runs on Martlesham Heath, see below for new dates.

B. As this article is being written 6th. November at lot may still happen to upset the apple cart in the mean time.

C. To this end we will constantly up date our Web page updates and also try and do the same with the Martlesham Parish Council.

We will collect money but will NOT be knocking on doors. We will have just a few Rotarians with the sleigh, with collecting buckets and a card payment machine.

An innovation for this year, as we will not be able to collect letters from the children as we go round, we have a dedicated email address for "Letters to Santa" [debenrotarylettertosanta@gmail.com](mailto:debenrotarylettertosanta@gmail.com) <<mailto:debenrotarylettertosanta@gmail.com>> . All money collected is for the Charity Trust fund of the Club from which we support Local, District, National and International Charities. Charity No. 1151275.

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## WOODBIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – NEWS UPDATE

In common with most charities this year the Lions Club has found it extremely difficult to function effectively. So many members of the club or their partners are in the vulnerable group that it was difficult to lend the club's hands-on support to the community to any great degree which is the main purpose of Lions clubs. We did however make a significant financial contribution to the Woodbridge Salvation Army Food Bank during the first national lockdown to support their work to meet the rising demand.

Over the last couple of months, we have been holding club meetings online only to have any tentative plans for fund raising events further put on hold by the latest lockdown or due to the COVID-19 restrictions around such events.

Plans are now in place to give further support to the Salvation Army by providing 100 festive food parcels for delivery just before Christmas. We are also making contributions to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Lighthouse Women's Aid.

The club has recently lost one of its longest standing members, Carol Malpass, who sadly lost her long fight against illness. Our thoughts go out to her husband David, family and friends. Carol was a much loved member of the club and was the driving force behind many of the Lions projects that supported the local community over the years. Indeed, for many years Carol led the Christmas parcels appeal and it is therefore fitting that we are continuing to support this project this year even in such difficult times.

We all hope that as the year draws to a close we can look forward to a more normal year in 2021. If you would like to know more about what we do or would be interested in finding out more about becoming a Lion please visit our website at [www.woodbridgelions.org.uk](http://www.woodbridgelions.org.uk)

## MARTLESHAM BRASS 'MAKING MUSIC FUN IN EAST ANGLIA'

All at Martlesham Brass would like to wish you a Happy Christmas. At the time of writing, band activities are again suspended. The band are following Government guidelines and taking the advice of Brass Bands England regarding the restarting of rehearsals and ensuring that everyone stays safe.

In normal times, the band would be preparing for their busiest time of the year - rehearsing for Christmas concerts, and playing Christmas carols outside local supermarkets whilst raising money for local charities. Much of this is not possible this year, but the band still want to raise as much money as possible. They have nominated two charities this year - FIND (Families in Need) in Ipswich and The Bus Shelter Ipswich CIC and, Government restrictions permitting, hope to be able to play at Kesgrave Market on 19th December and In The Square Martlesham Heath on some Saturdays in December. You will be able to donate by card or cash and online at our website ([www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk))

When band activities fully resume, we will be happy to hear from anyone who is interested in joining us, with or without experience.

Liz Howard. (Publicity Officer)

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## SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

After a successful trial return to its home in Martlesham, Speak Easy will resume online meetings – using Zoom.

Speak Easy is part of Toastmasters International, and we offer public speaking opportunities. We provide a fun and supportive forum to speak, and to evaluate. Our online format is really effective for members and guests. In fact – with the increasing use of video conferencing for business and recreation, the format is helping develop even more useful skills! During October, two members took part in area public speaking contests. It's one of the many opportunities available to learn and try something new.

Guests are welcome to join us to see what we have to offer, and to take part if you would like. We hope you will choose to become a member, whether to overcome nerves about speaking in public, develop your abilities, enter competitions too, or help us run the club! If you would like to attend one of our online meetings please contact Adam Green, who will send you an invite.

Speak Easy meetings are held on alternate Thursdays (November 12th and 26th and December 10th) Join at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start and finishing at 9:30pm

Speak Easy is proud to be an inclusive and diverse group. Speak Easy is a community club, open to anyone 18 years or over. If you would like any further information please contact: Adam Green: [vprr@speak-easy.org.uk](mailto:vprr@speak-easy.org.uk) or [www.speak-easy.org.uk](http://www.speak-easy.org.uk) or find us on Facebook: Speak Easy Martlesham



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- 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.

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## **FOR PATIENTS OF MARTLESHAM HEATH AND T HE BIRCHES SURGERIES**

My last news item flagged up a forthcoming joint patient survey, which we had hoped to publish in December editions of local magazines and on both surgery's websites. Unfortunately, just as we were approaching the publication deadlines, we are now back in lockdown and regrettably, we are having to postpone this. We will review the situation and will get the survey out to you as soon as possible in the new year.

Both surgeries are participating in a programme called Connect for Health, which is designed to support patients in finding non-clinical solutions to improve their health and wellbeing. People who could benefit from this service could be referred by their GP, a nurse, a carer, or via self-referral. This service aims to support patients who:

- have one or more long-term conditions
- need support with mental health
- are lonely or isolated
- have complex social needs affecting their wellbeing.

This is what to expect: "Our community connectors can spend time with you exploring what activities or what support could help improve your health and wellbeing. You can talk to them in confidence and they will be able to give practical, helpful, non-judgemental advice on a whole host of issues."

During the current pandemic all appointments are telephone-based. To contact a Connect for Health link worker, please call: Jasmine Ross on 07967 395985 or Dominique Dale 07790 922228. They work for the Shaw Trust, which is the organisation providing this service for our two practices (as well as practices in Woodbridge, Wickham Market and Alderton).

As always, patients of Martlesham Heath surgery are welcome to send me their views at [MartPPG@gmx.co.uk](mailto:MartPPG@gmx.co.uk) about any general issues to do with the surgery (not personal health issues please, which are confidential and we are not qualified to comment on).

We wish you all good health and a happy Christmas.

Prue - Chair, Martlesham Heath PPG  
(in collaboration with the chair of The Birches PPG)

## **USED STAMPS AND COINS APPEAL FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE**

Christmas is the time of year when we receive more post than the rest of the entire year, by way of Christmas cards and letters from our loved ones. When you have opened the envelopes please don't just throw them away, the used stamps on there are worth money to our local charity. The St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich sells them in bulk - they are sorted and sold online, ending up in stamp collections around the world. Just remember please to leave a 1cm border around the stamps to avoid damage to the perforated edge.

If you've had a sort-out recently and have discovered some old foreign currency left over from your travels, British pre-decimal money, or some of the more recently phased out coinage, please consider donating these, as they can also help the hospice to raise funds.

By dropping them through my letterbox you would be really helping the hospice. Don't worry that you don't have many stamps - all the used stamps pushed through my letterbox combine to make a great deal for the Hospice. Remember - every little helps!

A very happy Christmas to you all and a big thank you for your continued support.

*Bev Read 15 Demesne Gardens Martlesham Heath 01473 622721*

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## **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

This month we will look back and remember some of the various charities we have supported over the years. We choose a local charity each year and raise money in many different ways. Charities supported have included St. Elizabeth Hospice, EACH, Age UK Suffolk, Martlesham Community Responders and Ipswich Hospital Tumour Ablation Dept. We have also helped the East Anglian Sailing Trust and Global Development Delay in Children. As many of our members are animal lovers we have supported the local Blue Cross, the RSPCA and Suffolk Search and Rescue with Dogs.

In the summer we hold a coffee morning usually in members' gardens. For many years it was held in the beautiful garden of Rita and Robert Dunnnett and more recently in Doreen Boar's pretty garden. We have usually been blessed with good weather! There is large raffle with donated prizes, various stalls and a Tombola. Coffee and cakes are served throughout the morning.

During the year we have a book exchange at our meetings when we put 20p in the pink pig money box. There is also an annual Bring and Buy Sale and raffles.

We shall not be able to restart meetings while present restrictions are in place because only 15 people are permitted in the Richards Room and we usually average at least 25 members.

All that remains is to wish everyone a Peaceful and Healthy Christmas and pray for a Happy New Year. For more information contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

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## **GOLDEN GIRLS**

We are a group of ladies who live on their own and we meet for friendship and mutual support. Our coffee mornings are held on the second Thursday morning of each month at 11.00am at St Michaels Church Centre, As I write this we are once again in Lockdown but thought it important to let you know you are all constantly thought about. I have added a brief history of the Club that you might be interested in

The Club was started on Thursday April 23rd.2009 by Marian Naylor who was the mother of the incumbent Vicar at St. Michaels at the time. The name THE GOLDEN GIRLS was adopted. Initially there were a few members but by the June membership had risen to 17. Many trips out were organised and enjoyed by all the members. Deciding future trips and activities was discussed at the monthly meetings and this is still currently the format. That first year at the September meeting it was agreed to move to the 2nd. Tuesday of the month to avoid clashing with the collation of the Martlesham Monthly

Within a year Marian told the group that she was getting married so of course would need to leave the Club

At the 1st. AGM in May 2010 Marian was elected President and a new Chairman had to be found. Ann Price was duly elected, Mary Stalley became Secretary and Jean Leech Social Secretary. These founder members are still with us and we are indebted to them for all their hard work over the years. Our membership currently stands at 25 and we are always delighted to welcome new members.

I must take this opportunity to wish you all Seasons greetings whatever that entails this year and all best wishes for the New Year

Our next meeting will be sometime in 2021 so watch this space! *Judith Longman*



## MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

The Club held a committee meeting outdoors in July on the edge of the Community Hall car park. It was agreed to hold a Special General Meeting for members on 1st September, which was the day the Hall was expected to re-open. Those who attended were unwilling to begin playing again because nearly all of us are above the age of seventy.

However it was agreed that further consideration would take place on Tuesday, 5th January 2021. Obviously until the second lockdown is over we will not know the regulations in January – how they could affect the opening of the Hall and what the rules will be for the public.

Meanwhile I hope members and their families are keeping well and will have as happy a Christmas as possible in the circumstances.

*Vic Harrup*

## MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL - AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE!

Having reopened again on 1 September ... Now we've had to close the Community Hall and Richards Room again from 5 November, in line with the latest COVID-19 lockdown rules.

After discussing the developments at our recent Management Committee meeting, our current plan is not to reopen until Monday 4 January at the earliest. We'll review the situation at our next meeting in mid-December.

We're very sorry for the current extended closure. However we have to carefully balance our outgoings against our hire income when open. We had no income for over five months when we were closed.

Since we reopened at the start of September our hire income is significantly down, as there are only a limited number of hirers who can use the venues currently for 'permitted activities'.

## Oliver Cromwell, COVID, and the Grinch who stole Christmas.

I write this on day 5 of lockdown and, as with many people, I am wondering whether the promised end at the start of December will really happen. And will we be able to celebrate Christmas together with our friends and family? Hopefully by the time you read this all has been made clear.

But actually there is precedent for not having Christmas. When Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland (1653-58), stricter laws were passed to catch anyone holding or attending a special Christmas church service. In January 1645, Parliament produced a new Directory for Public Worship that made clear that festival days, including Christmas, were not to be celebrated but spent in respectful contemplation. Happily things have moved on since then!

But I wonder whether actually this year is a year to forgo Christmas, a year when we don't want to be reminded of difficult happenings.

Why would we want to be reminded of a government imposing travel restrictions on people – such as happened to Mary and Joseph who were forced to leave their homes and travel about 70 miles to register for a census?

Surely there is merit in not celebrating the difficulty of finding somewhere to spend the night away from home – as the Holy Family found when they reached Bethlehem?

With the news being filled with the challenges of refugees and their dangerous journeys as they flee from their homes to escape oppressive regimes, do we want to hear of another family leaving in the middle of the night to escape to another country, running in fear of their lives – as Joseph was told by God to do, in order to escape King Herod.

Or maybe this is exactly what we need. A chance to see the hope that Jesus coming to earth brought then and still brings today. Maybe the similarities to our present situation remind us that God is involved and God does understand our situation. Maybe, like the Grinch who stole Christmas, we can come to realise that even when the trimmings are removed, Christmas can still happen. It may be different, we may have to make some new traditions for our families, but at the heart of Christmas is still the fact that God loves us and shows us this in sending Jesus.

I pray you will have a peaceful, fun filled, Christmas and that, however it happens, you will be aware of God's love this Christmas time.

Revd. Toby Tate.

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A number of those returning hirers have now said they won't be back until the New Year regardless.

We'll keep our new website ([mchall.org.uk](http://mchall.org.uk)) updated with any significant changes. You can contact us via the website

([mchall.org.uk/contact/](http://mchall.org.uk/contact/)) or call us on 01473 623203 if you prefer.

If you've been attending a group or activity run by one of our regular hirers this Autumn, please contact them for further details.

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### Martlesham Heath St Michael's

#### Services for the Month

#### Martlesham St Mary's Brightwell St John's

#### Online

Services for the Month	Martlesham St Mary's Brightwell St John's	Online
<b>Sunday 6th December</b>	St Michael's 10am All Age Service Holy Communion	10am All Age Holy Communion 5pm Zoom After Hours
<b>Sunday 13th December</b>	St Mary's 10am All Age Service Holy Communion St Michael's 6.30pm Evening Worship	By 2pm All Age Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Worship
<b>Sunday 20th December</b>	St John's 9.30am Holy Communion <i>Due to numbers being restricted, attendance at this service must be pre-booked with Toby, or watch online later</i>	10am Zoom Family Carols By 2pm Holy Communion 7pm Zoom Reflective Christmas
<b>Friday 25th December</b>	St Michael's 10am Christmas Family Service	10am Christmas Family Service
<b>Sunday 27th December</b>	St Michael's 10am All Age Service Holy Communion	10am All Age Holy Communion

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

#### Midweek Services

Wednesday 9th, 16th, 30th—10am Morning Prayer on Facebook and YouTube  
Wednesday 23rd—10am Holy Communion at St Michael's and on Facebook and YouTube

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

#### December

- 5 Those helping at the St Elizabeth Hospice shop
- 6 For those who serve in St John's Church
- 7 Give thanks for the work of our Parish Councillors
- 8 For our government, making difficult decisions because of Covid-19
- 9 For the residents of Turino Avenue
- 10 Give thanks for the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 11 For those who help in our food banks
- 12 The volunteer work of our Community Responders
- 13 For all who serve in St Mary's Church
- 14 For those who supervise the Guides and Scouts
- 15 For the charitable work done by the Woolly Wonders group
- 16 For the residents of Turner Gardens
- 17 For the residents in Holme Court and Alice Grange Homes
- 18 For our County Councillors needing much wisdom at present
- 19 For shop owners having to close in lockdown times

- 20 For all who serve in St Michael's Church
- 21 For our stretched medical services
- 22 For Kesgrave High School pupils
- 23 For the residents of Valiant Road
- 24 For the head teachers of our Primary Schools
- 25 Praise God for the coming of Jesus Christ into our world
- 26 For those bereaved because of Covid-19 deaths
- 27 Give thanks for Carols at Christmas time
- 28 Give thanks for help given during a difficult year
- 29 For Martlesham Brass participants
- 30 For the residents of Valley View Rise
- 31 For all who are lonely or afraid

#### January

- 1 Pray for a new dawn of hope and encouragement
- 2 For all Seafarers in the year ahead
- 3 For Church leaders needing guidance in opening Churches
- 4 For a good opening to a new School Term



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